

Vasa Lutheran Church

Praise and Trust

Pastor Maureen Hagen

Organist-Austin Ferguson

Sunday, July 28, 2019

PRELUDE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE DAY: Today we complete our series on the psalms. Psalm 146 begins with praise, specifically praise for God. The psalmist extols God as the more powerful, over and above kings and princes. The author goes on to make a list of the ways that God cares, especially for the weak, the suffering, and the oppressed. This psalm is going to lead us in an interesting and perhaps unexpected direction today.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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:

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

ELW 870

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 146

L: Praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

L: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD their God,

L: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

C: who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed;

C: who gives food to the hungry.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers;

C: he upholds the orphan and the widow,

L: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**C: The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

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: LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

ELW 876

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 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.**

**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.**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

After each petition the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy,"
Please respond with, "**hear our prayer.**"

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

ELW 881

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



Prayer Concerns

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

Serving Today at Worship

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

Reader: Marcia Featherstone

YVONNE BELIN'S BIRTHDAY: Yvonne Belin, wife of former Pastor Ralph Belin, turns 90 on Aug 18. Her wish for her birthday is that people from Vasa share remembrances of her with her. If you can send a note with something you remember about Yvonne, her address is: 4710 Cumberland St, Apt. 231, Shoreview, MN 55126. Thanks for helping.

This Week's Vasa Calendar

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

Sunday, July 28

9:00 am Service of the Word

11:30 am Museum Open

Tuesday, July 30

9:30 am Tuesday am Coffee

Wednesday, July 31

6:15 pm Wednesday Evening Worship

Sunday, August 4

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:30 am Museum Open

Parish Pulse- July 17 and 21

Participating at worship 3 and 58

Offerings \$1,736.00

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE: is a 10 session class which meets weekly beginning on Tuesday, August 6 and running through October 8 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. The sessions, offered by Beginning Experience of Rochester, focus on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with life as a single person. Call 507-261-8248 or email beminnnesota@gmail.com to start your own healing process or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

GRIEFSHARE: GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Our next session will begin on Monday, September 9, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Susan at 651-388-4109, Suzy at 507-398-3729 or www.griefshare.org

BLOOD DRIVE AT VASA: The next blood drive at Vasa will be Thursday, August 8 from 1-7 pm. We need a volunteer to check in donors from 12:45-4 pm. There is also a critical need for blood of every type. Please consider giving, and if you can't give blood, consider helping at the drive to keep the donors moving smoothly. Please call the church office to volunteer to help.

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES: The Church Basement Ladies will be performing a new play: "Hark, the Basement Ladies Sing" at the Ames Center in Burnsville. This play takes place in Dec, 1960. The community is trying to record a special Christmas greeting for one of their boys serving overseas and there are many funny things which happen while they are recording. If you would like to attend this play on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 1 pm with a group from Vasa, please let the church office know by Tuesday, Aug 6. Groups of 10 can get tickets for \$28 per person and we can try to arrange some car pooling.



2019 Night to Unite



Join us for the annual former **National Night Out party!**

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Bring your Lawn Chairs!!

Hosted by Vasa Lutheran Church and Vasa Township
located at County Rd 7 & Hwy 19

Build neighborhood involvement by bringing our Local **Fire & Police** Departments and other **Township** officials together.

Enjoy **Food, Games, & Fun** with your neighbors! Get to know one another in your neighborhood.

Please consider bringing an item for our local Food Shelves

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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!