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PRELUDE:

Lisa Peretti- Stephenson

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gail Larson, Lay Leader

Pastor (P): Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Pastor Chris Ode

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ELW, #582

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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):

Congregation sings refrains

Roger Gebhard, 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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: Matthew 5:21-37

Pastor Chris Ode

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated*

MESSAGE:

Pastor Chris Ode

Congregation stands as able

Hymn of the Day:

ELW, 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your

2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is

3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.

still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.

ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

C: 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. *Be seated*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

June Langland, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. We especially remember those for whom we pray either silently or aloud... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be life-giving for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Offertory/Offering (next page):

ELW, #481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

Congregation Stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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

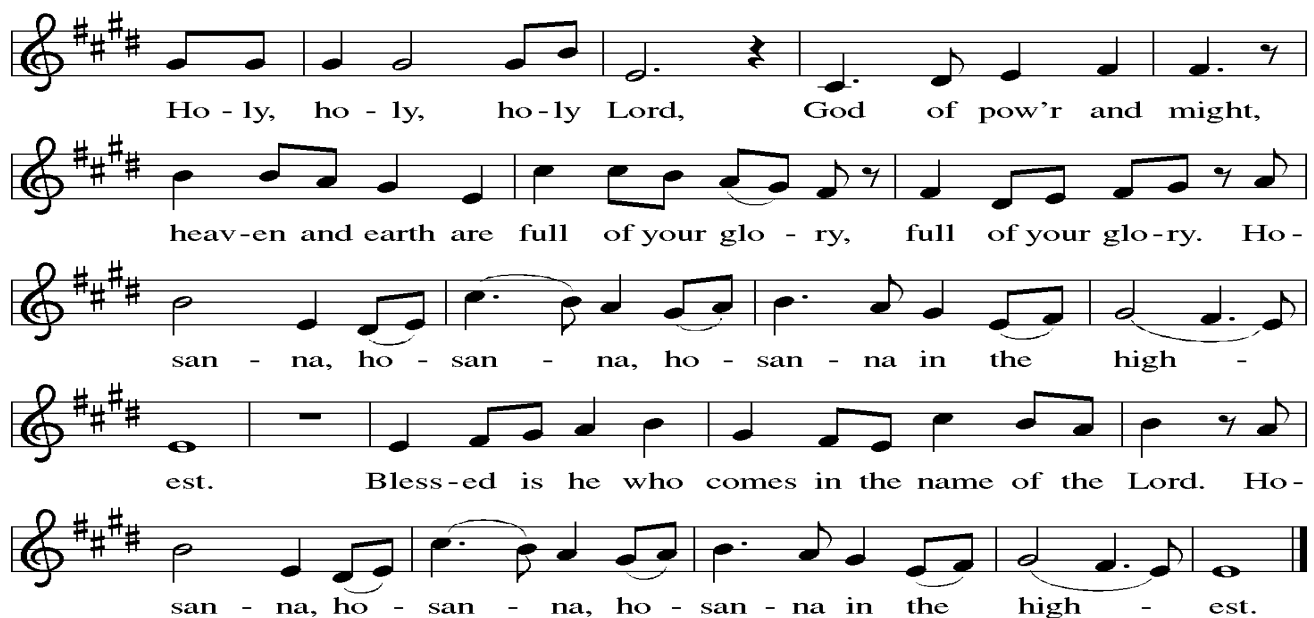
P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY :



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/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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion: P: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who 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, #818

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

D: Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

D: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song:

ELW, #632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Lisa Peretti-Stephenson

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Worship Assistants Today:

Guest Pastor – Pastor Chris Ode
Assisting Minister – June Langland
Lector – Hazel Nelson
Communion Assistant – Cheryl Weise
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Lisa Peretti Stephenson
Cantor – Roger Gebhard
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice
Flowers – Gary & Marlee Koch

Worship Assistants next week (2/19/23):

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken
Assisting Minister – Harriet Nelson
Lectors – TBA
Communion Assistants – TBA
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantor –
Communion Set Up – TBA
Flowers – Gary & Marlee Koch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Pastor Chris Ode, for leading us in worship today!

VLC annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, right after the worship service. Hard copies of the most recent VLC Constitution/Bylaws and the minutes from the last congregational meeting are available on the information table in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served.

Sunday Bible study today, Feb. 5., 9:15 – 10:00 AM. Roger Gebhard leads the class today. Rev. Thomas M. Aitken will lead the class Sunday, Feb. 19 & Feb. 26. Coffee and refreshments included. All are welcome!

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 if you wish to help. IFCH will provide containers for packaging the food into meal-to-go bags.

AARP Free Tax Preparation – Thursdays, February 9 – April 7, 2023. Open between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. By appointment: vashonaarp@gmail.com.

Giving Your Offering – If you would like to continue giving an offering to VLC, our mailing address is: Vashon Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 2930, Vashon, WA 98070.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

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

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
9:15 – 10:00 AM, beginning Feb. 5, 2023
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Feb. 19, 2023, 11:30 AM

Food Bank Sunday
Bible Study Class
Worship and Coffee Hour
AA Group
VLC Annual Congregational Meeting

MONDAY

10:00 AM
Feb. 13, 6:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
Mission Planning Committee ZOOM Mtg.

TUESDAY

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

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon

Feb. 15, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group

Council ZOOM Meeting

THURSDAY

Feb. 9 – Apr. 7, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Feb. 23, 5:00 PM

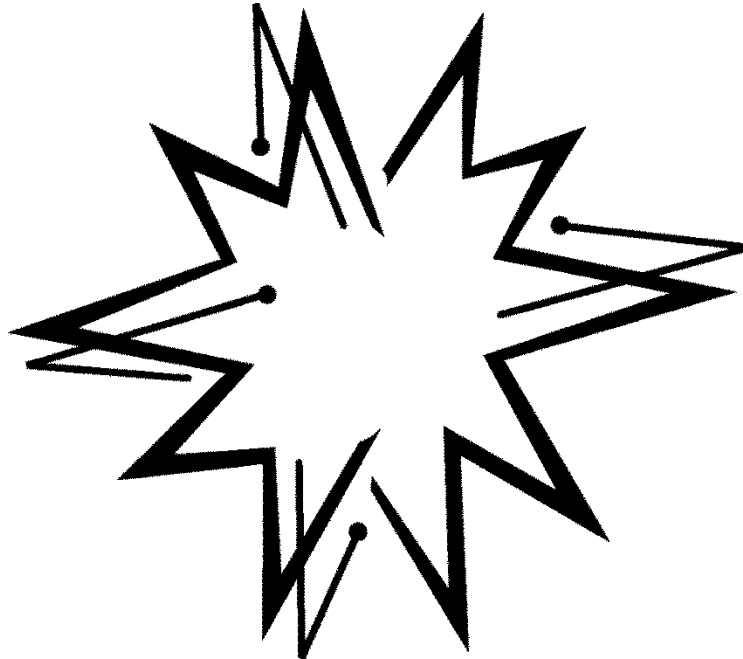
AARP Free Tax Prep, by appointment

IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



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Hymns for Feb. 12, 2023

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ELW, 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW, 481

Come to the Table

ELW, 818

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