

Vasa Lutheran Church

God Stoops Down

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, June 23, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION 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.**

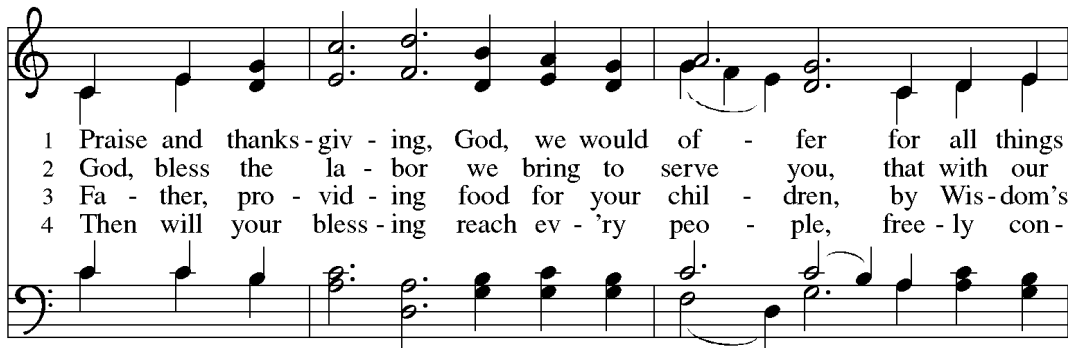
**I've failed to love my neighbor,
I've failed to love you, too.
For the sake of Jesus' promise,
forgive, and make me new. Amen**

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.

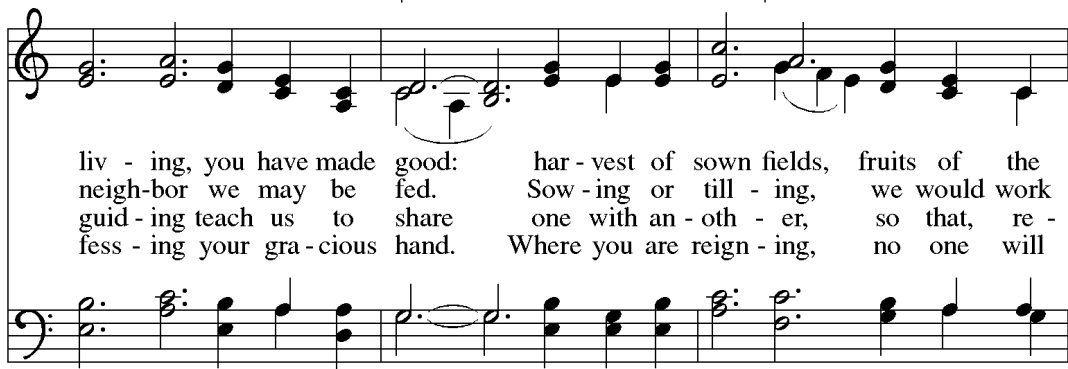
C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN:

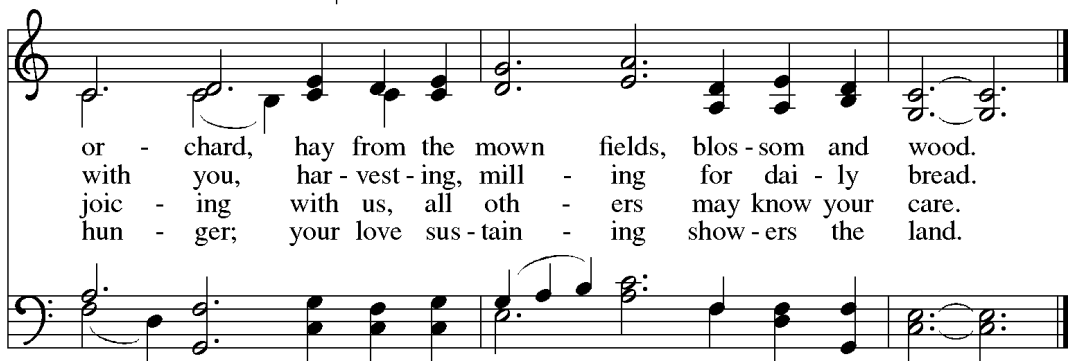
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God among us, **we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 84

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

C: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**C: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**C: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

L: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**C: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

L: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

**C: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C: O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY and CONFESSION OF FAITH "I Believe" *to the tune of "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

**I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great
love.**

**And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.**

**Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.
So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.**

**I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.**

**I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.**

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for that which you have provided to sustain us on our way. Transform us to be the body of Christ, so that our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

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.

SENDING HYMN:

On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,
and abound in thanksgiving;
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today at Worship

Ushers: Steve Hyllengren, Duane Martenson, Dahmon Romness, John Featherstone

Greeter: Arleen Stahnke

Reader: Ben Norman



Prayer Concerns

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

STRING TRIMMING: Please come and help to string trim the cemetery on Tuesday, June 25, starting at 6:30 pm. If you are not available that night, you are welcome to trim at your convenience before that. Thanks a lot!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: Dahmon Romness conducts a class on Discipleship at 12:30 pm every Sunday at the Vasa Lutheran Center. If you have any questions about this class, please contact Dahmon at: 651-494-7938.

SPECIAL MUSIC: On June 30, we will have special music at our service. Duane and Joanne Earney will be leading us in song that day. They are from Hager City, WI. Come and enjoy the music!

MUSEUM: The museum will be open on the 4th of July from 1-2:30 pm for anyone wanting to see the treasures it holds. The museum committee will hold its annual root beer float fund-raiser on the 4th starting at 1 pm near the Gazebo. Cool off with a root beer float while watching the parade which starts at 3 pm.

VBS: Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 24 at 9 am. All children are welcome. There are classes for ages 3 through grade 5, and those who are older can be helpers. Fun will be had by all as we go "To Mars and Beyond".

This Week's Vasa Calendar

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

Sunday, June 23

10:30 am Service of the Word Outdoor worship

11:30 am Blessing of the tractors

Monday, June 24

9:00 am Vacation Bible School—all are welcome!

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

9:30 am Coffee with Pastor Maureen

6:30 pm String trimming in the cemetery

Wednesday, June 26

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Thursday, June 27

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

6:30 pm Softball game, AP Anderson Park

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

VBS children will sing

Special Music with Duane and Joanne Earney

Parish Pulse- June 12 & June

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Participating at worship 7 & 62

Offerings \$2,451.00

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY: If you would like to give to Vasa using your Smartphone, download the free app GivePlus and search for Vasa Lutheran Church. If you would like to give on Vasa's webpage, go to vasalutheran.org, find the "About" page and look for the heading "Donating to Vasa." Either of these options accepts debit or credit cards and the donation goes through Vanco, which is a secure option for giving. You can donate to either the general fund or the Lutheran Center roof fund. Thanks in advance for thinking of Vasa in your giving.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP: Wednesday Evening Worship continues at the Lutheran Center this summer at 6:15 pm. Each Wednesday features a short worship service/Bible study and holy communion. Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship as we study the Bible together.

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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!