

Vasa Lutheran Church
Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, December 8, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

Berceuse pour l'enfant Jésus - Carlotta Ferrari

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free. **Amen.**

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

To you, O God, we confess our sins,

known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us,

and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

Make us reflections of the radiant love

of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High,

you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,

where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms

of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven

in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,

† Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

ELW 264

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.**

KYRIE



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



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HYMN OF PRAISE: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

ELW 251

- 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.**
- 2 To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned in stead;
the hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.**

To the tune of *Kingsfold*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world. Prepare you hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:1-4

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Who are you awaiting beloved?

We are waiting for the Messiah, the embodiment of Love.

The time is surely coming, when Christ will be with us.

When God appears, we will no longer be lonely or alone, we will know we are loved. We wait in the midst of love.

Sing: O Come O Come Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE ELW 256

CONFESSION 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let's share the peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Giver of every good thing, **we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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

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.**

SENDING HYMN: AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN ELW 241

BLESSING

May God, who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.
May God, who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.
The blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland - J.S. Bach