

Vasa Lutheran Church

Open My Ears, Lord

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

Sunday, March 15, 2020

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

As children, we hear:

Don't touch! Slow down!

As teenagers, we hear:

Your curfew begins in an hour.

As adults, we hear:

Cash or credit?

In the water and the word, we hear:

You are loved, my precious child.

PRAYER

Open our ears, Lord, **to heed your will for our lives. Help us not only to hear, but to listen and understand with our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES ELW 553

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

And also with you.

KYRIE:

ELW 155

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Son of God, **you spoke words to Jerusalem's leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we can follow you faithfully. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 86:8-13

L: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

C: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

L: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**C: Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

L: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**C: For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Mark 12:1-12

At the conclusion of the lessons the reader will say, "Word of God, word of life."
Please respond with, "**Thanks be to you, Oh Lord.**"

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

ELW 733

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED

ELW 606

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

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 mercy and grace, **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 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 kneeling at the rail. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We thank you, living God, **for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY ELW 324

BLESSING and DISMISSAL: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross.

The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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

Assisting with Worship today:

Greeter: Greg Drewianka

Ushers: Josh Hanson, Kevin Hanson
Mike Carlson, Jason Stahnke

Reader: Ben Norman

Communion Assistant: Chuck Peterson

Communion Set Up: Dahmon Romness

Parish Pulse

March 8 & 11, 2020

Participating at worship: 63

Offerings: \$1,780.00

This Week at Vasa

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

Sunday, March 15

- 9:00 am** Service of Holy Communion
- 9:00 am** Sunday School
- 10:15am** First Comm. Instr.

Tuesday, March 16

- 9:30 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, March 18

- 5:00pm** Children's Bell Choir
- 5:15pm** Children's Faith Formation
First Comm. Instr.
(library at LC)
- 6:15pm** Wed. Eve. Worship /
Holden Eve. Prayer

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00am** Service of The Word
- 9:00am** Sunday School
- 10:00am** Children's Bell Choir rehearsal
- 10:15am** Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15am** First Comm. Instr.



Just a reminder that March is Food Share Month! Grab a grocery bag, fill it and bring it to your local food-shelf. See the March issue of the Vasa Voice for ideas of what to include in your bag.

Also, all loose offering collected during lent will be shared between the two food shelves—in Cannon Falls, and in Red Wing.



*5th Sunday
Special
Music!!*

Once again, Vasa Lutheran is blessed to have Paisley Bishop share her musical talents with us during our worship on March 29! Please join us!

Coming 2020

VASA AND WELCH AREA

8-MILE RUMMAGE (& BAKE) SALE



THURSDAY, APRIL 23

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

(THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY AT VASA LUTHERAN CENTER)

SALES AT VASA LUTHERAN CENTER ON HIGHWAY 19 AND
CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ON HIGHWAY 61 AND
AT VARIOUS HOMES ALONG COUNTY ROAD 7
& BETWEEN BOTH CHURCHES FOR OVER 8 MILES!

LUNCH SERVED DURING SALE HOURS EACH DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES.

