

Vasa Lutheran Church

Following Jesus

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, August 18, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

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

GATHER US IN

ELW 532

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord, God, **direct us in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Philemon

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-33

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY

ELW 446

We will sing verses 1 and 2.

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 Biebhinn Annmarie baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

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

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she 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 Biebhinn grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

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

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Biebhinn and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

Biebhin Annmarie Winn 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 daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Biebhin 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.

Biebhin, 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 OF THE DAY

I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY

ELW 446

We will sing verse 3.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let's share this peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, **for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; 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 intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION O God, in this holy communion
**you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy,
and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life,
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,
and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

ELW 779

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



Prayer Concerns

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

Serving Today at Worship

Ushers: Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Rodney Nelson, Bruce Tilderquist
Reader: Dahmon Romness
Communion Assistant: Kevin Hanson

This Week's Vasa Calendar

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

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion
11:30 am Museum Open

Tuesday, August 20

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

Wednesday, August 21

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Sunday, August 25

9:00 am Service of The Word
11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- August 7 & 14

Participating at worship 4 and 50

Offerings \$3,594.00

BAPTIZED TODAY: Beibhinn Annmarie Winn, daughter of Matthew Winn and Andrea Gillis. Beibhinn was born July 20, 2015, and her sponsors are Edmund and Erica Gillis. Welcome to our Vasa family, Beibhinn!

GOODSTOCK: Over the weekend of August 16-18, there will be activities, family fun, a fair trade market, food trucks, and music at Good Earth Village, which is celebrating 50 years of ministry. On Sunday, Aug 18, there will be Worship at Three Crosses. Celebrate with Good Earth Village and enjoy the fun.



WELCH COMMUNITY PICNIC: Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Welch Community Picnic on Saturday, September 7th, beginning at 4:30 PM. Please bring a large dish (with spoon) to share, and a lawn chair! Evening highlights will include a classic car and tractor show, music (provided by Dave Carpenter), plus lots of fun for kids, including yard games, a small petting zoo and bounce house.

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

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

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 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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday School on Sundays starts on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9 am. All children ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome. Classes on Wednesdays will start on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 5:15 pm. Anyone who wants to help teach at either session can contact Geri Lindholm.

ST. ANSGAR'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY: St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, will be celebrating their 150th 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."



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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!