

# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Vashon Lutheran Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025, 10:30 AM

**PRELUDE**

Marita Ericksen

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

**GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✙ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **C: Amen.**

**CANDLELIGHTING**

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

*Gathering Hymn (next page):*

**ELW, #805**

## Lead On, O King Eternal!

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the voices.

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



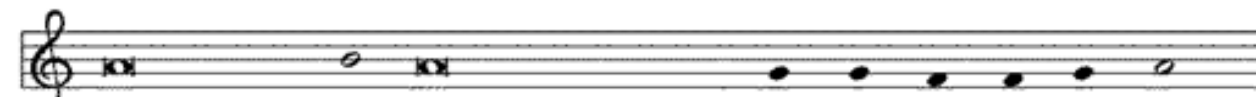
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



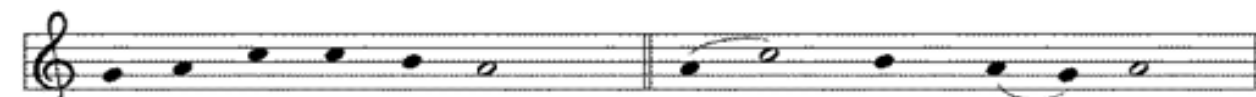
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

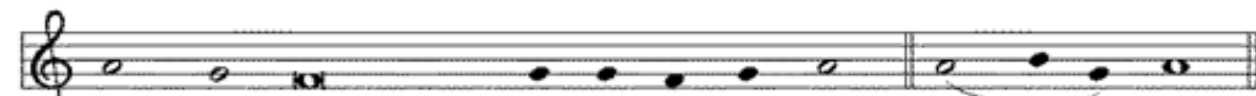


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

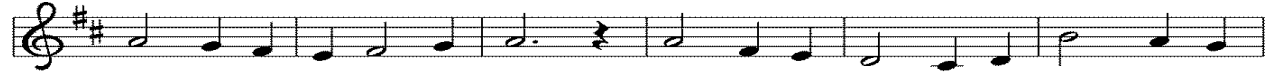


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.


All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

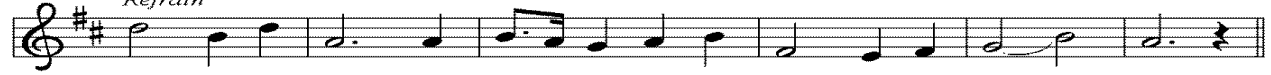


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and 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. **C: Amen.** *Congregation sits*

## FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

Roger Gebhard, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 16.

L: During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any

more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** *Congregation stands as able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*ELW, P. 151*



**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 14.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

**Message:**

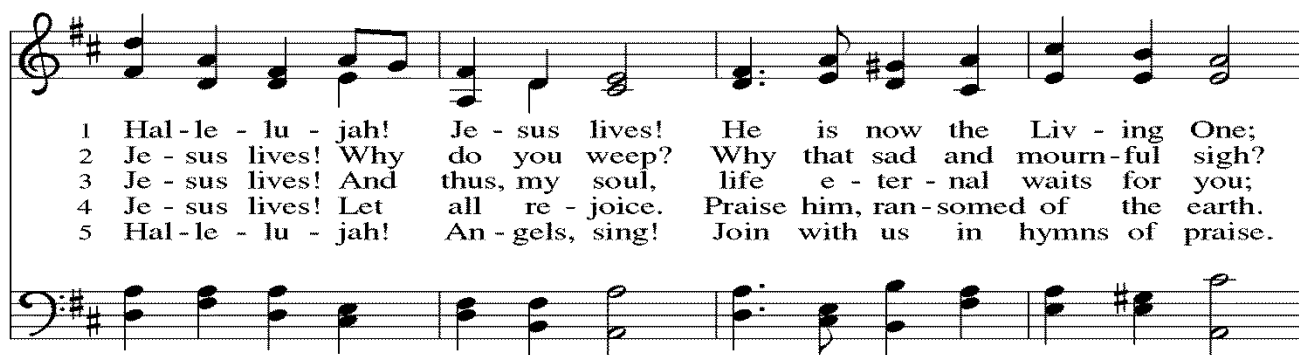
Rev. John Michael Barich

*Congregation stands as able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY (next page):**

*ELW, #380 vs. 1, 3 & 5*

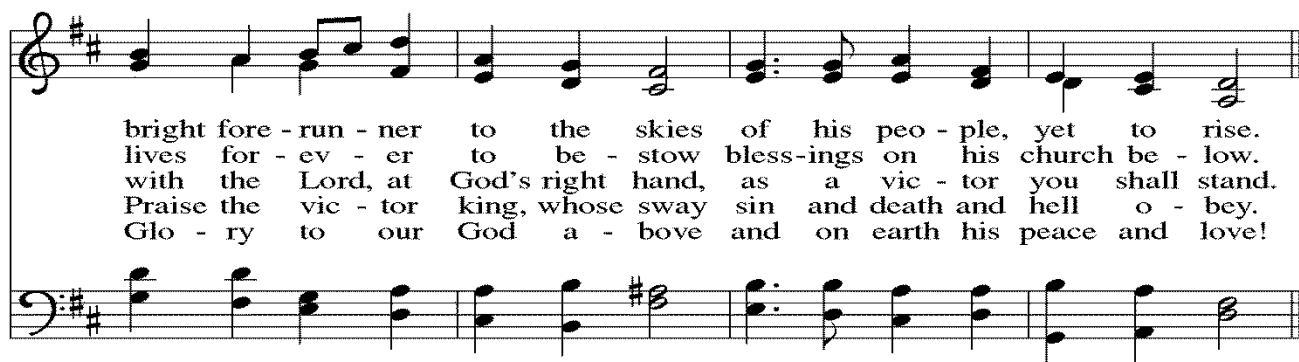
## Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

### 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. *Please sit.***



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Patte Wagner, Assisting Minister (A)

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: Children of God, what is on your hearts this morning? What else shall we pray for? (*Prayers of thanksgiving/petition may be offered aloud here*).... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

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

P: Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

**OFFERING RESPONSE**(*next page*):

**ELW, #685, vs. 1, 3 & 4**

## Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

### OFFERING PRAYER:

**P:** Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Rev. John Michael Barich

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

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

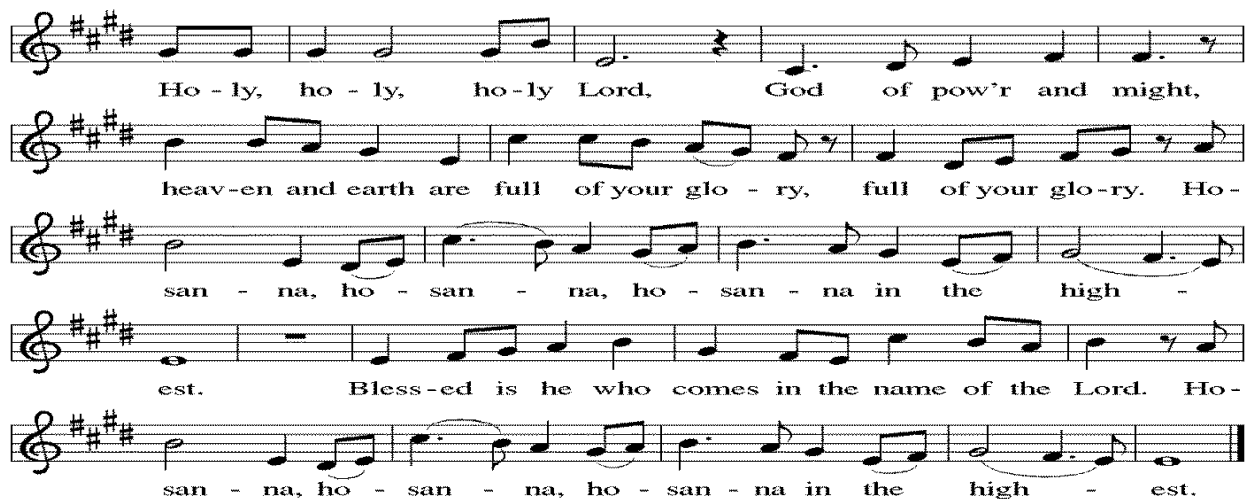
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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...(next page)*

*ELW, p. 190*



### 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.

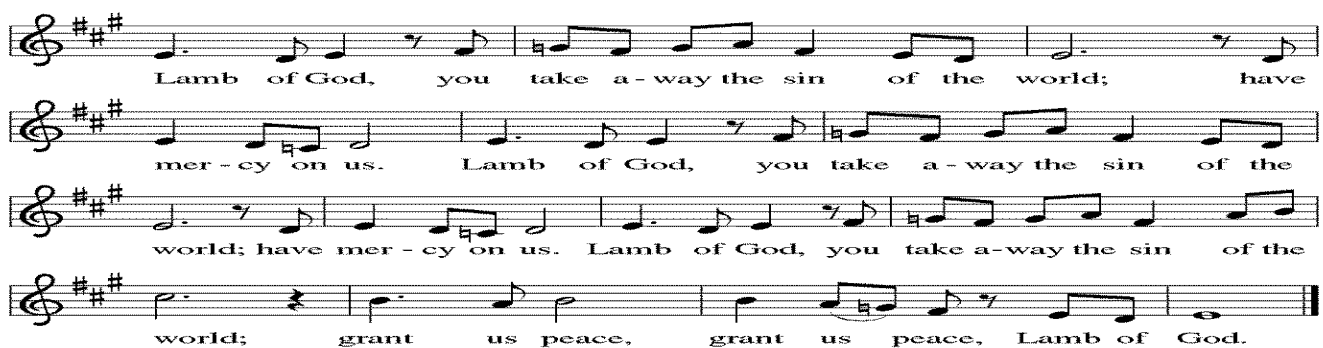
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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.

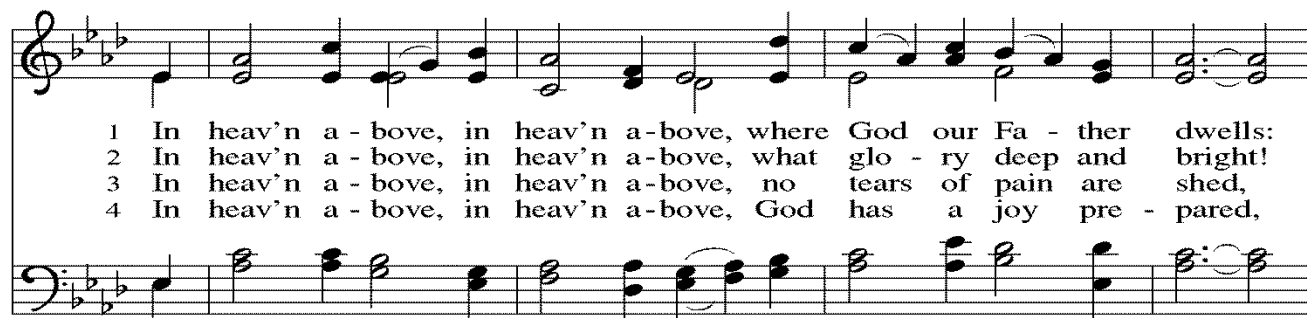
*Congregation Sits*

### Communion Hymn #1:

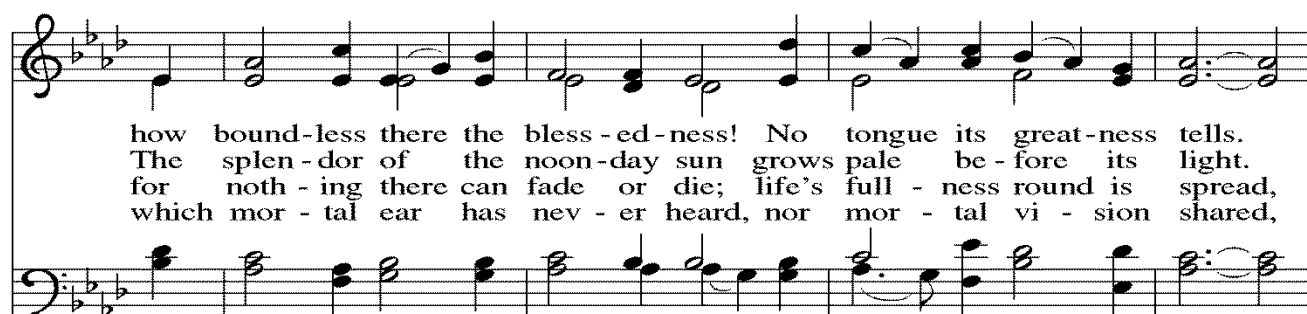
*ELW, p. 191*



## In Heaven Above



1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:  
 2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!  
 3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,  
 4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great - ness tells.  
 The splen - dor of the noon - day sun grows pale be - fore its light.  
 for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,  
 which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -  
 The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose  
 and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -  
 which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!  
 mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888  
 Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune; arr. Elmer T. R. Hanke, 1901–1958  
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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. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C: Amen.**

## BLESSING:

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **C: Amen**

*Sending Song:*

*ELW, #815*

### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some lines having multiple parts for different voices. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*(Refrain on next page)*

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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## **DISMISSAL:**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **POSTLUDE:**

Marita Ericksen

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### **Worship Assistants Today:**

**Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich**  
**Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner**  
**Lector – Roger Gebhard**  
**Communion Assistant – Cheryl Weise**  
**Usher – Jim Dam**  
**Musician – Marita Ericksen**  
**Cantor – Nancy Lee Spears**  
**Communion Set Up – Judy Carr**

### **Worship Assistants Easter Sunday(6/1/2025):**

**Guest Preacher – Rev. John Michael Barich**  
**Assisting Minister – TBA**  
**Lector – Roger Gebhard**  
**Communion Assistant – TBA**  
**Usher – Jim Dam**  
**Musician – Dinah Helgeson**  
**Cantor – Dianne Kutzke**  
**Communion Set Up – TBA**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday morning Bible study, is led by Roger Gebhard, 9:45 - 10:15 AM. All are invited to join in the study, which will focus on the scripture readings of the day.

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

IFCH Dinner Program - VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Cheryl Weise: [cheryl.weise@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.weise@gmail.com).

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

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - 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 Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

### SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup>

9:45 AM – 10: 15 AM

10:30 AM

6:30 – 8:30 PM

August 3

Food Bank Sunday

Bible Study w/ Roger Gebhard

Worship Service

AA Group

VLC Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

### MONDAY

4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

VCN Board Meeting

### TUESDAY

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group

Vashon Quilting Group

### WEDNESDAY

1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – noon

Lutheran Quilters Group

### THURSDAY

June 26 , 5:00 PM

6:30-7:30 PM

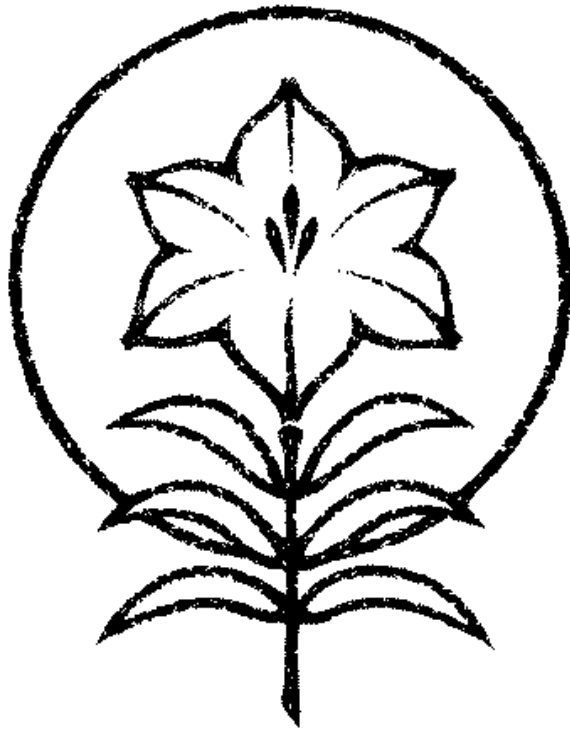
IFCH Dinner at Vashon Presbyterian Church

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC

### FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



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## Hymns for May 25, 2025

ELW, 805

Lead On, Oh King Eternal

ELW, 380, v. 1, 3 & 5

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW, 685, v. 1, 3 & 4

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW, 630

In Heaven Above

ELW, 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light