

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus and Peter; Jesus and Us

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Special music by Emily Peterson???

Sunday, May 17, 2020 **The Covid-19 year**

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

OPENING WORDS

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in this font,

and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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: O Lord, God, you teach us that forgiveness and reconciliation are always available to those who love you. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 34

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

**Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.**

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and pursue it.

**The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

**When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.**

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.**

He keeps all their bones;

not one of them will be broken.

**Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

John 21: 15-19

SPECIAL MUSIC from Emily Peterson

SERMON

PROFESSION OF FAITH sung by Emily Peterson

"I Believe" to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life,
fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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

Parish Pulse

May 10

Participating in Spirit: ALL

Total Offerings: \$2,820.00

The logo features the word "UPcoming" in a green, sans-serif font, with a green arrow pointing upwards through the letter "U". Below it, the word "EVENTS" is written in a blue, serif font. Three red stars are positioned above the "UPcoming" text.

UPcoming EVENTS

- **The Cemetery Team is meeting at 6:30 pm on Tues. May 19th at the Church to weed/whip the Cemetery. Any help would be appreciated. If that time doesn't work for you, feel free to go up and trim on your own any time on Monday the 18th or Tuesday the 19th. Our goal is to have all the Church and Lutheran Center property trimmed by Tues. night. If we get rain, we'll finish on Wed. Thanks for your help!!**



To the Class of 2020!

- ❖ Dylan Anderson, son of Shane & Jill Anderson
- ❖ Max Evanson, son of Dan & Shelley Evanson
- ❖ Kailynn Lind, daughter of Des Meyer
- ❖ Anthony Mann, son of Chris Mann
- ❖ Hailey Mann, daughter of Jessie Otto



Message Details

Name: Carol Bengtson- Pauline Carlson's daughter

Email: Carol@weaverbird.com

Subject: THANK YOU

Message: Please pass a THANK YOU on to those who delivered flowers to Mothers. I can not tell you how appreciative and surprised my Mother was receiving flowers from the church. I know she missed the gathering on Mother's Day with her family without a pandemic. I believe the flowers helped fill an empty spot in her heart!! God Bless Stay Safe and Well!!!