# **VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Holy Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Dinah Helgeson

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

#### CANDLELIGHTING

#### **GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

## Congregation stands as able

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **C: Amen.**
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.
- P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, or rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the lifegiving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.
- C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
- P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ACS, #1038

# God, We Gather As Your People



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Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **C: And also with you.** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**Congregation sits

## FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Lector: A reading from Genesis, Chapters 1 & 2.

L: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

**PSALM: Psalm 8** 

Dianne Kutzke, Cantor



O LORD our Lord, \*how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

\*you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

\*the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,

\*human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you have made them little less than divine; \*with glory and hon- or you crown them.

You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;

\*you have put all things un- der their feet:

all | flocks and cattle, \*even the wild beasts | of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Lord, \*how majestic is your name in all the earth!

# SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Martha Gebhard, Lector

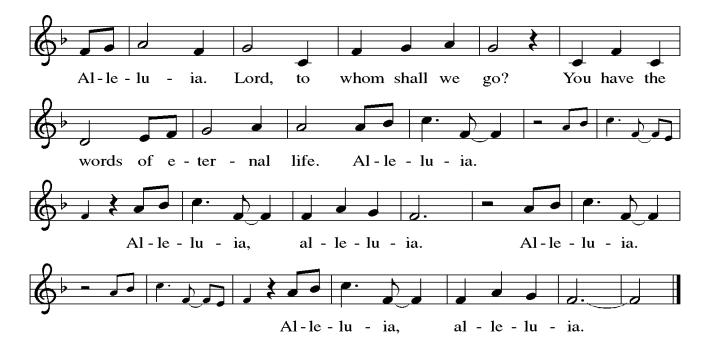
Lector: A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

L: [Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**Congregation stands as able

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

ELW, P. 188



**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20** 

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 28.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Congregation sits** 

**MESSAGE:** 

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

Congregation stands as able

HYMN OF THE DAY (next page):

ELW, #413

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

#### **APOSTLES' CREED:**

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.

**Congregation sits** 

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

June Langland, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A: Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick. We pray for all who seek your comfort. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

A: Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE (next page):

ACS, #970

# We Come Now to Your Table, Lord



Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

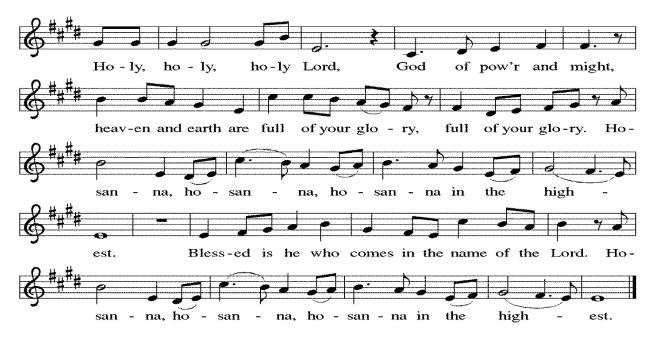
#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

- P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY... ELW, p. 153



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

- P: 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.
- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P: **Invitation to Communion**: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here. **Congregation Sits** 

Communion Hymn: ELW, #408





Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

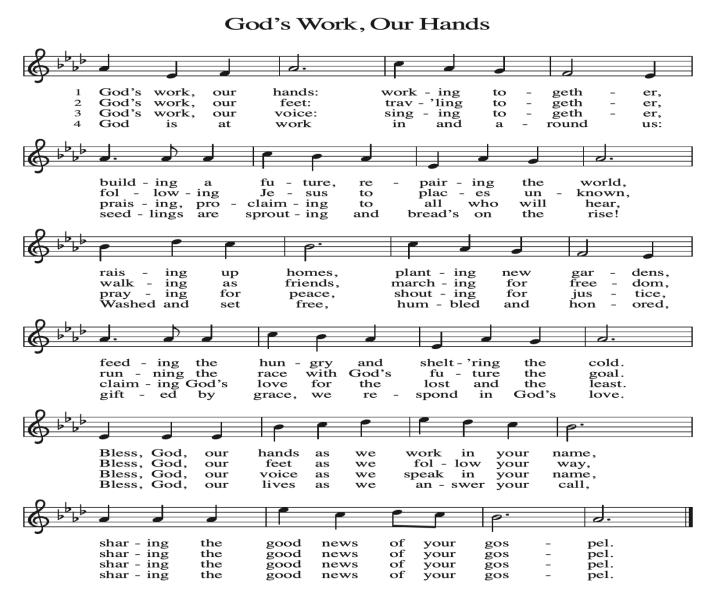
#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

#### **BLESSING:**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **C: Amen** 

Sending Song: ACS, 1000



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text © 2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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POSTLUDE: Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants Today: Worship Assistants next week (6/11/23):

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

Assisting Minister – June Langland

Assisting Minister – TBA

Lector – Martha Gebhard Lector – TBA

Communion Assistant – Gail Larson Communion Assistant – TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Dinah Helgeson Musician – Marita Ericksen

Cantor – Dianne Kutzke Cantor – TBA

Communion Set Up – Gail Larson Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you, Rev. Thomas M. Aitken, for your participation in worship today at VLC!

<u>Sunday Bible Study Class</u> – led by Roger Gebhard, 9:15 – 10:15 AM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Jim Huff, husband of VLC's Finance Officer/Bookkeeper, Barb Huff, passed away Fri., May 26, at home. A memorial service is pending at Vashon Presbyterian Church. Cards & memorials may be mailed to: Barb Huff, P. O. box 1209, Vashon, WA 98070.

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: VLC provides five hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> to help.

<u>The Care Closet</u>, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 25</u> –following the worship service. We'll be approving the Ministry Site Profile, electing two council positions & hearing the NW WA Synod Gathering report, among other topics. Refreshments will be served.

<u>The Church Secretary's office will be closed Thurs. – Fri., June 29 – 30 for a mini-vacation.</u> The office will be open Mon. & Tues., June 26 & 27, noon–3PM, Weds., June 28, 10 AM-noon, & Sat., July 1, noon-3 PM.

<u>In September, 2023 we are having our annual rummage sale.</u> Please begin gathering items, but keep them home for now. In spring, June Langland will tell you when items can be brought to the church.

#### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY** 

1<sup>st</sup> Food Bank Sunday

9:15 – 10:15 AM Bible Study with Roger Gebhard

10:30 AM Worship

June 25, 11:30 AM Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

**MONDAY** 

10:00 AM

**Intercessory Prayer Group** 

**TUESDAY** 

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – noon

June 6, 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY** 

1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – noon June 21, 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY** 

June 22, 5:00 PM

**FRIDAY** 

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Quilt Sewers Group

Vashon Quilting Group

Worship Committee Mtg. at June Langland's

Lutheran Quilters Group

Council ZOOM Meeting

IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

AA Group for Men



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# Hymns for June 4, 2023

ACS, 1038	God, We Gather As Your People
ELW, 413	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
ACS, 970	We Come Now to Your Table
ELW, 408	Come, Thou Almighty King
ACS, 1000	God's Work, Our Hands