

Vasa Lutheran Church

Laborers in the Vineyard

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, March 17, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC Chorale Dorian - Jehan Alain (performed by Austin Ferguson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

**We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of ✚ Christ,

leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

ELW 266

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

ELW 158

We will sing the kyrie three times.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Generous God, **you have promised to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. Bring us close to you, and help us to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 16:5-8

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**C: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**C: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

L: You show me the path of life.

**C: In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

At the conclusion of the lesson the reader will say, "The gospel of the Lord."
Please respond with, **"Thanks to you, Oh Lord."**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH YOU

ELW 818

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ELW 838

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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

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

C: And also with you.

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

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING INCLUDING A GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER Generous God, **you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money,
imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. 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 Tender and merciful one, **at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

God Loved the World

ELW 323

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sand Drifts, from *Scenes from a Mexican Desert* - H.C. Nearing
(performed by Austin Ferguson)

PRAYER CONCERNS: David Broin, Evans Josephson, and Scott and Kerry Sorenson
(sons of Sterling & Sharyn)

SERVING US TODAY: Ushers: Marvin Fredrickson, Kevin Hanson, Mike Carlson,
Jason Stahnke **Greeters:** LaVonne Carlson **Reader:** Jeannette Anderson
Communion: Faye and Greg Drewianka

PARISH PULSE:

Wednesday March 6, 2019 Attendance 45
Sunday, March 11, 2019 Attendance 21
Total Offering \$2,517

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VASA:

Mar. 18: Church Council Meeting 7:30 PM

Mar. 19: Children Music Night 5:30 PM

Mar. 20: Adult Choir 7:15 PM

Mar. 20: *Due to scheduling conflicts we have developed a new plan for First Communion Class. Class will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10 in the Lutheran Center. The class length will be about 30 minutes long. The final class will be held on Sunday morning April 14th at 10:30 AM in the Lutheran Center kitchen. This class will last about an hour and we will be baking flatbread for your First Communion worship service on Maundy Thursday. First Communion worship will be at 7:00 on Thursday, April 18 in the church sanctuary.*

Mar. 21: Women Bible Study 9:30 AM

Mar. 22: VASA Voice submission deadline

April 10: Community Dinner serving Pot Roast

April 14: Palm Sunday 9 AM in the Sanctuary

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Foot washing, 5th Grade First Communion and the stripping of the altar occur as a part of this worship service.

April 19: Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. This solemn service includes reading the Passion Story from the gospel of John, as well as stripping the altar and draping the church furnishings in black.

April 21: Easter Sunday 9AM in the Sanctuary

April 25-26: 8-Mile Rummage and Bake Sale

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 RUMMAGE & 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:

Adult choir, Wednesday evenings at 7:15 PM, under the guidance of Austin Ferguson.

At the end of eight weeks the choir 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 Vase Lutheran Center. Thank you in advance for all your support!



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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Information on electronic giving to Vasa Lutheran Church is on the table near the door of the gym or at the back of the church. 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. Thank you in advance for participating in the electronic giving option.

In celebration of Minnesota FoodShare Campaign, you're invited to bring a non-perishable food item to all church activities. All donations will be shared with the Cannon Falls and Red Wing food shelf organizations.

VASA VOICE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Please submit Vasa Voice news items by Friday, March 22, 2019.



Good Earth Village Summer 2019 registration is now open! Vasa Lutheran Church 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. www.goodearthvillage.org

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Vasa Mission Statement

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