

Vasa Lutheran Church

Seven Practices of Jesus: Demonstrating

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, June 20, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer studied theology in Germany and the United States and pastored a church in London before returning to Germany as a leader of the Confessing Church, which tried to resist Adolf Hitler. Though Bonhoeffer returned to Germany a pacifist, he became a resistance worker and was part of a failed plot to assassinate Hitler. But it was his evasion of the call-up for military service that led to his arrest. perhaps he died because of his political convictions and not as a Christian martyr, but he would have said that there is no distinction between the two.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

ELW 798

GREETING

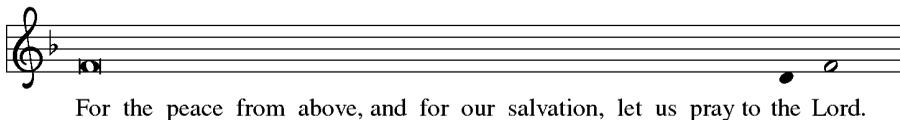
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: and also with you.

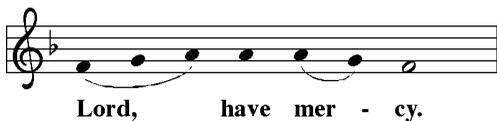
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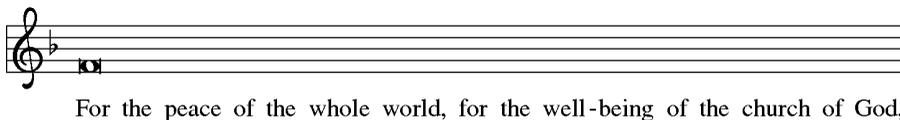
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



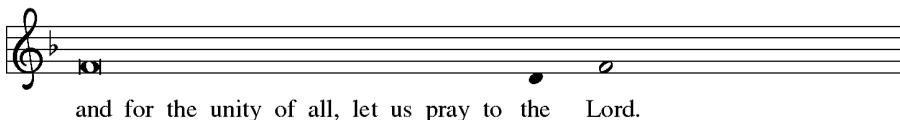
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



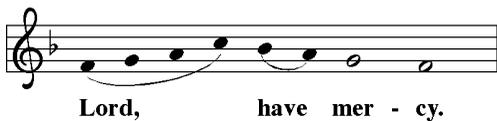
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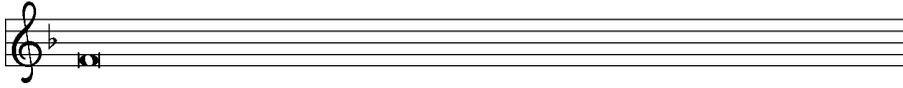
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



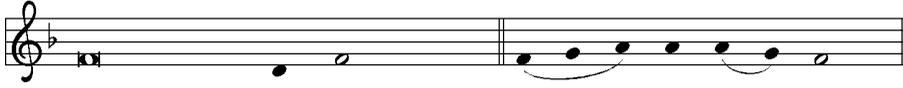
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

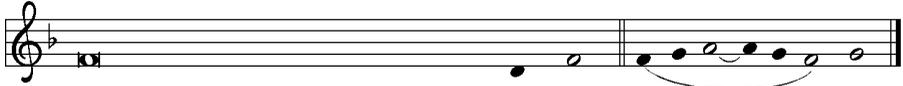


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

C: Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Jeremiah 20:7-13 O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." 11 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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Matthew 10:34-42 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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HYMN: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID ELW 667

SERMON

HYMN HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK ELW 764

CONFESSION OF FAITH using the words of the Apostles' Creed
**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: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS: *After the consecration of the communion elements you will be invited to come forward for communion by intinction. If you prefer, you may use a communion portion and remain in your seats.*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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;
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.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED ELW 810

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Bonhoeffer wrote, "Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end, all of his disciples deserted him. On the cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life, but in the thick of foes."

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Eileen Anderson, Paul Mikaelson, Michelle Pearson (Rita and Merle's daughter), Irene Carpenter, Gregorio (a construction worker injured on the job at Radio & Television Caranavi) and Katie Featherstone.

Parish Pulse:

June 13, 2021

Participating in Worship:

56 (+ 10 WEW 6/16/21)

Total Offerings: \$95.00

Assisting with Worship Today:

Usher: John Featherstone

Reader: B-J Norman

Communion Assistant: Andrew Featherstone

Assisting Next week:

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Jim Hedeem

Communion Assistant: Jessica Anderson

Fourth of July at Vasa!



Vasa Congregation and Museum will host a Fourth of July Celebration on Sunday, July 4th. This event is occurring in part because Covid restrictions prevented adequate planning time to organize the Vasa-Spring Garden Tractor Parade.

Events to look forward to:

- ❖ Outdoor worship at 9:00 a.m. with Tom Erickson playing his accordion
- ❖ The museum will be open all afternoon.
- ❖ Root beer floats served by the Museum team
- ❖ Chicken Sandwiches and chips will be available (also served by the Museum Team)
- ❖ Dedication of a new Swedish flag
- ❖ Vasa parade at 3:00. We encourage everyone that would normally drive their tractor in the Midsommar parade to consider driving in the Vasa parade this year.





WORLD
MISSION
PRAYER
LEAGUE

Radio and Television Caranavi

Word has reached the Vasa Community that Gregorio, a long-time construction worker for Radio & Television Caranavi, fell from a scaffold while working on a building for the mission. He broke his wrist and has just had surgery to reset the bones properly. The cost for the surgery is \$3000. Vasa has been invited to assist with defraying these costs.

We ask for your prayerful consideration in support of this need. The Endowment Team will match all gifts up to \$1500.00. Checks should be made out to Vasa Lutheran Church with Radio Caranavi written in the memo line. The last day that donations will be accepted is Sunday, June 27th. Due to the nature of transferring the funds internationally, this is a hard deadline and no late donations will be accepted.



SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School will be held from **August 23-26** from 5-6:30pm at the Lutheran Center. All children, ages 3 through 5th grade are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Registration forms are available in the office, OR Emily can email one to you. They will be available on the church website next week.

Students grade 6 and above are welcome to attend as helpers. We always need extra hands and eyes to supervise. Adult helpers will be welcomed also.

EMAIL UPDATE: The church office and Pastor Maureen have new email addresses. Please update your contact lists!

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