

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Promises Made, Promises Broken*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

## **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE: PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN ELW 864**

**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:** Faithful God of an unfaithful people, **The people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." 6 They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. 7 The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." 11 But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE: WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH ELW 510**

**MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL THOU ART ELW 863**

## **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**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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**

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**

**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*) We give you thanks, gracious God,  
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**AS SAINTS OF OLD**

**ELW 695**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor,  
and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Ben Norman, Jerry McRae, Eileen Anderson, Mary Nelson, Rita Pearson, Kathi Pearson (Rosann's daughter-in-law)

**Assisting with Worship today:**  
**Reader and Communion Set Up:**  
Jim Hedeem



**October 11**

**\*Pastor Appreciation Day is TODAY! (basket will be available for cards!)**

**October 14**

**\*Free Vasa Community Dinner  
Pick-Up or Delivery ONLY  
Reservations FULL**

**October 19**

**\*6:30 pm Church Council**

**October 26**

**\*7:00pm Endowment Team**

**October 29**

**\*Reservations Due by NOON for Swedish Pancake Breakfast**

**October 31**

**\*9:00-11:00 Vasa Museum  
Swedish Pancake Breakfast  
Pick-up ONLY**

Parish Pulse:  
September 27, 2020  
Participating in Worship: 36  
+ 9 WEW October 7  
Total Offerings: \$1,470.00

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

**MENU**  
October 14, 2020  
MEATLOAF  
MASHED POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS  
CORN  
CUCUMBER PICKLES  
BUNDT CAKE  
FUN-SIZE CANDY BAR

**DRIVE-THRU**  
5:30-6:30 PM

**DELIVERY**

**RESERVATIONS FULL!**

Call the Church office to reserve your meal.  
651-258-4327  
Meal reservations due by NOON, Oct. 8, 2020  
(Be sure to specify Pick-up or Delivery)



\*\*We will gratefully BE accepting free will offerings at the time of pick up. All proceeds will go toward a new Heating/AC system for the Vasa House to better protect our artifacts.\*\*

**OCTOBER  
SWEDISH PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
VASA HOUSE!  
COVID -19 STYLE!**

**MENU**  
**SWEDISH PANCAKES**  
**SAUSAGE PATTIES**  
**LINGONBERRIES**  
**SYRUP**

**OCTOBER 31, 2020**  
**9:00-11:00 AM**



Call the Church office to reserve your  
Swedish Pancake Breakfast.

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Meal Reservations due by NOON,  
October 29, 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!