

# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GOD'S LOVE IS INCLUSIVE, EVER ABUNDANT, AND MEANT  
TO BE EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR ACTIONS IN THE WORLD.

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**Vashon Lutheran Church**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent Mar. 22, 2026, 10:30 AM**

*Prelude*

Dinah Helgeson

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

**GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. John Michael Barich

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen. (Stand as able)**

**CANDLELIGHTING**

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

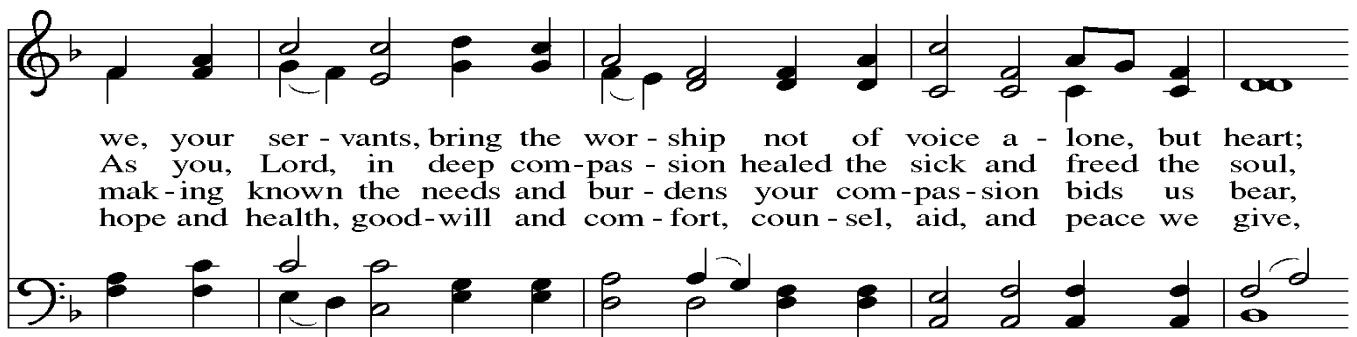
## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



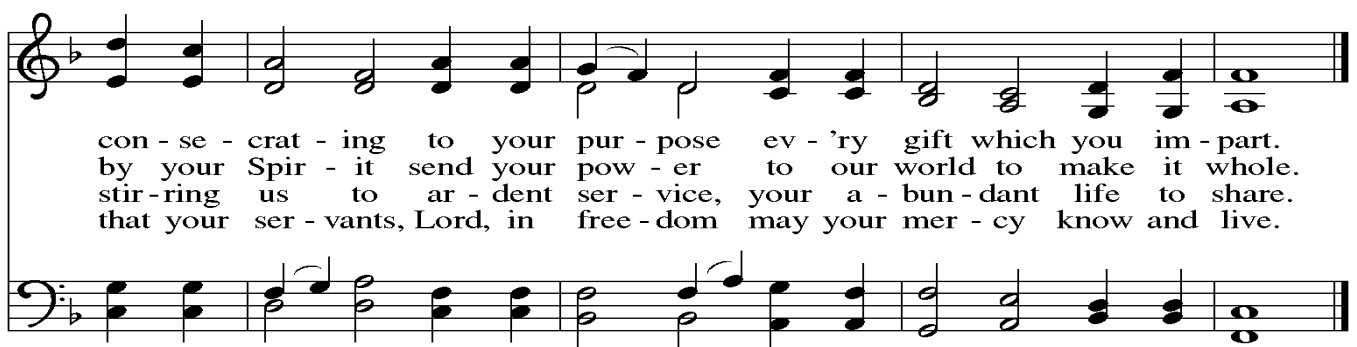
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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.

MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson

Refrain

Have mer - cy on this fal - len world. Have mercy on us. Have

mer - cy on this fal - len world, mer - cy Lord have mercy on us.

Verse

For all of the days that have fal - len a - part, have mer - cy.  
For all who have fears that come with the night, have mer - cy.

For ev - e - ry life, for ev - e - ry heart, have mer - cy.  
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mer - cy.

For all those who hun - ger and strug - gle each day, have mer - cy.  
For all of cre - a - tion through fam - ine or feast, have mer - cy.

For all of the times that we turn a - way.  
For all of the world to live in your peace.

to Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Patte Wagner, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel, Chapter 37.

L: The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

**PSALM 130** (*congregation reads the dark print*)

Patte Wagner, Lector

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**C: O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

L: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

L: O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**C: For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**(*next page*)

Patte Wagner, Lector

Lector: A reading from Romans, Chapter 8.

L: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

*LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:*

*ACS, P. 33*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

**GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 11. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated)*

**Message:**

Rev. John Michael Barich

*(Please stand as able)*

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

***ELW, #333***

## Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

*Refrain - All*



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

*Leader or All*

1	No one can do like Je - sus,	not a
2	When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . .	the . .
3	Yon - der comes my Sav - ior,	him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

*Refrain*



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

### 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:

Gail Larson, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A: We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. 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: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

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

**OFFERING RESPONSE:**

*ELW, #480*

**O Bread of Life from Heaven**

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

**OFFERING PRAYER** (*next page*) :

P: Let us pray. C: **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*next page*):

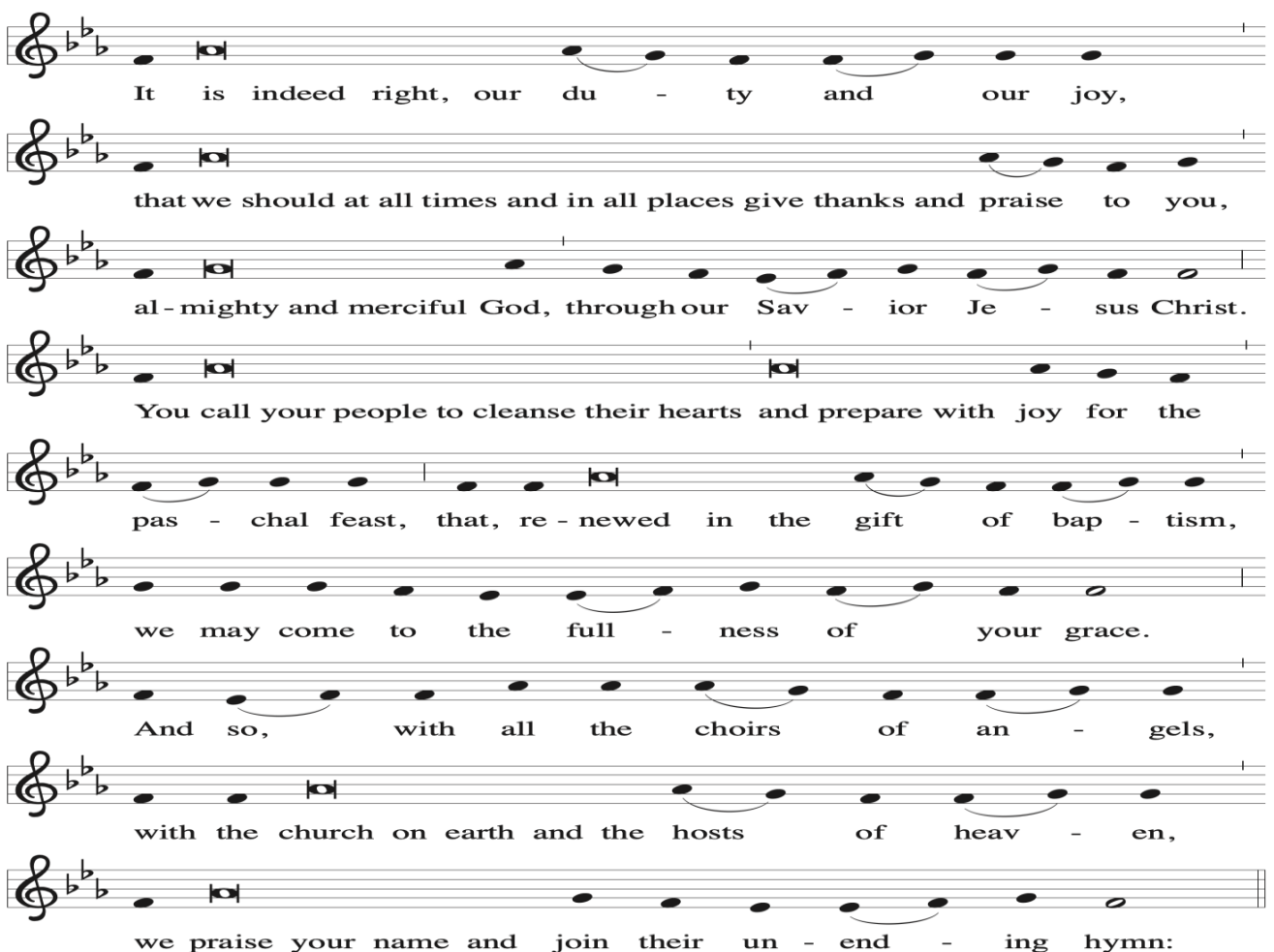
Rev. John Michael Barich, Cantor



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE:** (Rev. John Michael Barich, Cantor)

*ACS, Lent, Setting 12*



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
pas - chal feast, that, re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,  
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing 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 sing the prayer Jesus taught us:

*(The Lord's Prayer, by Albert Hay Malotte.)*

*TFF, #33*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, 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 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):*

*ELW, p. 191*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #485

## I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un-less . . . you . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res-ur-rec-tion, . . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be-lieve that . . .

come to me shall not the hun-ger, and who be-  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . and . . .  
I . . . . am the life. . . . If you be-  
you . . . . are the Christ, . . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his  
lieve . . . . in . . . me, e-ven . . though you  
Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . .

me un-less the Fa-ther beck-ons."  
ev-er, . . . . you shall live for-ev-er."  
blood, you shall not have life with-in you."  
die, . . . . you shall live for-ev-er."  
come in-to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .

Refrain on next page

*Refrain*  
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6  
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM  
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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. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING:** P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

*Sending Song:*

*ELW, #886, vs. 1-4*

### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

**Dismissal: P:** Go in peace. Believe the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude:***

Dinah Helgeson

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**Worship Assistants Today:**

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich  
Assisting Minister – Gail Larson  
Lector – Patte Wagner  
Communion Assistant – Reidar Dittmann  
Usher - Jim Dam  
Musician – Dinah Helgeson  
Communion Set Up – Dianne Kutzke

**Worship Assistants next Sunday (3/29/2026):**

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich  
Assisting Minister – TBA  
Lector – Harriet Shull Nelson  
Communion Assistant – TBA  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Dinah Helgeson  
Communion Set Up – TBA

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich,** for your leadership in worship today!

**Sunday Bible study group today, Mar. 8, 9:45 – 10:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Contact Gail Larson (206/852-4967)** with your prayer requests.

**IFCH Dinner Program** - VLC will provide a meal at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thursday 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).

**AARP Tax Services:** To schedule an appointment to have taxes done, email [vashonaarp@gmail.com](mailto:vashonaarp@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:victoriansmith@comcast.net).

**VLC is hosting a community *Service of Lament, Remembrance, and Hope*, Weds. March 25 at 7:00pm.** “It will be a time to both grieve and be strengthened: Hurt and anger are twins. Corporately lamenting the violence imbedded in our country and world is supporting and brings honesty and healing. Remembering those who have died grants us an opportunity to respect and honor their lives, and words of hope move us beyond stagnation, strengthening us for constructive action in our communities.” - Retired Bishop Tom Aitken, ELCA. All are invited to this service of candle-lighting, scripture, songs, meditation and healing.

**Repairers of the Breach, led by Bishop William Barber,** have been practicing **Moral Mondays** across the country. Repairers of the Breach would like to start some Moral Monday events in western Washington. They consist of a short public vigil/prayer, usually held at a state capitol building or local politician’s offices, such as in Seattle. They are generally led by clergy. Maia Syfers of the Vashon Unitarian Universalists is in touch with Repairers of the Breach and has been contacting island churches and area UU congregations. The plan is to meet with interested parties (on zoom if easier) to organize a first Moral Monday. Maia is the liaison with Repairers of the Breach. Hope for an initial event in April or in May. **Contact Maia if interested - 206-259-0137.**

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:45 AM – 10: 15 AM**

**10:30 AM**

**March 29, 7:30 PM**

**Food Bank Sunday**

**Bible Study in Fellowship Hall**

**Worship Service**

**Vashon Island Chorale at VCA’s Inv. Choral Festival**

Today, noon  
 Today, 1:00 PM  
 6:30 – 8:30 PM

MONDAY  
 Mar. 23, 6:00-8:00 PM

TUESDAY  
 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – noon

WEDNESDAY  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – noon  
 Mar. 25, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY  
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Mar. 26, 5:00 PM  
 6:30-7:30 PM

FRIDAY  
 7:00 – 8:30 PM

SATURDAY  
 March 28, 7:30 PM

VLC Council Meeting  
 Combined Choir Rehearsal for Mar. 25 at VLC  
 AA Group

Care Network Meeting

Quilt Sewers Group  
 Vashon Quilting Group

Lutheran Quilters Group  
 Service of Lament, Remembrance & Hope

AARP Tax Services in the Fellowship Hall  
 IFCH dinner served at Vashon Presbyterian Ch.  
 VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC

AA Group for Men

Garfield's Ultraviolet and Seattle Pro Musica Choirs  
 at VCA's Invitational Choral Festival

Send



New life

Spring brings new life. The word *lent* means spring. The seeds we plant look dead, but they will be living plants with the sun and rain sent by God.

Katie is puzzled. She bought packets of flower seeds and accidentally mixed them up.



Draw a line between the matching packets that will give her the same kind of flowers.



Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us new life. Amen

This week

Do a yard or neighborhood search for new spring plants and other signs of spring. New life is coming!



gather

Welcome to worship.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the . Those who believe in even though they will and everyone who and believes in will never .

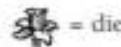
John 11:25-26a



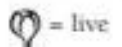
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= me



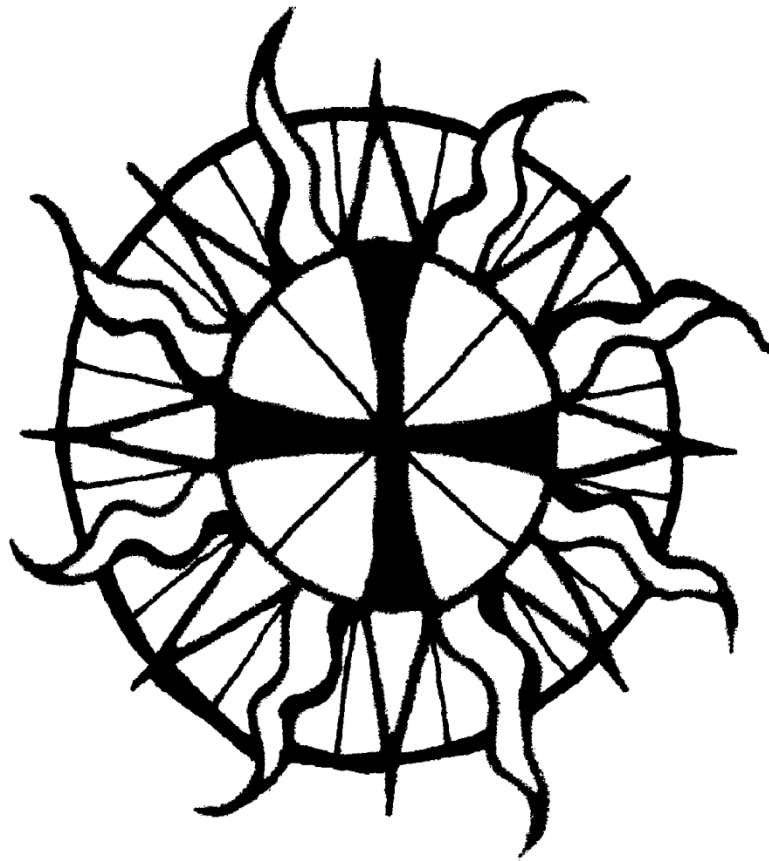
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= live

During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.



**Vashon Lutheran Church**

**Care Pastor: Rev. John Michael Barich**

**Sunday Bible Study: 9:45- 10:15 AM  
Worship Service at 10:30 AM**

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2930, Vashon WA 98070**

**Street Address: 18623 Vashon Hwy. SW, Vashon 98070  
Church office hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., 10:00 AM – 3 PM**

**Phone: (206) 463-2655; Care Pastor: (206) 422-1974**

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Website: [www.vashonlutheran.org](http://www.vashonlutheran.org)**

Hymns for March 22, 2026

ELW, 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

DRM, 224

Mercy On This Fallen World

ELW, 333

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW, 480

O Bread of Life from Heaven

TFF, 33

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven (**The Lord's Prayer**)

ELW, 485

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW, 886

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing