

Vasa Lutheran Church

We come to you for freedom....

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Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, February 16, 2020

PRELUDE MUSIC

Improvisation on *Thaxted*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51: 1-3,6-7 (*Read responsively*)

L: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

**C: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

L: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

GATHERING HYMN:

O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN

ELW 786

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: Teacher Jesus, **too often we blame external people and situations for our heartaches and brokenness. Help us to look inward to uncover and heal the things that defile: bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity, and love. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7: 1-23

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: MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

ELW 759

SERMON

HYMN: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

ELW 593

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

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 intinction. 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

ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS

ELW 539

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

Postlude in C - Eugene Thayer

We rejoice with Jessie Bignell and Jedd Otto who were united in marriage on February 8! Congratulations!!

We also rejoice with Katie Skog and Andrew Featherstone who were united in marriage yesterday! Congratulations!!



Prayer Concerns: David Broin, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sharyn), Linda Thompson, Cynthia Gianoli and her family as they mourn the death of Denny.

Parish Pulse

February 2 & 5, 2020

Participating at worship: 86

Offerings: \$3,336.00

& \$9,500 from Mission Endowment

(*No church on 2/9 due to weather)

This Week at Vasa

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

Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 am Service of Holy Communion
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Confirmation

Tuesday, February 18

- 9:30 am Tuesday AM Coffee

Wednesday, February 19

- 5:15 pm Children's Faith Formation
- 6:15 pm Worship + Everyday Bible Conversation
- 7:15 pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 23

- 9:00 am Service of The Word at the Lutheran Center
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Annual Meeting (Brunch provided)

The Museum Board is looking for two people to fill positions on our board. Please consider being on one of the most fun and interesting groups at Vasa. Please say yes if the nominating committee calls you to be put on the ballot for the congregational meeting on Feb. 23.



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**



COMMUNITY DINNER

A special thank you to all who helped make the Community Dinner happen on Wednesday! We served 117 in the gym and had had 76 deliveries and take-outs— for a total of 196 served, which, considering the weather, wasn't bad at all! Special thanks to the members who donated food items for the meal AND for the food shelf. We also had over 20 pies donated! Thanks to all the volunteers who worked to set up on Tuesday and serve on Wednesday. And finally, a HUGE THANK YOU to Nick's diner for making the beef stew! It was the perfect night for it.