VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

Vashon Lutheran Church Seventh Sunday of Easter May 21, 2023

PRELUDE Marita Ericksen

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

CANDLELIGHTING

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Rev. John Michael Barich

- 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.

(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues).

- 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):

ELW, #392, vs. 1, 3 & 4

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**Congregation sits

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 1.

L: When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Nancy Lee Spears, Cantor



Let God arise, and let God's ene- mies be scattered; *let those who hate God flee.

As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;

*as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- ence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *let them also be mer- ry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;

*I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

In your holy habita- tion, O God, *you are a father to orphans, defend- er of widows; you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;

*but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,

*when you marched | through the wilderness,

the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the † God of Sinai, *at the presence of God, the † God of Israel.

You sent a bountiful | rain, O God; *you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

Your people found their home in it;

*in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *sing praises to the Lord.

You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;

*you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

Ascribe pow- er to God, *whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,

*giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gail Larson, Lector

Lector: A reading from 1 Peter, Chapters 4 & 5.

L: Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

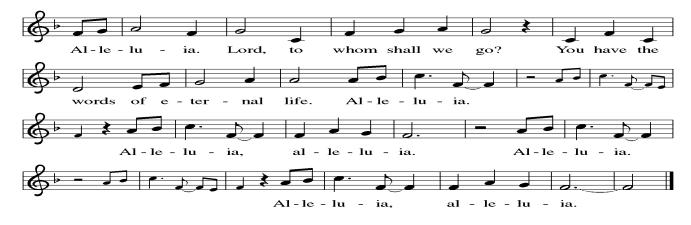
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Congregation stands as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ELW, P. 188



GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 17. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father,

glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

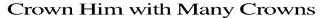
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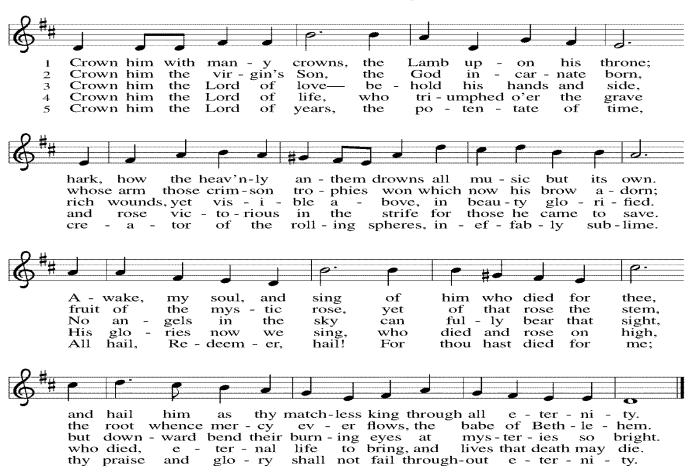
Congregation sitsRev. John Michael Barich

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HYMN OF THE DAY:

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





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

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:

Patte Wagner, 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: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

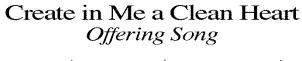
A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. 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.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #188





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.

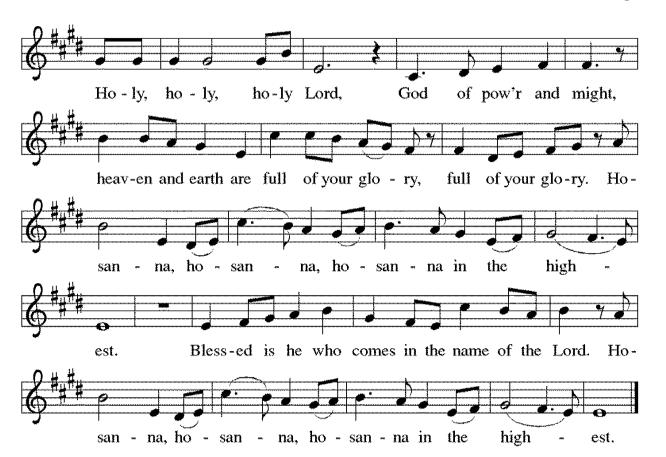
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

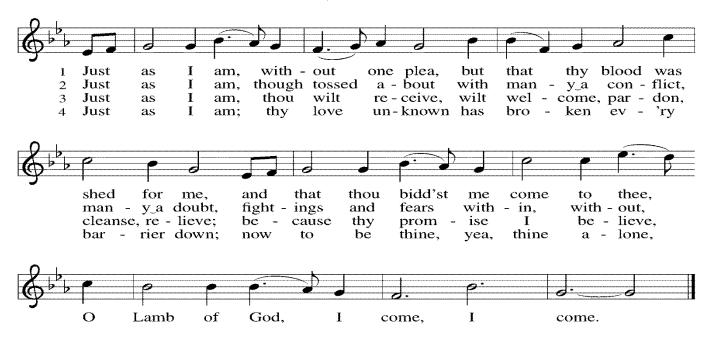
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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, #592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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.**

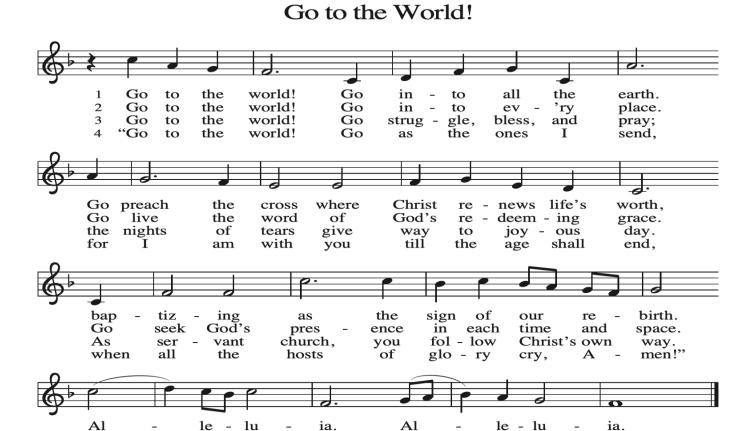
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

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: ACS, 991



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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DISMISSAL:

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

POSTLUDE: Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants Today: Worship Assistants next week (5/28/23):

Guest Pastor - Rev. John Michael Barich Pastor - Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner Assisting Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson

Lector – Gail Larson Lector – Judy Carr

Communion Assistant – Gail Larson Communion Assistant – Sindy Rice

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantor – Nancy Lee Spears

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Barich, 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!

<u>VLC Mission Planning Committee Meeting</u> – MPC next meets on ZOOM, Mon., May 22, at 6:00 PM.

<u>Giving Your Offering</u> – 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.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: 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: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> if you wish to help. IFCH will provide containers for packaging the food into meal-to-go bags.

<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>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

1st Food Bank Sunday

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

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

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group

May 22, 6:00 PM Mission Planning Committee ZOOM Mtg.

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

WEDNESDAY 1st, 9:00 AM – noon May 24, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY May 25, 5:00 PM

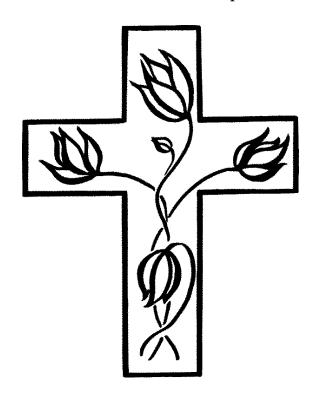
FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Quilt Sewers Group Vashon Quilting Group

Lutheran Quilters Group Council ZOOM Meeting

IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

AA Group for Men



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Hymns for May 21, 2023

ELW, 392, v. 1, 3 & 4 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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

ELW, 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

ACS, 991 Go to the World