

Vasa Lutheran Church

Fishing for People

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, January 24, 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.**

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: Lord Jesus of fisher folk, **You taught your disciples to cast a wide net – not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:**Psalm 90: 14-17**

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

C: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

C: and as many years as we have seen evil.

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants,

C: and your glorious power to their children.

L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

C: and prosper for us the work of our hands—

L: O prosper the work of our hands!

Luke 5:1-11 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

MEDITATION

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 using the communion portions that are available on the tables in the entryways.

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:

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD

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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, Paul Mikaelson, Gloria Skog, 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 17, 2021
Participating in Worship: All, in spirit!
Total Offerings: \$1,975.00.



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.



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.

Since the annual meeting will be conducted a little differently this year, annual reports will be available three ways:

1. You can request one to be sent via email.
2. You can request one to be sent via regular mail.
3. You can request one and pick it up at the Lutheran Center.

We will not post the report on the website. Please email Emily or call the office and leave a message indicating your report preference.



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