

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus' Sermon at Nazareth

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 17, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

Forgive us, gracious God,

for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME! ELW 314

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of the nations, **show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make do with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 4:14-30 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" 24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: ALL ARE WELCOME ELW 641

Verses one through three

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE ALL ARE WELCOME ELW 641

Verses four and five

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: After the words of institution you will be invited to partake in the body and blood of Christ. We believe that God is present with us in our homes as we share in this sacred meal.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering; within this meal;

among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER Christ Jesus, **at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS

ELW 843

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, Jeannette Larson, Ezekiel (Zeke) Pearson, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog (Katie Featherstone's Grandma), Bob Crouse.

- **Note:** Jeannette Larson has moved to Deercrest Senior Living. The family has asked that all mail be sent in care of her son Al Larson, and he will make sure she receives it. The address is Jeannette Larson, c/o Al Larson, 32445 County 1 Blvd, Red Wing, MN 55066.

Parish Pulse:
January 10, 2021
Participating in Worship: All, in spirit!
Total Offerings: \$11,740.00.



American Red Cross

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for January 21, 2021 from 1:00-7:00pm AND January 22, 2021, from 9:00am-3:00pm. To sign up, go to www.redcrossblood.org. If you need assistance, go to customer care@redcross.org.

ALSO—Volunteers are needed to help with checking people in on both days. There are four shifts available:

- Thursday 1-4
- Thursday 4-7
- Friday 9-11:30
- Friday 11:30-2

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Tilderquist at 507-263-2190 (tilerquist.kathy@gmail.com) or call the church office (651-258-4327) and leave a message. Thanks!!



Vasa Lutheran is continuing to collect food for the local food shelves through the end of February because the need is still so great. Please feel free to drop off your donations at the Lutheran Center. The doors to the lobby will be open from 9:30-6:30 Monday-Friday. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual Reports are starting to trickle into the office in preparation for the annual Meeting on February 28. If you have one to submit, please have it in the church office by Thursday, January 28 at 12:30pm. Thanks for your cooperation.





(Photo: Courtesy of Mark Hagen)