

# Vasa Lutheran Church

*Who are You? Whose are You?*

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Organist-Austin Ferguson

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

Mirage, from *Scenes from a Mexican Desert* - H.C. Nearing

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

L: God of us –  
of the assembly gathered here,  
living in this place,  
in this time.

**C: God of us.**

**Here. Alive. Today.**

L: You are our God –

**C: the One who makes covenant with,  
promises to,  
requests of.**

L: As we worship, write your words anew on our hearts -

**C: that our lives may be a testimony to the covenant we keep,  
embodying you in all we are  
and in all we do.**

L: May we be a people governed by your goodness and grace,

**C: guided by your justice, mercy, and righteousness.**

L: For we are your people,

**C: we are the people of God.**

**Let us worship together!**

Mandy England Cole

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways**

**we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have not finished what we began.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.  
We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found.  
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:            OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE    ELW 519**

**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** (Spoken)

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Loving Lord, you gave commandments to your people as a gift. Teach us to be obedient to your word and to care for each other as we do your will. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING: Matthew 22: 34-40

**Psalm 15** (Read responsively)

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

**C: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

L: Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**C: Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor speak cruelly against their neighbors.**

L: Those who give no ear to the wicked.

**C: Those who do not lend money at interest and do not take bribes against the innocent.**

L: They honor those who fear the LORD; those who stand by their oath even to their hurt.

**C: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

### SECOND READING: Matthew 19:16-21

### THIRD READING: Deuteronomy 5:1-21 and 6:4-9

At the conclusion of the lessons the reader will say, "Word of God, word of life."  
Please respond with, "Thanks to you, Oh Lord."

## MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

**HYMN: COME MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE**

**ELW 816**

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as  
I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.  
By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if  
you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know  
you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34-35  
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

## 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.**

## **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 peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the peace with one another.

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** God our provider, **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 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.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

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** God of blessing, **at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL**

**ELW 359**

**BLESSING** Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Psalm XVIII, *The Heavens Declare* - Benedetto Marcello



**Prayer Concerns**

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

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**Vasa Mission**

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

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

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

### **Sunday, October 6**

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am **NO 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation**  
11:30 am Museum Open

### **Monday, October 7**

6:30 pm Parish Life Team  
6:30 pm Museum Board

Parish Pulse- September 29 &  
October 2

Participating at worship 79

Offerings: \$1,409.00

### **Tuesday, October 8**

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

### **Wednesday, October 9**

5:30 pm VASA Community Dinner (Roast Beef meal)  
7:15 pm 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Lutheran Center)

### **Sunday, October 13**

9:00 am Service of the Word, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible  
Distribution and **Pastor Appreciation Day!**  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am **7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation** (Lutheran  
Center)  
11:30 am Museum Open



10-17 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 AM (Lutheran Center)

10-26 Swedish Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser for the Vasa Museum, 8:00-11:00 AM

10-28 Endowment Team Meeting 7:00 PM

10-31 Senior Appreciation Luncheon, NOON

11-17 Confirmation 9:00 AM

11-23 Feed My Starving children Mobile Pack at Cannon Falls High School.

12-15 Children's Christmas Program, 10:30 AM



Starting **Thursday, November 7**, sessions addressing common questions that come up as we face end of life issues. Each session will be at noon, and a light lunch will be served. **November 7** will feature attorney Jason Hoffman, who will speak on **"Legal Needs of the Elderly."**

**WINTER BAZAAR:** The annual winter bazaar will take place on **Saturday, December 7**. Vendors are being sought at this time. If you know of anyone who might want to sell their wares or crafts at the Lutheran Center from 9-3, please let them know that this opportunity is available. Tables will be available for a cost of \$30. Anyone interested can contact Hettie Carlson at [hettiesbags@gmail.com](mailto:hettiesbags@gmail.com) for a form.

