VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 3, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Marita Ericksen

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Rev. Wayne Bacus

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, \(\frac{1}{2}\) Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn (next page):

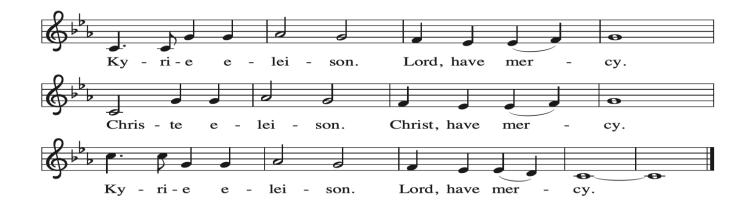
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Son of God, Eternal Savior



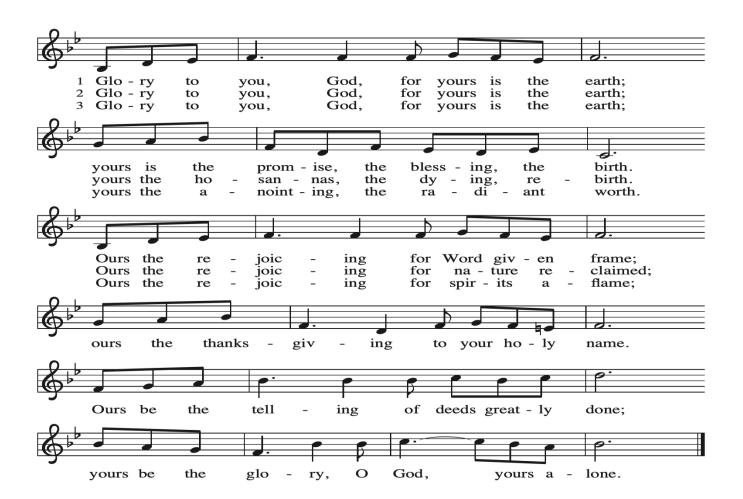
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



Song of Praise:

ACS, p. 31



PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen. Congregation sits**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Patte Wagner, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 15.

L: O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

*I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me; *examine my heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes; *I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, *nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of | evildoers; *I will not sit down | with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in inno- cence, O LORD,

*that I may go in procession | round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *and recounting all your won-derful deeds.

LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glo-ry abides.

L: A reading from Romans, Chapter 12.

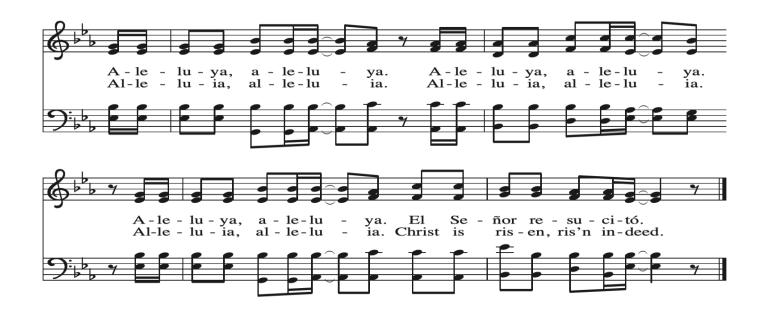
L: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.****Please stand as able**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Wayne Bacus

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 16. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me;

for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

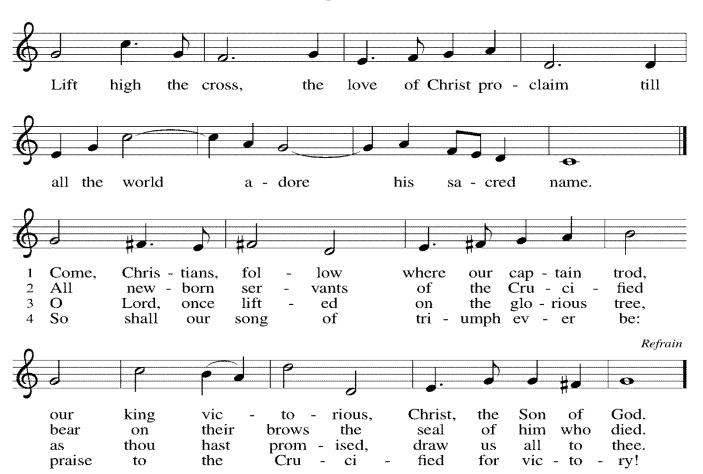
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HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW, #660

Lift High the Cross



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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. <u>Please sit</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

June Langland, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors..

A: God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

- P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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.



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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

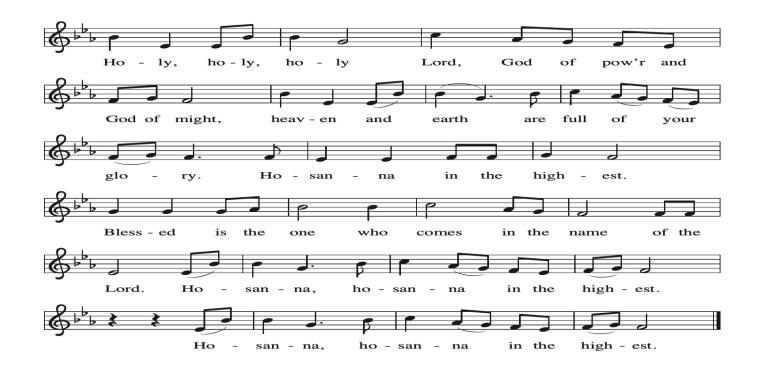
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

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.

PREFACE:

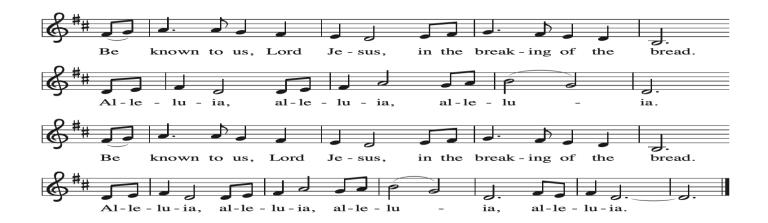
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



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.

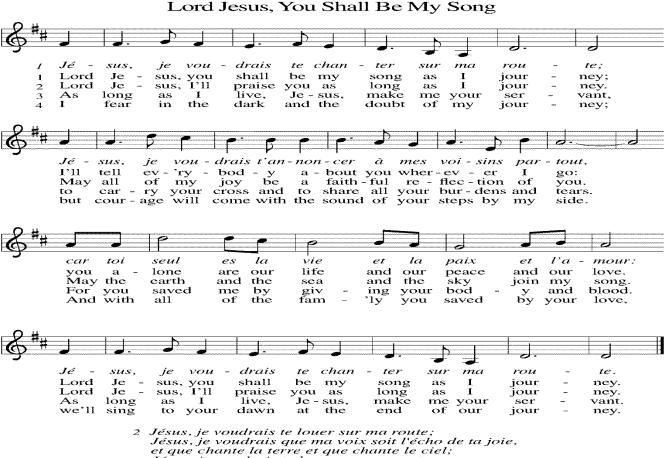
 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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 #2:

ELW, #808





- Jésus, je voudrais te louêr 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.

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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:

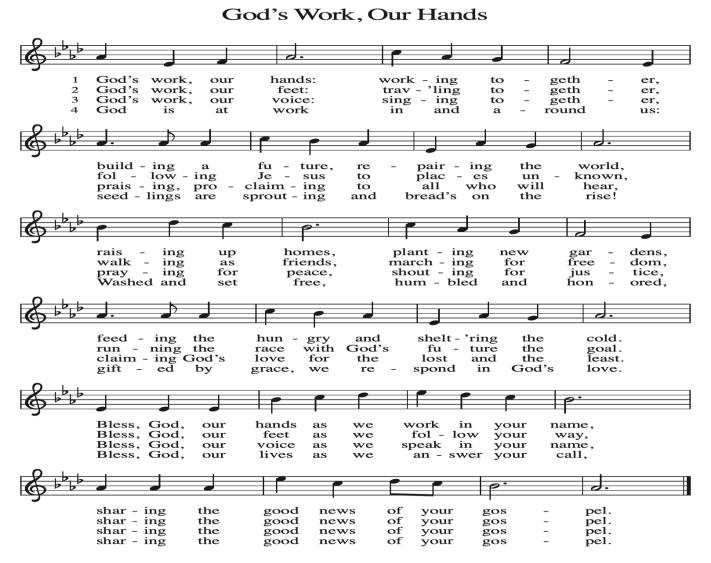
P: Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: The God of glory,

Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you bless you now and forever. C: Amen

Sending Song: ACS, #1000



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DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants next week (9/10/23):

Worship Assistants Today:

Guest Pastor – Rev. Wayne Bacus Guest Pastor – Rev. Susan Wanwig

Assisting Minister – June Langland Assisting Minister – TBA

Lector – Patte Wagner Lector – TBA

Communion Assistant – Gail Larson Communion Assistant – TBA

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen Musician – Dinah Helgeson Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch Cantor – Marita Ericksen

Communion Set Up – Gail Larson Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. Wayne Bacus 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 five 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. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>Prayer & Healing Service</u> – Rev. Jeff Larson PhD is offering a healing service on the <u>first Weds. of the month, beginning Sept. 6</u>, at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Sat., Sept. 16, 2023 we're having our annual rummage sale. Please leave items near the back entrance of the fellowship hall, but don't block the door. No clothing items. ??, Call June Langland at 206-463-5850.

The Vashon Care Network is hosting the Christine Jovanovich Memorial Seminar on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2:00–3:30 PM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 16100 115th Ave. SW. Guest speaker is Robin VanHyning, MSN, RN, CEO, Cornerstone Healthcare Training Company, LLC. Topic: "Speaking of Your Mind"; Understand the Many Manifestations of Dementia & Alzheimer's. For more information: www.vashoncarenetwork.org.

All adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities are invited to a Harvest Party Sun., Oct. 8th, 2-4 PM. Hosted by Hershey Housing with Granny's grant funds. Our goal is to create social opportunities for this community & this will be our first. Any adults with IDD are welcome to come with their caregiver to enjoy music, crafts & snacks. Blythe Deines, phone: #719-650-1364; email: hersheyhousing@gmail.com.

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

Sept. 11, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

VHS 50th Class Reunion Event

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 1st, 6:30 PM Sept. 20, 7:00 PM

Prayer & Healing Service
VLC Council Meeting

Lutheran Quilters Group

THURSDAY

Sept. 28, 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 Sept. 3, 2023

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ELW, 660 Lift High the Cross

ACS, 970 We Come Now to Your Table

ACS, p. 40 Be Known to Us, Lord

ELW, 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ACS, 1000 God's Work, Our Hands