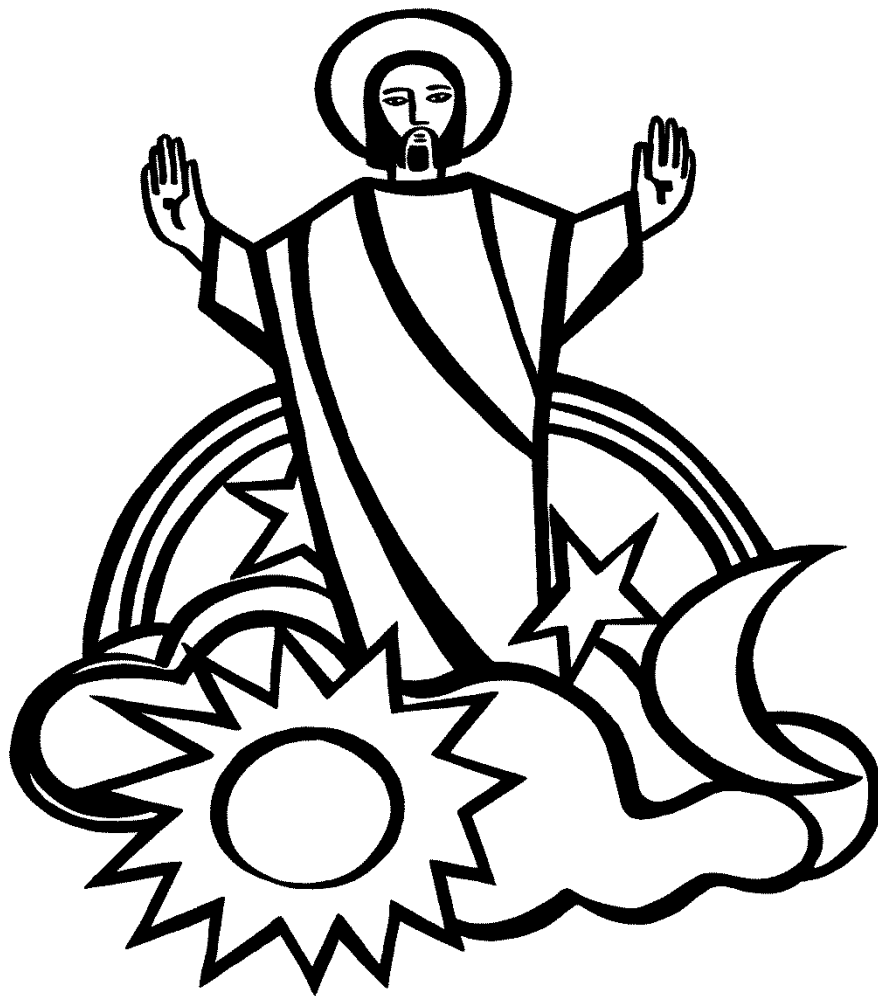


# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**First Sunday an Advent**

**Dec. 3, 2023**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**Vashon Lutheran Church  
First Sunday in Advent  
Dec. 3, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

Dinah Helgeson

*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

**CANDLELIGHTING**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW, #257, V. 1 & Refrain*

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor

*Cantor: Verse 1- O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

*Congregation: Refrain - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel.*

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING:**

Janet Williams

**GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jack Kirkman, Lay Leader

*Congregation stands as able*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Rev. Susan Wanwig

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation. C: **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. C: **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn (next page):**

**ELW, #246, v. 1, 3 & 5**

## Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par-don down from heav'n.  
 4 So, when next he comes in glo-ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son

"Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
 Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all, to be for-giv'n;  
 he will shield us with his mer-cy and with words of love draw near.  
 with the ev-er-last-ing Spir-it while un-end-ing a-ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
 Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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:**

*ACS, p. 31*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Song of Praise (next page):*

*ACS, p. 31*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant - worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Congregation sits*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9**

Marlee Koch, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 64.

L: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
 so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—  
 to make your name known to your adversaries,  
 so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
 no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.  
 You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.  
 But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
 We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
 There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

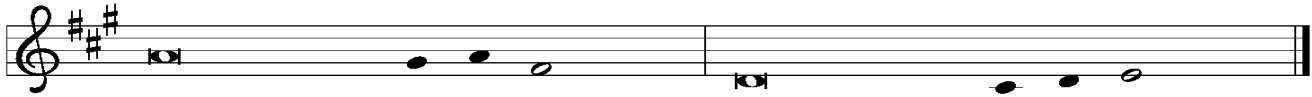
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph<sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
\*shine forth, you that are enthroned up-<sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,<sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,**  
\*stir up your strength and<sup>1</sup> come to help us.

Restore<sup>1</sup> us, O God; \*let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

**O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts, \*how long will your anger fume when your<sup>1</sup> people pray?**

You have fed them with the<sup>1</sup> bread of tears; \*you have given them bowls of<sup>1</sup> tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision<sup>1</sup> of our neighbors, \*and our enemies laugh<sup>1</sup> us to scorn.**

Restore us, O<sup>1</sup> God of hosts; \*let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the one at<sup>1</sup> your right hand,**

\*the one you have made so strong<sup>1</sup> for yourself.

And so will we never turn a-<sup>1</sup> way from you; \*give us life, that we may call up-<sup>1</sup> on your name.

**Restore us, O LORD<sup>1</sup> God of hosts; \*let your face shine upon us, and we<sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Marlee Koch, Lector

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1.

L: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (next page):**

**ACS, P. 14**

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

Rev. Susan Wanwig

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 13. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said:] “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Congregation sits

**MESSAGE:**

Rev. Susan Wanwig

*Hymn of the Day (next page):*

*ELW, #244, v. 1, 2 & 4*

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

### 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:

Judy Carr, Assisting Minister (A)

A: With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

A: Call your church into holy fellowship as we await the restoration of all things. Reenergize your faithful people to live with hope and compassion, especially those who serve as missionaries near and far. Center us on your promise to come among us and make all things new. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: All creation signals your presence, O God: the vastness of the cosmos, the turn of the seasons, and living things that both rest and flourish. Rekindle our commitment to care for the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Let the nations tremble at your holy presence, that justice and liberation prevail in all corners of the earth. Restore peace to nations in conflict, teach righteousness to corrupt leaders and systems, and bring stability to areas facing uncertain futures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Enrich the spirits of all who feel hopeless, fearful, or despairing. Stay close to those who await healing or relief. Deliver all in any need. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, stargazers, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **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.

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*next page*):  
(*Sing 3X*)

**ELW, #262**



## Wait for the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

Text: Taizé Community  
Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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### OFFERING PRAYER:

**P:** Let us pray. **God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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(next page):*

*ACS, p. 41*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #715

Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
 church gath - ered to - day.

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 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell  
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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. Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✚ remain upon you now and forever. **C: Amen**

*Sending Song:*

*ELW, #239*

**Hark, the Glad Sound!**

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates - 'ry of brass be -  
soul - to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to, en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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### Worship Assistants Today:

Guest Pastor – Rev. Susan Wanwig  
Assisting Minister – Judy Carr  
Lector – Marlee Koch  
Communion Assistant – Janet Williams  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Dinah Helgeson  
Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch  
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

### Worship Assistants next week (12/10/23):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich  
Assistant Minister – Sindy Rice  
Lector – Dianne Kutzke  
Communion Assistant – Janet Williams  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Dinah Helgeson  
Cantor – Roger Gebhard  
Communion Set Up – TBA

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. Susan Wanwig for your participation in worship today at VLC!

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 Patte Wagner: [pattewags@aol.com](mailto:pattewags@aol.com) to help.

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

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

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. Support circles are Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at Vashon Lutheran. ?? Contact Kathy Shafel, [kshafel@comcast.net](mailto:kshafel@comcast.net), cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, [victoriansmith@comcast.net](mailto:victoriansmith@comcast.net), 206.304-4544

Vashon Island Chorale's 66 singers, pianist Linda Lee & director Dr. Gary D. Cannon present “A Pacific Northwest Christmas” at the Kay White Theater Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30pm & Sun., Dec. 10, 3pm. The program is by Pacific Northwest composers with choral pieces about winter & Christmas. McMurray Middle School choir will sing *Remembering Decembers* by Pinkzebra. There are sing-along opportunities for all!

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

#### SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup>  
10:30 AM  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday  
Worship  
AA Group

#### MONDAY

10:00 AM  
4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group  
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  
Dec. 6, 6:30 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group  
Prayer & Healing Service

Dec. 20, 7:00 PM

VLC Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM

4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC  
IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



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Hymns for Dec. 3, 2023

ELW, 257, v.1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW, 246 , v. 1,3 & 5

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

ELW, 244, v. 1, 2 & 4

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW, 262 (3X)

Wait for the Lord

ACS, p. 40

Be Known to Us, Lord

ELW, 715

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW, 239

Hark! The Glad Sound