

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*We come to you to be nurtured....*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

Mélodie - Jules Massenet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**YOU ARE THE SEED**

**WOV 753**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE: ELW 157**

**HYMN OF PRAISE NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION ELW 167**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of the Word, **in the parable of the sower you shoed us how your word can take root and grow within us. Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE:**

**Psalm 126** (*Read responsively*)

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

**C: we were like those who dream.**

L: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**C: and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

L: then it was said among the nations,

**C: "The LORD has done great things for them."**

L: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**C: Restore our fortunes, O LORD,**

L: like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**C: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

L: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

**C: shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:1-34**

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader will say: Word of God, word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**HYMN: LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL ELW 512**

We will sing this hymn twice.

## **SERMON**

**HYMN: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST ELW 516**

## **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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let's share God's peace with one another.

## **COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, including a GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Generous God, **you have given us life, this community,  
and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our  
hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we  
go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

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.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
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**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION** *We will receive communion by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Emmanuel, **God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING**

**ELW 547**

## **BLESSING**

Grace from God's own heart,  
peace from the † Child in the manger,  
and strength from the Spirit of life  
be blessings for you today and forever.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ is born!  
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

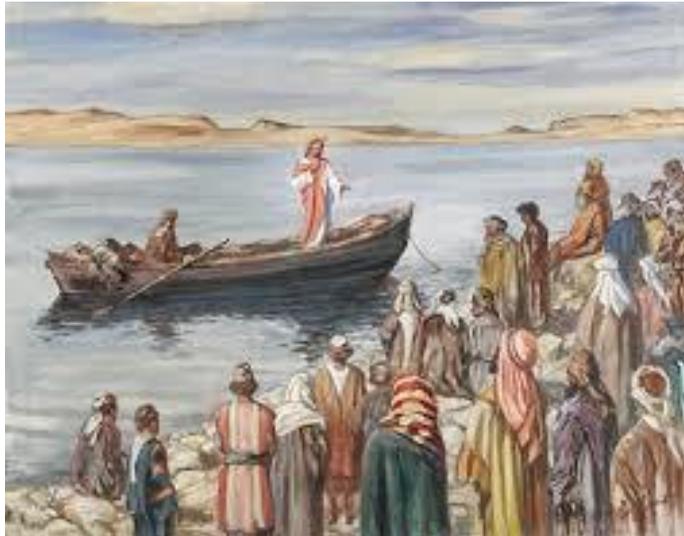
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Introduction and Allegro from *Vesper Voluntaries, op. 14*  
- Edward Elgar



**Prayer Concerns:** David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn),  
Linda Thompson.



# This Week at Vasa

*(Church office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-1)*

## Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Take down Christmas Tree

## Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30 am Tuesday AM Coffee
- 1:00 pm ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

## Wednesday, January 22

- 5:15 pm Children's Faith Formation
- 6:15 pm Worship + Everyday Bible Conversation
- 7:15 pm Confirmation Class

## Thursday, January 23

- 1:00pm -7:00 pm American Red Cross Blood Drive

## Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 am Service of The Word
- 9:00 am Sunday School

We will be taking apart the Christmas tree after worship today. Taking down



the tree isn't difficult but it makes a big

difference when it's time to assemble it again if it is properly organized and stored. You can help us with this!



Vasa Lutheran is hosting another Red Cross Blood Drive at the Lutheran Center on

January 23 from 1pm -7 pm. Please stop in, give blood and save lives!

## Parish Pulse

January 12 & 15, 2020

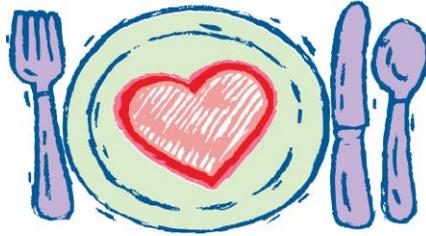
Participating at worship: 67

Offerings: \$1,966.93

**Pastor Maureen will be out of the office January 24-27. Dahmon Romness will be leading worship on January 26.**



The Vasa Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is February 23. **ALL ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE TUESDAY JANUARY 21st!**



## COMMUNITY DINNER

The next Community Dinner is on February 12 at 5:30 at the Lutheran Center! On the menu is Beef Stew. For dessert, we are asking for any kind of pies, home-made or store-bought. Pie sign-up sheets will be available with the other sign-up sheets for the meal.

At this meal, we ask that you also bring a non-perishable item for the local food shelves. Currently they are in need of canned tuna, ramen noodles, canned fruit (mandarin oranges, pears and applesauce are popular!) and hamburger or tuna helper.

Community Dinners are a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors, meet new people and share a meal together. There are plenty of opportunities to serve including making food donations and/or preparing the meal, setting up/cleaning up, delivering meals, etc. Sign-up sheets to help are in the back of church on Sundays and in the Lutheran Center during the week. Questions? Contact Sue Hedeem or Jeannette Anderson!



- January 20 Church Council
- January 21 **Annual Reports due to Office**
- January 23 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- January 24-27 Pastor Maureen on Vacation
- February 12 Community Dinner –*Please bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf, and consider donating a pie for the meal.*
- February 23 Vasa Lutheran Annual Meeting



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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!