

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*We come to you for relief from suffering.....*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Evensong in A-Flat - Ernest A. Dicks

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN:**

## **GOD IS HERE!**

**ELW 526**

We will sing verses 1-3.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE: ELW 157**

**HYMN OF PRAISE NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION ELW 167**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of healing, **when someone in your world suffers, you suffer as well. Restore your world and heal your children so that no one needs to suffer any longer. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE:**

**Psalm 131** (*Read responsively*)

L: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,  
my eyes are not raised too high;

**C: I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.**

L: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

**C: O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 5: 21-43**

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader will say: Word of God, word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**HYMN: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL ELW 612**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE ELW 453**

We will sing verses 1 and 2 as the family comes forward.

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Bergen Russell Seyffer baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring Bergen to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Bergen grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Response:** I do.

Sponsors: Do you promise to nurture Bergen in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Response:** I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Bergen and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND*)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Bergen Russell is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Bergen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Bergen Russell, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**HYMN:****BAPTIZED AND SET FREE****ELW 453**

We will sing verses 3 and 4 as the family comes returns to their seats.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE:** We will not share the peace until we are past cold and flu season.

**COLLECTION OF OUR GIFTS FOR GOD, including a GENEROSITY MOMENT**

**OFFERING PRAYER:** Generous God, **you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

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.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

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**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION** *We will receive communion by kneeling at the railing. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Emmanuel, **God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**AMAZING GRACE**

**ELW 779**

**BLESSING**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.  
And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let your light shine!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Chorale, from Suite Gothique - Léon Boëllmann

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**Prayer Concerns:** David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn),  
Linda Thompson;

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# This Week at Vasa

*(Church office hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-1)*

## Sunday, February 2

**9:00 am** Service of Holy Communion and baptism of Bergen Seyffer

**9:00 am** Sunday School

**10:30 am** Confirmation

## Monday, February 3

**9:30 am** Property Team

**6:30 pm** Museum Board  
Finance Team

## Tuesday, February 4

**9:30 am** Tuesday AM Coffee

**3:00 pm** Parish Life

## Wednesday, February 5

**5:15 pm** Children's Faith Formation

**6:15 pm** Worship + Everyday Bible  
Conversation

**7:15 pm** Confirmation Class

## Sunday, February 9

**9:00 am** Service of The Word

**9:00 am** Sunday School

**10:30 am** Confirmation



The Museum Board is resuming its monthly meetings starting on February 3. We will meet at 6:30 at the Lutheran Center!

## Parish Pulse

January 26 & 29, 2020

Participating at worship: 59

Offerings: \$6,791.00



The Vasa Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is February 23, following the 9:00 AM Worship Service at the Lutheran Center. **All members are encouraged to attend to share your input on decisions regarding our ministries and life together.**



COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us February 12 at 5:30 at the Lutheran Center for fellowship and Beef Stew! Bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf (canned tuna, canned fruit, ramen, Hamburger or Tuna Helper) and, if you want, sign up to bring a pie for dessert! Questions? Contact Sue Hedeem or Jeannette Anderson.



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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!