

Vasa Lutheran Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, August 16, 2020

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS 2 Cor 8:1-15 – Generosity

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In this world of suffering and poverty, hunger and thirst, violence and tragedy,

C: Where often we are overwhelmed and even apathetic,

L: We recall the earliest followers of Jesus, who even in their own poverty, found something to give.

C: For if the eagerness is there,

the gift is acceptable according to what one has,

L: Not according to what one does not have.

C: There should not be relief for some and pressure for others;

L: Rather, it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need,

C: So that their abundance may be for your need,

In order that there be a fair balance.

L: The one who had much did not have too much,

C: And the one who had little did not have too little.

L: Nothing left over to the one with the most;

C: Nothing lacking to the one with the least.

But enough for all.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the pastor begins with these words.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

GOD IS HERE!

ELW 526

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 Almighty and merciful God, **we implore you to hear the
prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger,
that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 16: 11-26

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS

ELW 678

MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

ELW 712

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

ELW 840

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

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*)

**God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

TO BE YOUR PRESENCE

ELW 546

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Einar Norman (Ben Norman's father), Barbara Mushet (Ben and BJ Norman's sister-in-law)

Assisting with Worship today:

Reader and Communion Set Up: Duane Martenson

Parish Pulse:

August 9, 2020

*Participating in Worship: 25 + 5 (WEW
August 5)*

Total Offerings: \$10,245.69

***Fuel Fund:** For those of you who like to have a specific item to donate toward, you might consider the fuel fund. We will need \$4,000.00 to cover the cost of the annual pre-pay fill.*

UPcoming EVENTS

Vasa Vacation Bible School

August 24-27

6:00-7:30 p.m.



Holy Week
& Easter

Journey with Jesus

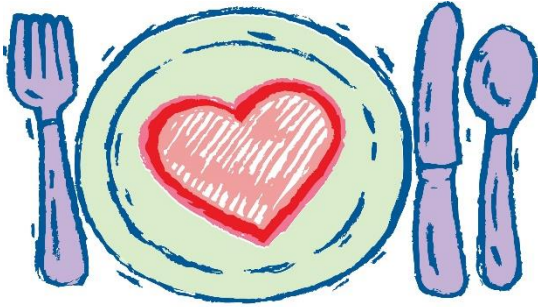


VBS welcomes all children
ages 3 – grade 5! Questions?
Contact Pastor Maureen!
Hope to see you there!



Over the next three Sundays our theme for worship will be based on a traditional folktale called The Tale of the Three Trees. This folktale tells how three trees growing near each other are harvested and used to build things. The trees hope and dream that they will be used in grand and beautiful creations. When each tree's wood is finally used each is at first disappointed at the ordinary items that their wood is part of. Later there is surprise at the unexpected ways that they are privileged to have an important role in the life of the Savior.





COMMUNITY DINNER

**Returns
Covid-19 Style!**

MENU: Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, refrigerator pickles, rolls and cheese cake.

The Community Dinner was started in 2012 with the purpose of making a connection between the people of the community and the members of the church here in Vasa. We are still doing that with the help of all of your donations and all of the hours that you have volunteered. Thank you!

As we plan the start of our 9th year, we are faced with some very hard decisions brought on by COVID-19. It is very clear that we won't be having a sit-down meal in our building for a while yet, but we feel that we should be reaching out to our shut-ins and other members that, for health and safety reasons, don't feel comfortable gathering in groups of people.

To do this, on September 9th, from 5:30-6:30, we will prepare a smaller scale dinner that focuses on deliveries and carry-out. Meals will be delivered or may be picked up outside the main entrance of the Lutheran Center. In order to receive either delivery or take-out, you will have to order in advance by using an order form. Order forms will be available at church, in the church office, via email, the Vasa Lutheran Website, or—you can also call the church office and leave a message with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, and NUMBER OF MEALS DESIRED. ALL ORDERS must be received no later than Friday, September 4 so we know how much food to prepare. If you are picking up meals, you will be asked to stay in your car and someone will come to your car with your meal—like curbside service!

It is our hope that some of you will consider picking up meals to deliver and share with an elderly person, or a group of neighbors that you are comfortable sharing a meal with. This way we will have many small community dinners instead of one large one, thus safely continuing our tradition of providing meals and fellowship to our community.

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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!