VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday in Lent Feb. 25, 2024 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Marita Ericksen

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frankie Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

- P Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Gracious and merciful God,
- We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

 We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.

 We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.

 We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,

 or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.

 We have neither worked to release the oppressed

 nor admitted our own captivities.

Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.

- P God, who is merciful and kind,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
 hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
 and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
 to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
 to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
 that they might praise God and serve the world
 with glad and generous hearts.
- P For freedom Christ has set you free.
- C Thanks be to God.

O Word of God Incarnate



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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.**

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Marita Ericksen, Cantor



HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen, Rev. Barich, solo, Verses 1, 2 & 3





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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: Isaiah 44:1-8

Patte Wagner, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 44.

L: But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!

Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you:

Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.

They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams.

This one will say, "I am the LORD's," another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, "The LORD's," and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:23-31

Rev. John Michael Barich, Cantor



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You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

*Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- den from them; *but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

*I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

*Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

*all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, *who rules o- ver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

*all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- fore the LORD.

Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,

*whom they shall proclaim to genera- tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn *saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Patte Wagner, Lector

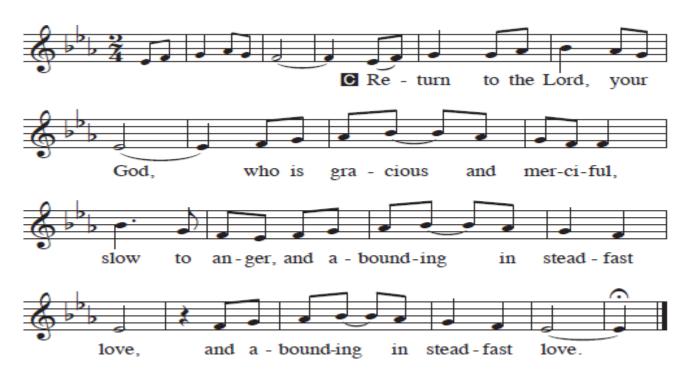
L: A reading from Romans, Chapter 4.

L: The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the

father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Word of Life, **Thanks be to God.** *Please stand as able*

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: from "Tree of Life", by Marty Haugen, p. 10



GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 8. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want

to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day:

ELW, #803, vs. 1, 3 & 4

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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:

Gail Larson, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders.

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

A: We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation.

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

A: We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,

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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, pp. 14-15, by Marty Haugen HOLY, HOLY



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.

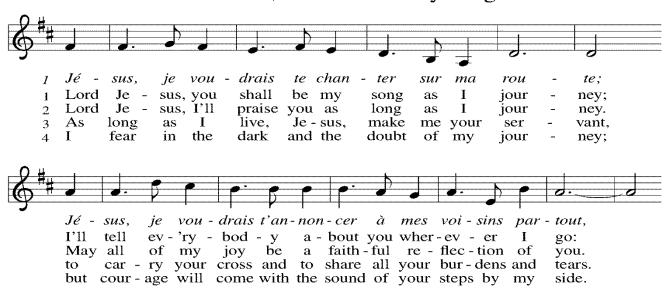
Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", p. 17, by Marty Haugen

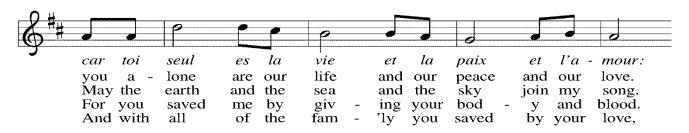


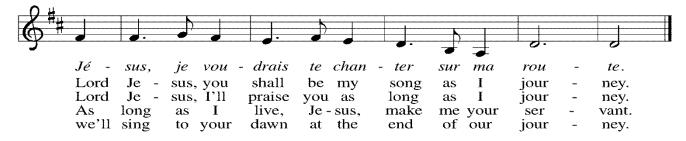
Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

ELW, #808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song







- 2 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route; Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie, et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel; Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.
- 3 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais partager les soufrances de ta croix, car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.
- 4 Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans le nuit près de moi, jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931 Music: Les Petites Soeurs, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community Text and music © 1987 Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville

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. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

Sending Song: ELW, #813



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4 Music: St. Catherine, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain Text sts. 2–4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share your bread. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Gail Larson

Worship Assistants next week (3/3/24:
Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson

Lector - Patte Wagner Lector - TBA

Communion Assistant - Cheryl Weisse Communion Assistant - TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen Musician – Dinah Helgeson

Cantors - Marita Ericksen, Rev. John Barich Cantors - TBA

Communion Set Up – Gail Larson Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

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. <u>Vashon Care Network</u> – 206-473-8715. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<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. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>, 206.304-4544.

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

3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 14, 11:00 AM

Ash Wednesday Service @ VLC

1st, 9:00 AM – noon

Lutheran Quilters Group

Mar. 20, 7:00 PM VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC

4th, 5:00 PM IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

LENT – EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEB 28 – MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE SERVICE @ Vashon

Presbyterian Church

MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and

preaching)

MAR 25, 26, 27- MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC

MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC

MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ Vashon Presbyterian Church W/ VLC & CHS

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON

MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS MAR 31 – EASTER BRUNCH 9:00 AM @ VLC

MAR 31 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for Feb. 25, 2024

ELW, 514 O Word of God Incarnate

ELW, 803, v. 1, 3 & 4 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW, 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW, 813 Faith of Our Fathers