

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## *The Resurrection of our Lord*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

### **PRELUDE - E.L. ASHFORD**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.  
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.  
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,  
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.  
Here, death is washed away forever.  
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,  
with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,  
into this community, and throughout all creation.  
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.  
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

**JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**

**ELW 365**

**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**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

Receive our unending love and devotion as we celebrate today the undeserved gift of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Now the Green Blade Rises**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Psalms 118:19-24** (Read responsively)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**RESPONSE: BE NOT AFRAID ELW 388**  
We will sing it twice.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:1-10**

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "The gospel of the Lord." Please respond with, "Thanks be to you, Oh Lord."

**RESPONSE: BE NOT AFRAID ELW 388**  
We will sing it twice.

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS ELW 367**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT ELW 384**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

With the whole church, let us confess our 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**

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

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let's share the peace with one another.

### **COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT**

The choir will sing, "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" during the collection of the offering.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food  
from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward  
those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us  
now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: God of all creation, who knows our inmost hidden thoughts, wash us clean and gift  
us with your Spirit, that we may walk with you. **C: Amen**

(silence for reflection)

P: Dear God,

**C: My actions are not perfect, my thoughts are rarely pure, my regrets sneak  
up upon me, my guilt I cannot cure. I'm sorry for my failures. Forgive me  
now, I pray.**

**Let your inspiration fill me and show your better way. We see the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ, your son, with his promise of redemption: new  
life for everyone. I've failed to love my neighbor, I've failed to love you, too.  
For the sake of Jesus' promise, forgive, and make me new. Amen**

P: Your loving God forgives you, through Jesus Christ, God's Son, so go forth from  
this day living as children of the One. Through Father, Son, and Spirit our lives today  
made new for the good of all creation and for the good of you.

**C: 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** Living God, **you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

**O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

**ELW 880**

**BLESSING** The blessing of the living God,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE - from Concerto en Ré - Claude Balbastre**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** David Broin, Evans Josephson, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn) and

Brenda Bradley (second "mama" to Austin F.)

**Ushers:** Rick Samuelson, Duane Hanson, Bruce Tilderquist, and Rodney Nelson  
**Readers:** Marilyn Hanson **Greeters:** Teri Mandelkow **Acolyte:** Chance Rehder  
**Communion:** Rick Samuelson, Marilyn and Duane Hanson



**PARISH PULSE:** April 14, 2019 – Worship Attendance 110 | Offering - \$7,767.21

## **ELECTRONIC GIVING:**

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym today. If you are interested in using this method of giving instead of using weekly offering envelopes, please fill out the "Authorization Form" attached to the information and bring it to the Church Office. Thanks for your consideration of this giving option.

# Vasa's Easter Garden

## Easter Lilly

In memory of loved ones **given by Jim and Lora Gruber**

In memory of loved ones **given by Ben and BJ Norman**

In memory of loved ones **given by Greg and Fay Drewianka**

In memory of *Bill Strusz and Delmar Klein* **given by the Klein Family**

In memory of loved ones **given by Bob Crouse (2)**

In loving memory of *Derek McNamara and Gayle Lindstorm* **given by Bonnie and Family**

In loving memory of *Carl & Esther Peterson* **given by Harlan Peterson**

For the beauty of the church **given by Rita and Merle Peterson**

## Tulip

In memory of loved ones **given by Jim and Sue Hedeem**

In memory of loved ones **given by Lyle and Suzanne Ness**

In memory of loved ones **given by Vicki Weckerling**

In loving memory of *Roxanne Rosener* **given by Lily Rosener**

In memory of loved ones **given by Wally, Joe, and Carolyn Gardiner**

In loving memory of *Floyd and Blanche Anderson* **given by Donna Anderson**

For the beauty of the church **given by Dustin and the Lindahl Family**

## Begonia

In memory of loved ones **given by Bruce and Kathy Tilderquist**

In memory of *Bill Strusz, Delmar Klein, and Ron Nelson* **given by Andy, Emily, Chantz, and Parker Nelson**

In loving memory of *Virgil, Charlie, Terry Carlson, Jerry Vadner, and Derek McNamara* **given by the Carlson Family (Zach)**

## Cyclamen

In loving memory of *Terry Carlson* **given by LaVonne Carlson**

## Mum

In loving memory of *Harold and Rose Peterson* **given by Chuck Peterson**

## Hydrangea

In loving memory of *Lyle and Norma Mandelkow* **given by Judy Scripture**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA & IN THE COMMUNITY

April 25-27: 8-Mile Rummage and Bake Sale additional details on page 8

April 28: Poole and Dierks Baptisms

April 28: Special Council Meeting will be held at the Lutheran Center at 10:30AM

May 1, 8, 15: FLN 5:15 PM and Worship 6:15PM

May 2-4: Pastor on Vacation

May 5: Dahmon Romness will be serving while pastor is on vacation

May 6: Museum Board Meeting 6:30PM | Parish Life 6:30PM | Finance 7:30PM

May 7, 14, 21, 28: Coffee with Pastor

May 8: Free Community Dinner 5:30 to 6:30PM Pulled Pork, Brats, & Hot Dogs

May 12: Undie Sunday donate toilet paper or new (children or women) underwear

May 16: WELCA Bible Study meets every third Thursday at 9:30AM

May 20: Church Council Meeting at 7:30PM

June 24-28: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 to 11:30AM

### VASA MUSEUM - SAVE THE DATES

Root Beer Floats Thursday, July 4 | Swedish Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 26

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Annual fundraiser at the Sheldon Theatre. They will be showing "The Bucket List" on Thursday, May 2 5:30-9PM at the T.B. Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing, MN. For additional information about the event contact Marcia Hislop, volunteer coordinator at 651-327-2401.

**Summer Camp:** Good Earth Village is an ELCA Bible Camp located east of Spring Valley, MN. They are now accepting registrations for summer camp. There are a variety of programs available depending on age and interests. Check out their website: [www.goodearthvillage.org/summer-camp/](http://www.goodearthvillage.org/summer-camp/)

The Vasa Church Council has agreed to fund 75% of the cost for any child affiliated with our congregation. All that you need to do is register and bring a copy of your registration form to the church office. Please see Pastor Maureen for details."

**CAUTION!** An orange cone has been placed on the East side of the Church's parking lot to identify a two-inch heave in the sidewalk. Please use caution when walking in this area.



REGISTER TODAY!

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P: 651-258-4327

 

## VASA & WELCH 8-Mile RUMMANGE & BAKE SALE

It's time for our annual Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser with Lunch being served on both days!

**Donation Drop-off dates:** Monday, April 22nd noon to 7 PM; Tuesday, April 23rd noon to 7PM; and Wednesday, April 24th, noon to 7 PM. (If you require a different drop-off time please contact Faye at 651-212-3209)

**Rummage Sale dates/times:** Thursday, April 25th from 12PM to 7PM, and Friday April 26th from 8AM to 4:00PM (Vasa Lutheran Center) Saturday April 27th, 8AM to 12PM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church only.

### Rummage Sale Items Needed:

We need gently used clothes (sorted by gender and size for quick placement) books, toys, small furniture items, tools, baby clothing and items, knickknacks linens, jewelry, small appliances, seasonal holiday items, and home decorations.

*Please no exercise equipment, mattresses, TV's or large electronic items as they do not sell.*

### Bake Sale Items:

All types of baked items are welcomed. Pies | Cakes | Coffee Cakes | Rolls | Bars | Cookies | Bread | Buns| Please package your item(s) on paper plates with clear wrapping or we can package for you. All the proceeds will be used to purchase a new fridge for the kitchen

#### CONNECT WITH VASA

P: Vasa Office 651-258-4327

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# 2019

## VASA AND WELCH AREA

### 8-MILE RUMMANGE & BAKE SALE



THURSDAY, APRIL 25

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH LOCATION

VASA LUTHERAN CENTER WILL PARTICIPATE  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY

SALES AT VASA LUTHERAN CENTER, ON HIGHWAY 19, AND  
CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ON HIGHWAY 61  
AND AT VARIOUS HOMES ALONG COUNTY ROAD 7  
& BETWEEN BOTH CHURCHES FOR OVER 8 MILES!

LUNCH SERVED DURING SALE HOURS EACH DAY AT BOTH CHURCHES

### Vasa Mission Statement

We the Vasa congregation,  
called by God, commit to:  
Worshipping together,  
Growing in Faith  
Serving others, and  
Welcoming and Loving all!