

Vasa Lutheran Church

Seven Practices of Jesus: Challenging

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Accompanist: Anne Anderson

Sunday, June 27, 2021

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Brigid of Ireland (c. 450-525) Brigid is believed to have been the daughter of a pagan Scottish king and a Christian Pictish slave. Even as a child, she was known to have a generous spirit and a compassionate, tender heart and was drawn to help the poor, the hungry, and the cold. Eventually Brigid's father decided she must be married or taken into someone else's household, because he could no longer afford to keep her (especially in light of her excessive giving to the poor, which he feared would be the ruin of him). Brigid refused marriage and became a nun with seven other women. At Kildare, she founded a double monastery for monks and nuns, assisted by a bishop. The perpetual fire at the monastery became a symbol of its hospitality and constant, undying devotion to God and the poor.

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

GOD IS HERE!

ELW 526

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.

KYRIE

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.

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.

forgives sins?" 50 And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

L: Word of God, word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: IN CHRIST CALLED TO BAPTIZE ELW 575

SERMON

HYMN BORNING CRY ELW 732

We will sing verses 1 and 2.

BAPTISM OF PARKER MARIE ANDERSON

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your daughter Parker Marie baptized into Christ? If so say, "I do."

Response: I do.

As you bring Parker to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Parker grow in the Christian faith and life?

Mitch and Meagan respond: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Parker in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Bryan and Cooper respond: I do.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Parker and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

If so answer, "I renounce them."

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Parker Marie Anderson is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Parker with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Parker Marie Anderson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN

BORNING CRY

ELW 732

We will sing verses 3 and 4.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION: Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in your mercy. Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

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.**

SHARING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING: The body and blood of our risen 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.**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

SENDING HYMN:

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

ELW 881

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Brigid of Ireland said, "I would like the angels of Heaven to be among us. I would like an abundance of peace. I would like full vessels of charity. I would like rich treasures of mercy. I would like cheerfulness to preside over all. I would like Jesus to be present."

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, Irene Carpenter, Michelle Pearson, and Gregorio (a construction worker injured on the job at Radio & Television Caranavi)

Parish Pulse:

June 20, 2021

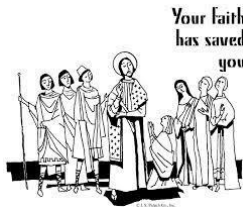
Participating in Worship:

34 (+ 10 WEW 6/15/21)

Total Offerings: \$1,895.00

CORRECTION:

The offering for June 13 was \$2,380, not \$95 as reported last week.



Assisting with Worship Today:

Usher: Kevin Eckblad

Reader: Jim Hedeem

Communion Assistant: Jessica Anderson

Assisting Next week:

Usher: Marvin Fredrickson

Reader: Mark Hagen

Communion Assistant: Geri Lindholm

Go In Peace

Radio and Television Caranavi



WORLD
MISSION
PRAYER
LEAGUE

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.



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. Contact Emily in the office if you'd like a registration form. And/or watch the Vasa website.

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.



Tuesday, June 29, the Cemetery Committee will be meeting at 6:00pm to weed whip the cemetery and other church property. We would appreciate any help if you are available. OR, if it's more convenient for you to help earlier in the day, we would welcome that too! Thursday July 1st would be the rain date if weather is an issue on Tuesday.

REMINDER: There will be no team meetings or Church Council meetings during the month of July.

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.



American Red Cross

The next Blood Drive at Vasa will be held on July 29 and 30 at the Lutheran Center. To sign up you can call 1-800 733-2767, or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter vasa lutheran to schedule your appointment.