

Vasa Lutheran Church
*Miracles of Jesus: Feeding 5,000
and Walking on Water*

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, March 3, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

RESPONSE: CALM TO THE WAVES ELW 794

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

**Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you

that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours
forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND ELW 773

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Generous God, **you helped your son Jesus feed 5,000 hungry people who had gathered to hear of your love. Later you came to your disciples as they struggled against wind and wave. Help us to keep our eyes on you when the wind and the waves assail us. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14: 1-13a

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MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14: 13b-21

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MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 14: 22-33

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MEDITATION

COMBINED HYMN AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

“I Believe”

to the tune of “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God’s great love.
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.

I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

(The final verse is on the next page.)

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

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 God's peace with one another.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence 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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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 intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for those who have dietary restrictions. Children will receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: We thank you, O God, **that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS ELW 843

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH PULSE

Feb. 17, 2019

Attendance 64

Giving \$1,806

Feb 27, 2019

Attendance 8

Giving \$ no report

PRAYER CONCERNS

David Broin, Evans Josephson, and Scott Sorenson(son of Sterling & Sharyn)

SERVING US TODAY

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

Greeters: LaVonne Carlson **Reader:** Tana Hovde **Acolyte:** Carson Lind

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA

Mar. 04 Museum Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Mar. 04 Finance Committee 7:30 PM

Mar. 05 Property Committee 5:30 PM

Mar. 06: Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM in church sanctuary.

Mar. 13: Lenten Worship and Communion 6:15 PM in the Fellowship room.

Mar. 17: First Holy Communion preparation classes begin for all 5th graders at 10:30 AM at the Lutheran Center.

SUMMER CAMP: Good Earth Village Summer Camp 2019

registration is now open! Vasa offers camp scholarships so all children have an opportunity to experience the fun of exploring God in creation. Contact Pastor Maureen if you have questions about the camp or if you would like to apply for a scholarship.

More info: <http://goodearthvillage.org/>



ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym today. If you are interested in using this method of giving instead of using weekly offering envelopes, please fill out the "Authorization Form" attached to the information and bring it to the Church Office. Thanks for your consideration of this giving option.**CONTACT INFORMATION**

VASA MUSEUM - SAVE THE DATES

Root Beer Floats Thursday, July 4

Swedish Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 26

Additional details will be forthcoming.

VASA & WELCH 8-Mile RUMMANGE & BAKE SALE

Thursday, April 25 Noon to 7 PM

Friday, April 26 8 AM to 4 PM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Room. For additional information contact Jeannette Anderson.

MUSIC: Two music opportunities beginning the last week of February.

- Tuesday evenings is the Children's Music Night. For grades K-5, starting at 5:30 pm with hand chimes and a children's choir. Missy McCann will be the primary instructor and director with Pastor Maureen assisting. The first practice will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 pm.



- Wednesday evenings, under the guidance of Austin Ferguson, is the adult choir. The first practice is Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 7:15 pm.

At the end of eight weeks of practice the two groups will perform at the Palm Sunday service on April 14th and the Easter Sunday service on April 21st.

HELP A VETERAN: Everyone, with so much mail coming and going now, please save your cancelled stamps! Rosann will package them up and send them off to the Veterans Association in Arizona. Then they will be sorted, trimmed and packaged in small amounts. This aids Vets with coordination, math, and penmanship problems. Place them in envelopes in back of the church or at the Lutheran Center. Thanks, Rosann Pearson



DIRECT DOLLARS: Help Vasa Lutheran Church earn \$1,000 through the Direct Your Dollars program!

We're collecting receipts from any FamilyFare store. Drop your receipts off at the Vasa Lutheran Church or at the Vasa Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support! Update total is \$19,755.



CAUTION! An orange cone has been placed on the East side of the Church's parking lot to identify a two-inch heave in the sidewalk. Please use caution when walking in this area.

Vasa Mission Statement
We the Vasa congregation, called by God, commit to:

Worshipping together,
Growing in Faith
Serving others, and
Welcoming and Loving all!

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Lenten Series: Patches of Godlightⁱ

Lenten worship in 2019 will officially begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6th with 7:00 worship in the church sanctuary. As is our practice this service will include the imposition of ashes.

For the five Wednesday evenings that follow we will hold Lenten worship in the Lutheran Center at 6:30. Our theme is *Patches of Godlight*. Each evening we will sing Holden Evening Prayer, pausing in the middle to hear some Scripture and an inspirational story.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord of stories, **Jesus taught us through stories and the wisdom of the shared word. Teach us through your stories, that we may learn, grow, and love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. (Prayer of the day for Feb 17, 2019)**

Stories for the Journey is a compilation of stories collected by William R. White. Published by Augsburg in 1988

Stories of Faith and Faithfulness – Ash Wednesday, March 6

Exodus 3:1-6

Luke 15:4-7

The Stray Lamb page 34

Stories of Love and Forgiveness – March 13

I Corinthians 8

Compassion pages 55-56

Stories of Prayer and Worship – March 20

Mark 2:23-28 or Luke 6:1-5 (same story, different gospel)

Exodus 20:8-11 or Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Three Sabbaths pages 64-66

Stories of Community and Hospitality – March 27

Luke 10:25-37

Stone Soup pages 70-73

Stories of Justice and Courage – April 3

Luke 19:1-10

Ruth and Tobias pages 91-93

Stories of Simplicity and Discipleship – April 10

Matthew 12:9-14 or Luke 14:1-6 (different stories w/ similar teaching intent)

Soap and Religion page 99



ⁱ This phrase is the title of a book by Jan Karon. Ms. Karon compiled many quotes as she researched and prepared to write the Mitford Series of books with Father Tim, the Episcopal priest in Mitford. She writes in the introduction that the phrase comes from the writings of C.S. Lewis.