

Vasa Lutheran Church

God Calls Samuel

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, October 17, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

ELW 574

GREETING

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

C: and also with you.

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Beckoning God, **In the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-21 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. 2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. 4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." 15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." 19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. 21 The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

**Elijah Bauch
Emmitt Featherstone
Audrey Hyllengren
Ainslie Hanson
Chantz Nelson
Andrew Weigman**

HYMN:

BE THOU MY VISION

ELW 793

SERMON

HYMN

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

(We will sing this praise song through twice.)

I will call upon the Lord, (I will call upon the Lord)
Who is worthy to be praised (Who is worthy to be praised)
So shall I be (so shall I be)
Safe from my enemies (safe from my enemies)

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**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. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT: *Your financial support of Vasa's ministry is always appreciated. Offering plates are sitting at the back of the sanctuary.*

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to come forward for communion by intinction. If you prefer, you may use a communion portion and remain in your seats.*

O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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.

PRAYER Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY

ELW 208

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Grace Nelson, Pauline Carlson and Violet Nelson.

Parish Pulse:

October 10, 2021

Participating in Worship:
63 (+ 8 at WEW 10/13/2021)
Total Offerings: \$2,625.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Usher: **Vasa Youth***
*Reader: **Vasa Youth***
*Communion Asst: **Vasa Youth***

Assisting Next Week:
*Usher: **Volunteer needed***
*Reader: **Duane Martinson***



The annual Vasa Museum Swedish Pancake Breakfast is coming up soon—On October 30, 2021. Like last year, it will be Pick-Up only, and reservations are due in the church office by NOON on October 28. Fill out a reservation form or call or email the church office: 651-25-4327 or office@vasalutheran.org . Proceeds from this year's donations will go toward new windows for the museum.



The Community Dinner team is in great need of another freezer! One about 16 cu. ft.(upright or chest) would be ideal. If you have one you'd like to donate or sell, please contact Faye Drewianka at 651-212-3209.



Today is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. This is a time to thank our Pastor and to show our gratitude for of the hard work she does here at Vasa andin the community. There will be a basket for cards and COVID-FRIENDLY refreshments after the service!



Thanks to everyone who donated items to the area food shelves during Community Dinner on Wednesday! It is much appreciated.



The Vasa Museum is honoring area farmers with a display related to harvesting, located at the back of the church in the gathering space. The museum is still open on Sunday afternoons through the end of October, or by appointment.



- October 18 6:00pm Church Council
7:00pm Endowment Team
- October 20 5:30 Faith Formation (including confirmation for 7th/8th)
6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship
- October 28 NOON Swedish Pancake Breakfast Reservations Due
- October 30 9:00-11:00am Pick Up Swedish Pancake Breakfasts
- November 3 NOON November Community Dinner Reservations Due

We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and Loving All.



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