

# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Day of Pentecost  
May 28, 2023  
10:30 AM Worship**

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**PRELUDE**

Marita Ericksen

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

**CANDLELIGHTING**

Frankie Ericksen, Acolyte

**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 life-giving 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, #942**

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*  
 out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933  
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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.**

**KYRIE:**

*Cantor sings verses*

Nancy Lee Spears, Cantor

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
*Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -  
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-13**

Judy Carr, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 2.

L: When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

Nancy Lee Spears, Cantor



How manifold are your <sup>l</sup> works, O LORD!

\*In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup> of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>l</sup> y to number,**

**\*living things both <sup>l</sup> small and great.**

There go the ships <sup>l</sup> to and fro, \*and Leviathan, which you made for the <sup>l</sup> sport of it.

**All of them <sup>l</sup> look to you \*to give them their food <sup>l</sup> in due season.**

You give it to them; they <sup>l</sup> gather it;

\*you open your hand, and they are filled <sup>l</sup> with good things.

**When you hide your face, <sup>l</sup> they are terrified;**

**\*when you take away their breath, they die and return <sup>l</sup> to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they <sup>l</sup> are created; \*and so you renew the face <sup>l</sup> of the earth.

**May the glory of the LORD en- <sup>l</sup> dure forever; \*O LORD, rejoice in <sup>l</sup> all your works.**

You look at the earth <sup>l</sup> and it trembles; \*you touch the mountains <sup>l</sup> and they smoke.

**I will sing to the LORD as long <sup>l</sup> as I live; \*I will praise my God while I <sup>l</sup> have my being.**

May these words of <sup>l</sup> mine please God. \*I will rejoice <sup>l</sup> in the LORD.

**Bless the LORD, <sup>l</sup> O my soul. \*Hal- <sup>l</sup> lelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Judy Carr, Lector

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12.

L: No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands as able

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*ELW, P. 188*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 20. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation sits

**MESSAGE:**

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken  
Congregation stands as able

## God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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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.**

**Congregation sits**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

Harriet Shull Nelson, Assisting Minister (A)

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

### OFFERING PRAYER:

**P:** Let us pray. **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY...**

*ELW, p. 153*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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, #800*

### Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

P: The God of all, who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **C: Amen**

*Sending Song:*

*ELW, 398*

## Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892  
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

Marita Ericksen

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**Worship Assistants Today:**

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken  
Assisting Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson  
Lector – Judy Carr  
Communion Assistant – Sindy Rice  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Marita Ericksen  
Cantor – Nancy Lee Spears  
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

**Worship Assistants next week (6/4/23):**

Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken  
Assisting Minister – June Langland  
Lector – Martha Gebhard  
Communion Assistant – Gail Larson  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Dinah Helgeson  
Cantor – Dianne Kutzke  
Communion Set Up – Gail Larson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**Giving Your Offering** – Thank you for continuing to give an offering to VLC! Our mailing address is: Vashon Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 2930, Vashon, WA 98070.

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

**IFCH Dinner Program:** The fourth Thursday of each month VLC is to provide the ingredients for five hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM. Contact Patte Wagner: [pattewags@aol.com](mailto:pattewags@aol.com) if you wish to help. IFCH will provide containers for packaging the food into meal-to-go bags.

**The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies** – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: [contact@vashoncarenetwork.org](mailto:contact@vashoncarenetwork.org); website: [www.vashoncarenetwork.org](http://www.vashoncarenetwork.org)

**In September, 2023 we are having our annual rummage sale.** 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>  
9:15 – 10:15 AM  
10:30 AM  
June 25, 11:30 AM  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday  
Bible Study with Roger Gebhard  
Worship  
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
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

Quilt Sewers Group  
Vashon Quilting Group  
Worship Committee Mtg. at June Langland's

**WEDNESDAY**

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

Lutheran Quilters Group  
Council ZOOM Meeting

THURSDAY

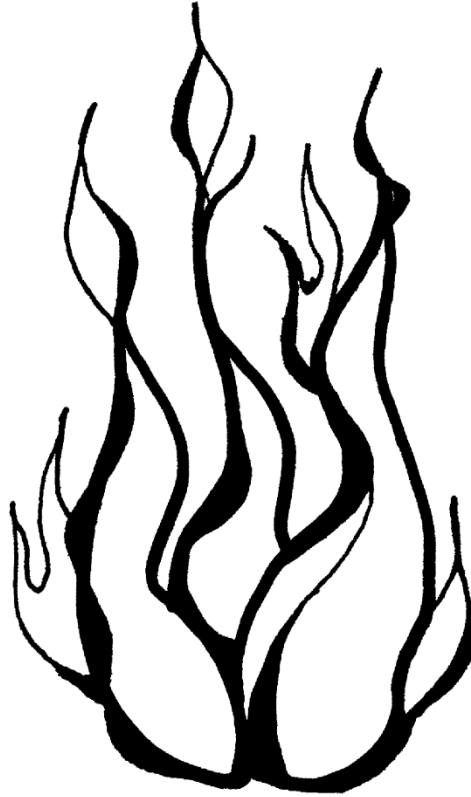
June 22, 5:00 PM

IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



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Hymns for May 28, 2023

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ELW, 400, v. 1, 2 & 4

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW, 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 800

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ELW, 398

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine