

Vasa Lutheran Church

Jesus Establishes the Lord's Supper

Pastor Maureen Hagen Accompanist – Austin Ferguson

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE: Ehre sei dir, Christe, der du leidest Not (BWV 1097) - J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

The Maundy Thursday service includes the words of Jesus' new commandment (mandatum), from which Maundy comes) to love one another. You may think of this service as a play in several acts. In the first act we confess our sins and hear the words of forgiveness. In the second act feet are washed as a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service. In the third act we receive Holy Communion. We remember that it was on this night that Jesus established the Lord's Supper and said, "Do this in remembrance of me." During the fourth and final act, the altar area will be stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.

HYMN GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US ELW 358

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Congregation, please stand.*)

P: Friends in Christ, on this night we pause to consider our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil--all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. In doing so we prepare ourselves for the joy that comes with Easter morning.

(Keep silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

(The congregation may be seated.)

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Those wishing to receive individual absolution may come down the center aisle and return down a side aisle. After the laying on of hands and the declaration of forgiveness, the sign of the cross will be made on each forehead (with olive oil, the ancient symbol for anointing) as it was in baptism, signifying forgiveness and our membership in the body of Christ.

ABSOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

A GOSPEL READING FROM John 13:1-17

(Congregation, please stand.)

FOOTWASHING

HYMN

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

ELW 359

This hymn will be sung as the foot washing occurs.

A GOSPEL READING FROM MATTHEW 26: 17-19, 26-29

(Congregation, please stand.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

C: And our hearts will open wide to receive.

P: And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

C: And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

P: And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.
And we will turn toward each other without fear.

**C: And we will give up our appetite for despair.
And we will taste and know of delight.**

P: And we will become bread for a hungry world.
And we will become drink for those who thirst.
And the blessed will become the blessing.

C: And everywhere will be the feast.

P: As you, O God, shared your love and yourself in the person of Jesus,
so he shared his love and his life by giving himself for us.

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.

Send the power of your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the life of Christ. Replenished by him, may we faithfully follow and serve him, awaiting with expectation the coming of his kingdom.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and all glory is yours, most holy and most gracious God. 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
(The congregation may be seated.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

First Communion students and their families will commune first.

We will kneel around the communion rail to receive the Lord’s Supper.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those with dietary restrictions.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Lord Jesus, **in this sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May it so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

A GOSPEL READING FROM MATTHEW 27:27-50

(Congregation, please stand.)

MEDITATION

PRAYER *(in unison)* Dear God, **We remember tonight, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life. Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Broin, Evans Josephson, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn) and Brenda Bradley (second “mama” to Austin F.)



SERVING US TODAY

Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Bruce Tiderquist
Readers: Cynthia Gianoli | Greeters: Teri Mandelkow

HYMN

"Father, Forgive Them"

To the tune of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

"Father, forgive them!" Jesus, you prayed;
Even at death, your love was profound.
You were rejected, you were betrayed —
Yet in your word here, mercies abound.

Two hung beside you, dying in pain;
One saw, in faith, your love's sacrifice.
You told that man who called on your name,
"You will be with me in Paradise."

"This is your mother... This is your son."
You blessed the life your loved ones would share.
So in your church, you give to each one
Love's healing bonds — an answer to prayer.

You prayed a Psalm that everyone knew:
"Why have you left me here all alone?"
Did you recall that Psalm's ending, too? —
God will deliver! Let it be known!

You cried, "I'm thirsty!" suffering Lord.
Who would give comfort? What would they do?
Teach us again: When we serve the poor,
We too are giving water to you.

"It is completed!" All was fulfilled.
You had been faithful, living God's way.
You knew the truth: Love could not be killed;
There would be triumph on the third day.

"Father!" You cried out, praying to God,
"Into your hands my spirit I give."
Then on the cross, as love's final Word,
You died so all God's children might live

NUNC DIMITTIS - *Song of Simeon*

P: At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace,
according to your promise.

C: Guard us, O Lord, while we sleep, and keep us in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

C: Guard us, O Lord, while we sleep, and keep us in peace.

Give praise to the Father Almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit,
who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.

C: Guard us, O Lord, while we sleep, and keep us in peace.

Exit in Silence

Tonight we celebrate the First Communion of

Mason Chaska
Jocelyn (Josie) Finne
Daniel (Danny) Mann
Madilyn Stehr



GOODHUE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Blessing Board

As a partner congregation with the Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity we have been asked to once again assist in raising funds for the 2019 Habitat for Humanity Project. We have received a "**Blessing Board**" as a symbol of our shared mission.



The Blessing Board invites people to make a gift of any size to help support the building of the home this summer. People can sign their names on the board as a message of blessing for the new home and family. These boards from the congregations will then be built into the house. Names of supporters and our congregations are then built into the Habitat home as a living witness to the works of God's people in providing shelter to God's children in need of housing. You will see the "**Blessing Board**" at the back of the church sanctuary on Sundays and at the Lutheran Center during the week.

The wood donation box with donation envelopes located on the side will be near the board. Please use these envelopes for your donation which can be added to the offering plate or given to the church office.

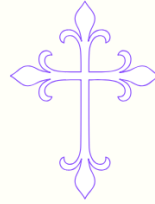
*Checks can be made out to **Vasa Lutheran Church with Habitat for Humanity written in the memo.***

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday - April 14th at 9:00 AM
Maundy Thursday - April 18th at 7:00 PM
Good Friday - April 19 at 7:00 PM
Sunrise Breakfast - April 21 at 7:30 AM
Easter Sunday - April 21 at 9:00 AM



Mark 16:6

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

Vasa Lutheran - Welch, Minnesota

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VASA AND WELCH AREA

8-MILE RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



THURSDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH LOCATION

VASA LUTHERAN CENTER WILL PARTICIPATE
THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY

SALES AT VASA LUTHERAN CENTER, ON HIGHWAY 19, AND
CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ON HIGHWAY 61
AND AT VARIOUS HOMES ALONG COUNTY ROAD 7
& BETWEEN BOTH CHURCHES FOR OVER 8 MILES!

LUNCH SERVED DURING SALE HOURS EACH DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES.