

# Vasa Lutheran Church

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist-Anne Anderson

**Sunday, August 9, 2020**



### **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2 Cor 5:1-21 – Walk by Faith not Sight

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

**C: Everything old has passed away.**

L: Everything has become new.

**C: This newness is from God,  
who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.**

L: Rejoice and be glad!

**C: Everything has become new.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the pastor begins with these words.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

## **WE WALK BY FAITH**

**ELW 635**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God, **our maker and redeemer, you have made us  
ambassadors called to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to  
our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-21** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,  
we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling-- 3 if  
indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are  
still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed  
but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the  
Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident; even though we know that  
while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- 7 for we walk by  
faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away  
from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away,  
we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgment  
seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the  
body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we  
ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your  
consciences. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an  
opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in  
outward appearance and not in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for  
God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ urges us on,  
because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And  
he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for  
him who died and was raised for them.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;  
even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no  
longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything

old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Mark 8:22-26** They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Can you see anything?" And the man looked up and said, "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, "Do not even go into the village."

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

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG      ELW 763**

#### **MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED      ELW 449**

#### **PROFESSION 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.*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

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

## **GENEROSITY MOMENT**

Offering plates will not be passed, but are sitting near the doors as you leave.

**CONSECRATION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS:** We will remain in the pews for communion today. Each of you should have picked up a communion portion prior to worship. After the words of institution you will be invited to open your portion and serve yourself.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Give us the courage to follow in the foot steps of Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE WHILE COMMUNION ELEMENTS ARE CONSUMED  
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING, verse 3**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

**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.

Let us pray (*in unison*)

**God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
Amen.**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE      RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!**

**ELW 665**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



Scott Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, David Broin, Jessie Otto, Einar Norman (Ben Norman's father), Barbara Mushet (Ben and BJ Norman's sister-in-law)

***Assisting with Worship today:***

**Reader and Communion Set Up:** Mark Hagen

### **Parish Pulse:**

**August 2, 2020**

*Participating in Worship: 40*

Total Offerings: \$4,165.00

**Vasa Vacation Bible School**

**August 24-27**

**6:00-7:30 p.m.**



**Holy Week  
& Easter**

**Journey with Jesus**

**VBS welcomes all children  
ages 3 – grade 5! Questions?  
Contact Pastor Maureen!  
Hope to see you there!**

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***Fuel Fund:** For those of you who like to have a specific item to donate toward, you might consider the fuel fund. We will need \$4,000.00 to cover the cost of the annual pre-pay fill.*

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