

# Vasa Lutheran Church

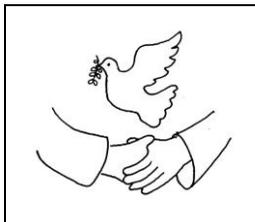
## *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, July 26, 2020**

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS** 2 Cor 2:1-10 -Forgiveness



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the pastor begins with these words.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME**

**ELW 599**

**GREETING:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of mercy, compassion, and healing, **you are more  
willing to forgive than we are to confess. The burden of guilt is heavy upon  
us. We thank you that you hear us when we pray, that you share our  
suffering and pain, and that you forgive our sins. Remind us that with you  
there is mercy, and make us to hear of joy and gladness. Show us your  
mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**2 Corinthians 2:1-10** So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit.  
2 For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have  
pained? 3 And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from  
those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my  
joy would be the joy of all of you. 4 For I wrote you out of much distress and  
anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the  
abundant love that I have for you. 5 But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it  
not to me, but to some extent-- not to exaggerate it-- to all of you. 6 This  
punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; 7 so now instead you  
should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive  
sorrow. 8 So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. 9 I wrote for this reason: to  
test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. 10 Anyone whom you  
forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for  
your sake in the presence of Christ.

**Matthew 18:21-22** Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of  
the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"  
Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

## **MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME**

**ELW 623**

## **MEDITATION**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **RESTORE IN US, O GOD**

**ELW 328**

## **PROFESSION 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, **hear our prayer.**

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

Offering plates will not be passed, but are sitting near the doors as you leave.

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** We will remain in the pews for communion today. Each of you should have picked up a communion portion prior to worship. After the words of institution you will be invited to open your portion and serve yourself.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps of Christ,  
who taught us to pray, saying...

**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 WHILE COMMUNION ELEMENTS ARE CONSUMED**

#### **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.

Let us pray (*in unison*)

**God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING      ELW 543**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto

***Assisting with Worship today:***

**Reader:** Marcia Featherstone

### **Parish Pulse:**

**July 19**

*Participating in Worship: 29*

Total Offerings: \$2,680.69

The logo features the word "UP" in large, green, stylized letters with a blue outline, positioned above "coming" in a smaller green font and "EVENTS" in blue. Three red stars are arranged above the "UP" text.

Endowment Team will meet on Monday, July 27, at 7PM at the Lutheran Center.



Weed Whipping the Vasa Cemetery grounds will take place on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00PM



We will resume **Tuesday morning coffee on August 4th** at 9:30 a.m. Guys will meet in the gym and gals will meet in the Fellowship Room. Both spaces now have air conditioning!



We will resume **Wednesday evening worship on August 5th** at 6:30 p.m. Worship with communion will be a part of our service.



American Red Cross

The **next blood drive at Vasa** will be held on **August 6** from 1-7 pm. There are plenty of spots still available if you are able to donate. For more information or if you have donated previously, contact Kathy Tilderquist. OR, feel free to sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



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Vasa Mission  
We, the Vasa  
congregation,  
called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!