

Vasa Lutheran Church
God's Name is Revealed

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Accompanist: Tom Erickson

Sunday, October 3, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

ELW 641

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

ELW 157

Also found on page 3 of the Now the Feast and Celebration booklet.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

Also found on page 4-5 of the Now the Feast and Celebration booklet.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of all people, **You remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Selected readings from Exodus 2, 3, and 4

Exodus 2:23 – 3:15 After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. 24 God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25 God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." 13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Exodus 4:10-17 But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to

13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." 14 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. 15 You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. 16 He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. 17 Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O GOD, WHY ARE YOU SILENT?

ELW 703

SERMON

HYMN: WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

ELW 666

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**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. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT: *Your financial support of Vasa's ministry is always appreciated. Offering plates are sitting at the back of the sanctuary.*

LAMB OF GOD *Found in Now the Feast booklet—page 14*

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to open a pre-packaged communion portion.*

O God most mighty, O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.**

SHARING OF COMMUNION: *You may now partake of your pre-packaged communion portion.*

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 Lord of life, **in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY ELW 208

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson,
Irene Carpenter, Paul Mikaelson, Grace Nelson, and Pauline Carlson.

Parish Pulse:
September 26, 2021
Participating in Worship:
49 (+ 0 at WEW 09/29/21)
Total Offerings: \$870.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Usher: Steve Hyllengren
Reader: Kathy Tilderquist
Communion Assistant: Greg Drewianka

Assisting Next Week:

Usher: Duane Martinson
Reader: Jessica Anderson

CHURCH COUNCIL DECISION REGARDING MASK WEARING DURING WORSHIP:

With the Delta variant of Covid still circulating, the Vasa Church Council, at their Monday, Sept. 20, meeting, and at the recommendation of the Parish Life Team, reviewed the possibility of resuming Covid protocols during worship. After lengthy discussion, the Council voted (8-5) that mask-wearing is optional, but not required, during worship. The Council also recommended that we resume the use of pre-packaged portions during communion. We will return to this Communion practice at the October 3rd worship service. The council will revisit these decisions at their October meeting.



Fuel Fund: As winter approaches, Vasa Congregation does everything possible to minimize heating costs in all of our buildings. While Vasa's finances are in solid shape, the finance team wants to encourage you to consider an additional gift to the church directed toward the fuel fund.

Free Community Dinner



The October Community Dinner is scheduled for October 13! The October menu includes: Tater Tot Hot Dish, cole slaw, dinner roll and a bar. **Meal reservations are DUE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!!**

Reservation forms are at the back of the church and at the Lutheran Center. Or, you may call or email the church office with your meal requests. Please include your name, phone number, how many meals, and Drive Through or Delivery preference. 651-258-4327 office@vasalutheran.org

ALSO...If you are interested in helping with the October dinner preparation, sign up sheets are at the back of the church on Sundays, or in the foyer of the Lutheran Center during the week.

LASTLY!!! Please bring an item to donate to the food shelf. You can drop it off when you drive through to get your meal!

Mark your calendar for these future Community Dinner dates and reservation deadlines:

November 10 – Thanksgiving Dinner (reservation deadline November 3)

December 8 – Swedish Meatballs (reservation deadline December 1)

We, the Vasa Congregation,
Called by God, commit to:
Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith,
Serving Others,
Welcoming and Loving All.



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