

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*My Light and My Salvation*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Austin Ferguson, organist

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**

**PRELUDE MUSIC** Trumpet Voluntary in C - G.F. Handel

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us ✚ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

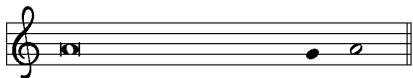
**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE**

**ELW 522**

**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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of tender care, **like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need. In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 27**

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall.

**C: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

**C: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.**

L: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**C: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"**

L: Your face, LORD, do I seek.

**C: Do not hide your face from me.**

L: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**C: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

L: If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.

**C: Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

L: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

**C: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

L: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

**C: wait for the LORD!**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:25-34**

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

**HYMN: DAY BY DAY, YOUR MERCIES LORD**

**ELW 790**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

**ELW 781**

## 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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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

## COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,

**for the greening earth given for all,  
for the talents we are given to share,  
and for this bread and wine.**

**Transform us to be the body of Christ,  
that, feasting on this food and drink,  
our lives may reflect your generosity;  
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 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**

O God, in this holy communion  
you have welcomed us into your presence,  
nourished us with words of mercy,  
and fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life,  
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
and honor the earth you have made;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

**ELW 504**

**BLESSING**

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,  
and abound in thanksgiving;  
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,  
be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Prélude, from Concerto in Ré Majeur - Claude Balbastre*

**Serving Today at Worship**

Ushers: Marvin Fredrickson, Kevin Hanson, Mike Carlson, Jason Stahnke

Reader: Jessica Anderson

Communion Assistant: Chuck Peterson



**Prayer Concerns**

David Broin, Evans Josephson, Sterling Sorenson, Linda Thompson, Max Tilderquist, Scott and Kerry Sorenson (sons of Sterling & Sharyn), Brenda Bradley (second "mama" to Austin F.)

## **This Week's Vasa Calendar**

*Church Office Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9am-1pm*

Sunday, July 7

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:30 am Museum Open

Tuesday, July 9

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

Wednesday, July 10

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am Service of the Word

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Parish Pulse- June 26 & June 30

Participating at worship 7 & 76

Offerings \$2,207.00

**ONLINE GIVING OPTION:** The Vasa Lutheran Church Council has authorized the option of online giving through use of your Smartphone. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year, because you can either give one time or make a recurring gift through your phone from where ever you are. Here's what to do:

- Download the FREE GivePlus Church app on your phone (works on Apple or Android phone)
- Find Vasa Lutheran Church in the list of churches
- Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- You can log in with an account you set up or donate as a guest
- Your donation is secure through the use of a PIN, password, or Touch ID/Fingerprint if your phone has that capability

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You can also give online through our web page, [vasalutheran.org](http://vasalutheran.org). Go to the "About" page and look for the heading "Donating to Vasa". Set up an account there through Vanco and you can make a one time or recurring payment to Vasa through your debit or credit card. Thanks in advance for thinking of Vasa in your giving.

**WELCA:** WELCA will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in July instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week since Pastor Maureen will on vacation on the normal meeting date. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.