VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Christ the King Sunday Nov. 26, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Marita Ericksen

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through

† Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us
live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ELW, #855, v. 1, 3 & 5

Crown Him with Many Crowns

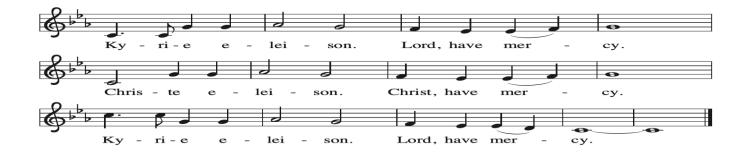


Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

P: 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.**

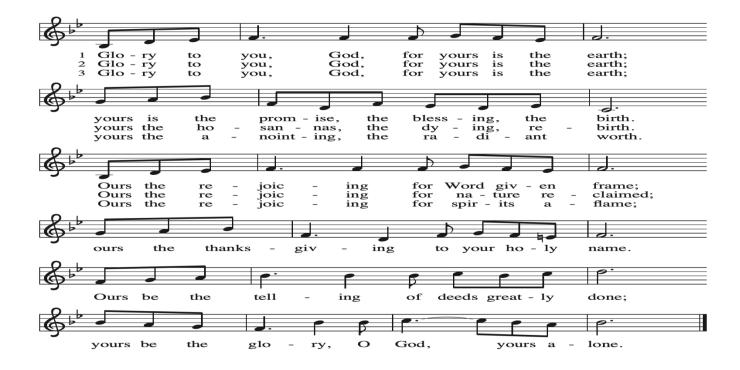
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Song of Praise:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Cheryl Weise, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel, Chapter 34.

L: Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of

Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

Dianne Kutzke, Cantor



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Come, let us sing to the LORD; *let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

*and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler a-bove all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; *the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship | and bow down, *let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God, *and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Cheryl Weise, Lector

L: A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 1.

L: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named,

not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS, P. 14



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 25. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Congregation stands as able

ELW, #679

HYMN OF THE DAY:

For the Fruit of All Creation



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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. <u>Please sit</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

A: In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

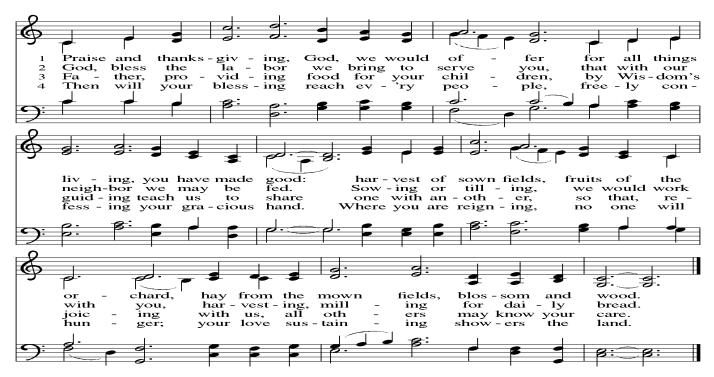
P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. C: And also with you.

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #689





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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

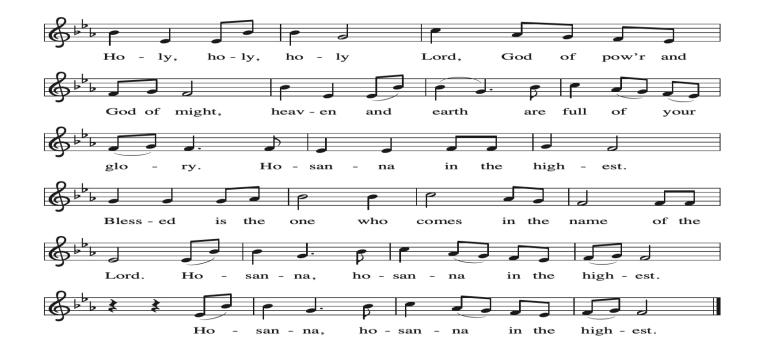
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GREAT THANKSGIVING:

- 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

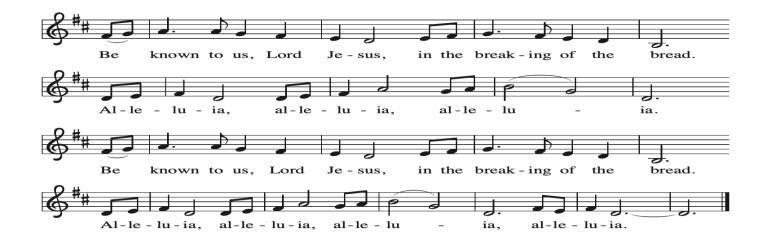


WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

- 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.

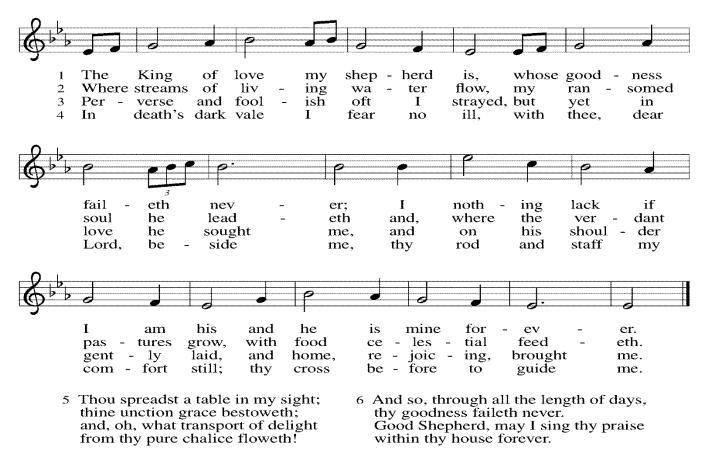
P: **Invitation to Communion**: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long 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 #2:

ELW, #502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

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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. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. C: Amen.

BLESSING:

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. C: Amen Sending Song:

ELW, #661



DISMISSAL:

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants Today: Worship Assistants next week (12/3/23):

Guest Pastor - Rev. John Michael Barich Guest Pastor - Rev. Susan Wanwig

Assisting Minister – TBA Assistant Minister – TBA
Lector – Cheryl Weise Lector – Marlee Koch

Communion Assistant – Gail Larson Communion Assistant – TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantor – Dianne Kutzke Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch
Communion Set Up – Gail Larson Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. Wayne Bacus for your participation in worship today at VLC!

<u>Church Decorating Party!</u> Everyone is invited to come help decorate the church for Advent & Christmas Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be provided.

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

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: VLC provides 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>Prayer & Healing Service</u> – Rev. Jeff Larson PhD is offering a prayer & healing service on the <u>first Weds.</u> of the month at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

<u>VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP</u> - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Support circles are Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at Vashon Lutheran. ?? Contact Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>, 206.304-4544

<u>Vashon Island Chorale's</u> 66 singers, accompanist Linda Lee & director Dr. Gary D. Cannon present "A Pacific Northwest Christmas" at the Kay White Theater on Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30pm & Sun., Dec. 10 at 3pm. The program is by Pacific Northwest composers with choral pieces about winter & Christmas. Singers from McMurray Middle School choir will sing *Remembering Decembers* by Pinkzebra. The audience will be invited to sing along with traditional holiday songs at several times during the concert.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st Food Bank Sunday

10:30 AM Worship 6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group

4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quilt Sewers Group
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY 1st, 9:00 AM – noon 1st, 6:30 PM 3rd, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY 6:30-7:30 PM 4th, 5:00 PM

FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:30 PM

SATURDAY Dec. 2, 10:00 AM Lutheran Quilters Group Prayer & Healing Service VLC Council Meeting

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

AA Group for Men

Church Decorating Party



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Hymns for Nov. 26, 2023

ELW, 855, v. 1,3 & 5 Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW, 679 For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW, 689 Praise and Thanksgiving

ACS, p. 40 Be Known to Us, Lord

ELW, 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW, 661 I Love to Tell the Story