

Vasa Lutheran Church

The Fruit of the Spirit

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, May 30, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

YOU ARE HOLY

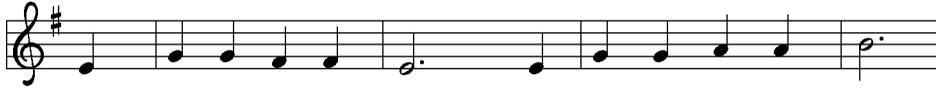
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GREETING

L: 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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Sovereign God, **ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 5:16-26 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN:

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

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SERMON

HYMN 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to come forward for communion by intinction. If you prefer, you may use a communion portion and remain in your seats.*

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Using the melody written by Alfred Hay Malotte)*

**Our Fa-ther, *which* art in heaven,
hal-low-ed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and for-give us our *debts*,
as we for-give our *debtors*.
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom,
and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er. A-men.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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.

PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING ELW 545

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today we celebrate the First Communion of
Alivia Schaffer, Daughter of Chris and Amy Schaffer.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. Yes, living veterans are important, but today is for remembering those who have died. From a practical point of view, the meaning of Memorial Day has shifted so that many people use it as an opportunity to remember all of their loved ones who have died, not just military personnel.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Say the pledge of allegiance

Sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our king.

Pray:

Almighty God, you are our strength and shield. We remember with thanksgiving and with sorrow those who have died while serving their neighbor and nation in the armed forces. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their service. With your wisdom and strength, O God, guide our military's leaders, and give to all people a desire for justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*This prayer was written by Chris Duckworth in May of 2019. At the time he was deployed "in the desert" overseas.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, and Paul Mikaelson, Michelle Pearson (Rita and Merle's daughter), Tim and Mya Gilcrest (Rita and Merle's son-in-law and grand-daughter).

Parish Pulse:

May 23, 2021

Participating in Worship: All – In Spirit
(58 in-person + 9 WEW 5/26/21)
Total Offerings: \$1,967.00

LOST and FOUND: If you lost a black lightweight jacket with a *King's Bar & Grill* logo on it, while helping with the Community Dinner, it's now hanging on the coat rack in the Lutheran Center.

Assisting with Worship Today:

Usher: Steve Hyllengren
Reader: Duane Martensen
Communion Assistant: Mark Hagen

Assisting Next week:

Usher: Kevin Eckblad
Reader: Ben Norman
Communion Assistant: Josh Hanson

VASA LUTHERAN MASK UPDATE: The Vasa Church council decided at their May 17 meeting to discontinue wearing masks during worship and to remove the seating restrictions in the sanctuary. We recognize that some worshippers may have very good reasons to continue to wear a mask. In Christian love we will support and respect all of our members and the choices that they make.



Tuesday Morning Coffee is back! Take a break and come join us this coming Tuesday at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room!



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