

Vasa Lutheran Church

Gospel as Salvation

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, May 19, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC: Poco adagio, from *Saetas* - Eduardo Torres

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all creation, who knows our inmost hidden thoughts, wash us clean and gift us with your Spirit, that we may walk with you.

C: Amen

(silence for reflection)

P: Dear God,

**C: My actions are not perfect,
my thoughts are rarely pure,
my regrets sneak up upon me,
my guilt I cannot cure.**

I'm sorry for my failures.

Forgive me now, I pray.

**Let your inspiration fill me
and show your better way.**

**We see the resurrection of Jesus Christ, your son,
with his promise of redemption: new life for everyone.**

I've failed to love my neighbor,

I've failed to love you, too.

**For the sake of Jesus' promise,
forgive, and make me new. Amen**

P: Your loving God forgives you, through Jesus Christ, God's Son, so go forth from this day living as children of the One. Through Father, Son, and Spirit our lives today made new for the good of all creation and for the good of you.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN:

WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS

We will sing verses 1 and 2.

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GREETING 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Anders baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Anders to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Anders grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Anders and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Anders Donald Lindstrom is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Anders with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Anders, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN

WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS

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We will sing verse 3.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 1:1-17

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of all humanity, **you welcomed all – sinners and saints – into your kingdom. Help us to be as welcoming and accepting as you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

ELW 522

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, using a continuous line. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

ELW 781

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,
Father, ⁺Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Toccata per L'Elevazione - Girolamo Frescobaldi

Serving Today at Worship

Ushers: Jason Pagel, Chuck Peterson, Randy Klein, Kevin Eckblad

Greeters: Mel & Nancy Trelstad

Reader: Dahmon Romness

Communion Assistant: Kevin Hanson



Prayer Concerns

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

BAPTIZED TODAY: Being baptized today at Vasa is Anders Donald Lindstrom, son of Dustin and Megan Lindstrom. Anders was born on April 9, 2019 in Maple Grove. His sponsors are Stephanie Heiden and Steven Horst. He is the 5th generation in the Lindstrom family to be baptized at Vasa Lutheran Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS: Christian education classes for the children of Vasa will be finished as of Sunday, May 19 for this school year. Thank you to those who have faithfully brought your children to participate in the learning experiences this year.

This Week's Vasa Calendar

Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm

Sunday, May 19

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion & Sunday School
 Lindstrom baptism

10:00 am Congregational meeting concerning the Lutheran Center roof
6:30 pm Vasa 4-H

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Vasa Softball, AP Anderson Park
7:30 pm Church Council meeting

Parish Pulse- May 12

at worship 71

offerings \$1,866.00

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 am Coffee with Pastor

Wednesday, May 22

6:15 pm Worship

Thursday, May 23 Vasa Voice deadline for June's edition

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Dates: June 24-27, 2019

Time: 9 am – 11:30 am

Classes for: Pre-K through 6th grade

**All children are welcome
Teen and adult help wanted.
Please contact Pastor
Maureen if you can help.**



****VBS:** Please note the times of VBS are 9 am – 11:30 am. This is different from what was previously published.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Don't forget about the congregational meeting right after the service today to discuss replacing the flat roof on the Lutheran Center. We need your opinions and your votes.

MIDSOMMAR SUNDAY: Please sign up to help with the June 23rd Midsommar Celebration. Sign-up sheets will be in church on Sundays & at the center during the week. Also, you can call the church office. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DIRECT DOLLARS: Help Vasa Lutheran Church earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program! We're collecting receipts from any Family Fare store. Drop your receipts off at the Vasa Lutheran Church or at the Vasa Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support!



MUSEUM BOARD UPDATE: The displays in the Gathering room of the church have been refreshed. Note the picture of the Vasa Children's home with a description of its beginning as well as a picture of Gustavus Adolphus College and its beginnings in Vasa. We have also put up a blanket (throw) from the "150th" Anniversary of the church.

~~Audrey Rosener

SUMMER CAMP: Good Earth Village is an ELCA Bible Camp located east of Spring Valley, MN. They are now accepting registrations for summer camp. There are a variety of programs available depending on age and interests. Check out their website: www.goodearthvillage.org/summer-camp/

The Vasa Church Council has agreed to fund 75% of the cost for any child affiliated with our congregation. All that you need to do is register and bring a copy of your registration form to the church office. Please see Pastor Maureen for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 31 & June 1: Synod Assembly in Rochester
June 2: Honor the Graduates and New Member Sunday
June 3: Museum Board meeting, 6:30 pm; team meetings
June 23: Midsommar Sunday and tractor parade
June 30: Joanne and Duane Earney special music at worship

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Vasa Mission Statement

We the Vasa congregation,
called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith
Serving others, and
Welcoming and Loving all!