

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Tale of Three Trees: Part Two*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

### OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 107:1-3

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**C: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**C: those he redeemed from trouble**

L: and gathered in from the lands,

**C: from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

#### **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.**

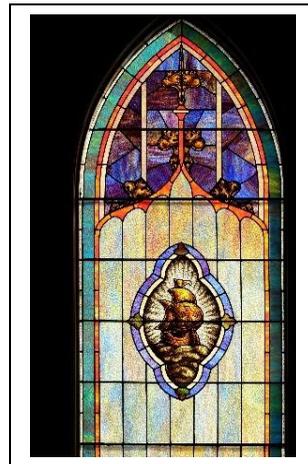
**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**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**

## **LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING**

**ELW 881**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God of creation, **eternal majesty, you preside over  
land and sea, sunshine and storm. by your strength pilot us, by your power  
preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS** Psalm 107:23-32

L: Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

**C: they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.**

L: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

**C: They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;**

L: they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

**C: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;**

L: he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

**C: Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.**

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**C: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

**Luke 8:22-25** One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them,  
"Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, 23 and while they  
were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was  
filling with water, and they were in danger. 24 They went to him and woke him up,  
shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind  
and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them,  
"Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who  
then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

## **MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME**

**ELW 755**

**MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**ELW 856**

**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**

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

**ELW 838**

### **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.**

**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), Mike Schwendeman (friend of the Norman's), Jerry McRae, family of Herb Nerison (Jeannette Anderson's brother)

**Assisting with Worship today:**

**Reader and Communion Set Up:**  
Marilyn Hanson

**Parish Pulse:**

**August 23, 2020**

*Participating in Worship: 26*

*(No WEW on 8/26 due to Vacation Bible School)*

Total Offerings: \$2,077.69



**SEPTEMBER  
FREE VASA COMMUNITY  
DINNER  
COVID-19 STYLE!**

**MENU**

**September 9, 2020**

CHICKEN  
MASHED POTATOES  
GRAVY  
CORN  
REFRIGERATOR PICKLES  
DINNER ROLL  
MINI CHEESECAKE



**5:30-6:30 PM**

**OR**



**Call the Church office to reserve your meal.  
(Be sure to specify Pick-up or Delivery)  
651-258-4327**

Meal reservations are due by 5PM on Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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!

