

Vasa Lutheran Church

Promises Made, Promises Broken

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, September 13, 2020

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

MORNING HAS BROKEN

ELW 556

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, grand architect of the universe, **Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again. This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

SCRIPTURE READING selected portions of **Genesis 2 and 3**

Genesis 2:4-7 In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground-- then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:15-17 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Genesis 3:1-8 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CREATING GOD, YOUR FINGERS TRACE

ELW 684

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

ELW 678

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

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

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*) We give you thanks, gracious God,
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
 the body and blood of Christ.
 Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
 into your beloved vineyard
 to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
 guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
 and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor,
 and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Ben Norman, Jerry McRae, Janis Eckhoff (Pastor Maureen's mother)

Assisting with Worship today:

Reader and Communion Set Up:
 Kathy Tilderquist

Parish Pulse:

September 6, 2020

Participating in Worship: 27

+ 6 WEW September 9

Total Offerings: \$1,7069.00

DISASTER RELIEF NEEDED

There have been a number of natural disasters over the last few weeks. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) has a presence at each one. If you wish to donate to LDR to assist them in their vital work of support we recommend that you send a check directly to Lutheran Disaster Response. Their address is:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



- **September 14** Museum board will meet Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:30pm at Vasa House
- **September 20** 3rd Grade Bible Distribution during 9:00AM worship
- **September 21** Church Council, 6:30 pm
- **September 27** Miley Clemens - 1st Communion
- **October 1** Vasa Lutheran Blood Drive 1:00-7:00pm
- **October 11** Chance Rehder – Confirmation
- **October 14** Free Vasa Community Dinner Pick-Up or Delivery ONLY
Reservations required – call or email church office!



We are looking for a volunteer to help with managing our Vasa Flag poles. Responsibilities include changing the flags twice a year, and coordinating with Pastor Maureen for other special occasions. If you are interested, contact Pastor Maureen.



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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!