

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *Following Jesus*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Berceuse, no. 19 from *24 Pièces en style libre*, op. 31, Volume II

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,**

**and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,

God made us alive together with Christ,

forgiving us ✝ all our trespasses

by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free:

Rejoice in this good news!

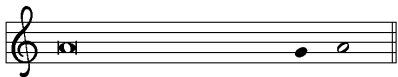
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE      ELW 834**

**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.**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



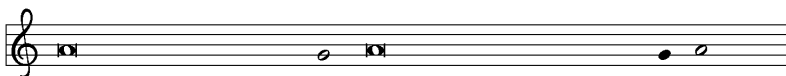
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



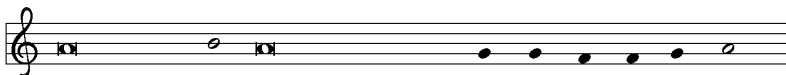
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 33:12-22**

L: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

**C: The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.**

L: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth--

**C: he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.**

L: A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**C: The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

L: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**C: to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.**

L: Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and shield.

**C: Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**

**Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.**

**Second Reading: Romans 13:1-13**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:10-17**

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "The gospel of the Lord."  
Please respond with, "Thanks be to you, Oh Lord."

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

**HYMN:**

**HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL**

**ELW 612**

**SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY and CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*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.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

### **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Holy God, **gracious and merciful**, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care. Help us to be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING**

**ELW 547**

### **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**

Chorale, from *Suite Gothique* - Leon Boëllman



### **Prayer Concerns**

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

### **Serving Today at Worship:**

Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Bruce Tilderquist, Rodney Nelson  
Reader: Jim Hedeem

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

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

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am Service of The Word

11:30 am Museum Open

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

Wednesday, August 28

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Sunday, September 1

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

10:30 am Finance Committee Meeting – at the Church

11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- August 18 & 21

Participating at worship 76 and 4

Offerings \$2159.21



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8!!**

All children ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome. Classes on Wednesday evenings will start on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 5:15 pm. Anyone who wants to help teach at either session can contact Geri Lindholm (651-258-4209.)



## **COMMUNITY DINNER**

**SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER:** The September Community Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 11 beginning at 5:30. The meal will be chicken. Sign-up sheets for donations of food and time are in the gathering space.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** If you missed the Red Cross Blood Drive here at Vasa on August 8, you have another chance to donate! Welch Community Cross of Christ Lutheran Church (24036 County Rd 7) is having one on September 5, from 12:00 – 6:00 PM.

**GRIEFSHARE:** GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Their next session will begin on Monday, September 9, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing from 7:00-8:30 PM. For more information call Susan at 651-388-4109, Suzy at 507-398-3729 or [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)

**INSTALLATION OF BISHOP REGINA HASSANALLY:** Our new SE MN Synod Bishop, Pastor Regina Hassanally, formerly of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Goodhue, will be installed as bishop on September 14, 2019 at 2 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, Owatonna. She is the fourth bishop of our synod. Rev. Elizabeth Eaton will preside at the service. Children are welcome to attend. Bishop Eaton will be offering a children's sermon and a nursery will also be available. A special choir will sing at the installation. Interested participants should email Deacon Bob Tewes at [music@gracealbertlea.org](mailto:music@gracealbertlea.org) to get the details. A rehearsal will be held the day of the service at 12:30 pm. There will be a reception immediately following the service.

**ST. ANSGAR'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, will be celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019. They will begin the celebration with a 9:30 am festive worship with Holy Communion. Rev. Rolf Jacobson from Luther Seminary will be preaching. They will have a special instrumental trio along with St. Ansgar's vocal and bell choirs. Worship will be followed by a catered Scandinavian flair dinner and traditional Fall Festival silent auction. Following dinner There will be a light program of historical reflections and story sharing. The celebration theme is: "Proclaiming God's Faithfulness from One Generation to the next."



### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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!

