VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE INVITE YOU TO BRING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO WORSHIP WITH US.

NO PART OF YOU NEEDS TO BE LEFT AT THE DOOR.

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

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!



Vashon Lutheran Church Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

The image of the good shepherd show us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, on of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE CANDLELIGHTING GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS Congregation stands as able

Jack Kirkman, Lay Leader

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. John Michael Barich

Dinah Helgeson

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,

let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn (next page):

The King of Love My Shepherd Is The of love herd King shep is, whose good - ness 1 my -Where streams of liv flow, 2 ing wa _ ter my ran - somed 3 Per verse and fool _ ish oft Ι strayed, but yet in death's dark with 4 vale fear thee, dear In Т no ill, 2 Ź if fail _ eth Ι noth lack nev _ ing er; soul he lead eth and, where the ver dant love he sought me, and his shoul _ der on Lord, be side thy rod and staff my me, 6 9 Ι his and he mine for ev er. am is pas - tures grow, with food - les tial feed eth. ce laid, home, re -gent -1y and joic ing, brought me. be com - fort still; thy cross fore guide to me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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

KYRIE (next page): fr. "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Dianne Kutzke, Cantor



HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen Dianne Kutzke, Cantor on Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 4.

L: The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** **PSALM: Psalm 23**



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The LORD[|] is my shepherd; *I shall not[|] be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down [|] in green pastures *and leads me be-[|] side still waters. You restore my [|] soul, O LORD, *and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no evil; *for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies; *you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life, *and I will dwell in the house of the [|]LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16--24

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector

L: A reading from 1 John, Chapter 3.

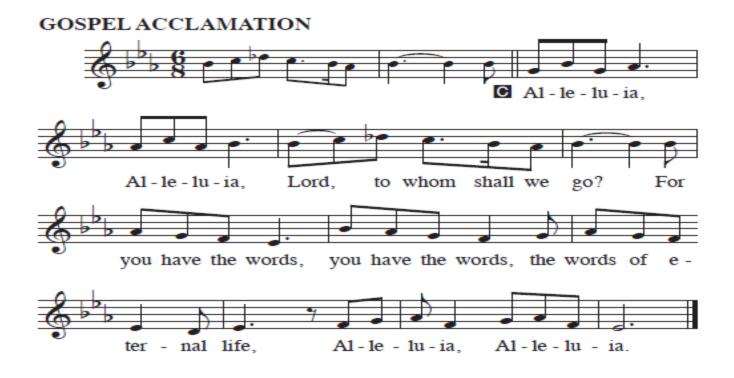
L: We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. Word of God, word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (next page): from "Tree of Life", by Marty Haugen, p. 10



GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Congregation may be seated

MESSAGE:

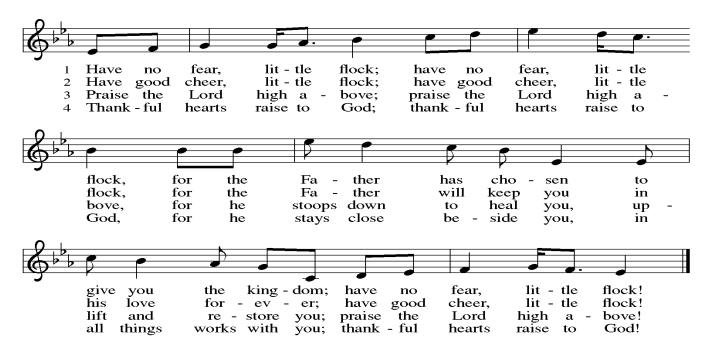
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*Hymn of the Day (next page):

ELW #764

Rev. John Michael Barich

Have No Fear, Little Flock



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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. (*Be seated*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:Harriet Shull Nelson, Assisting Minister (A)A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the
world, and all those in need of good news.

A: Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, hear our prayer.

A: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, hear our prayer.

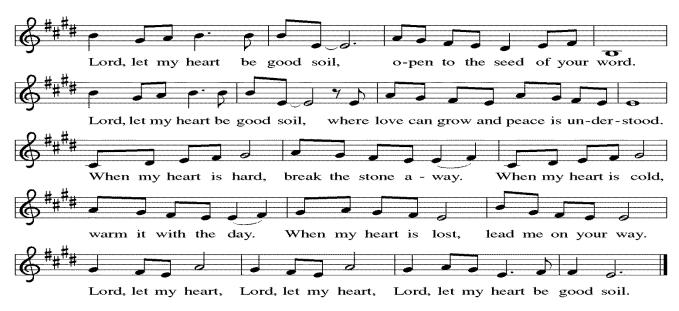
P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. C: Amen.

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:

ELW, #512



Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

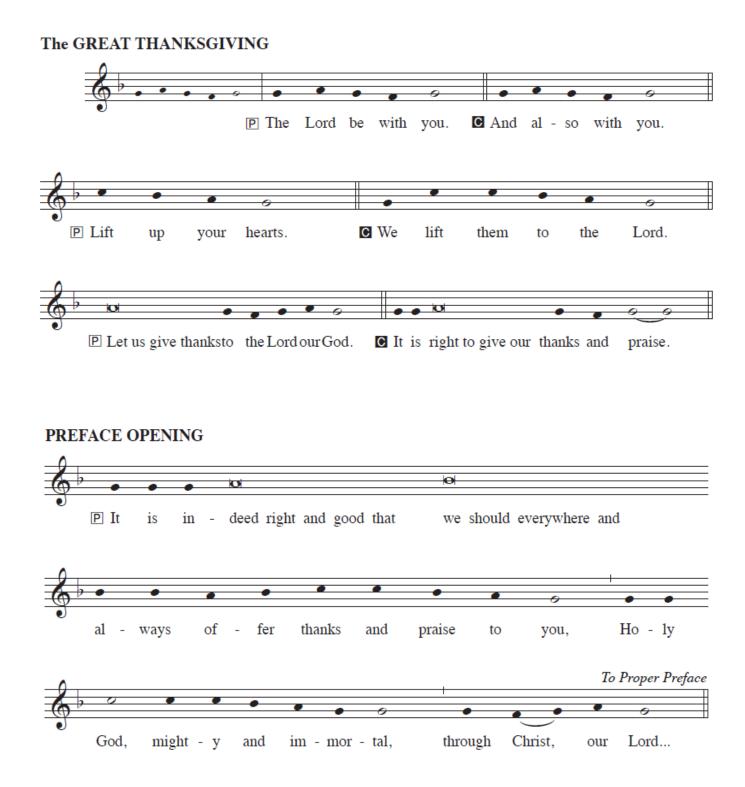
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen. <u>Please stand as able</u>

The Great Thanksgiving: "Tree of Life", p. 18, 20, by M. Haugen Rev. J. M. Barich, Cantor (P)





WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

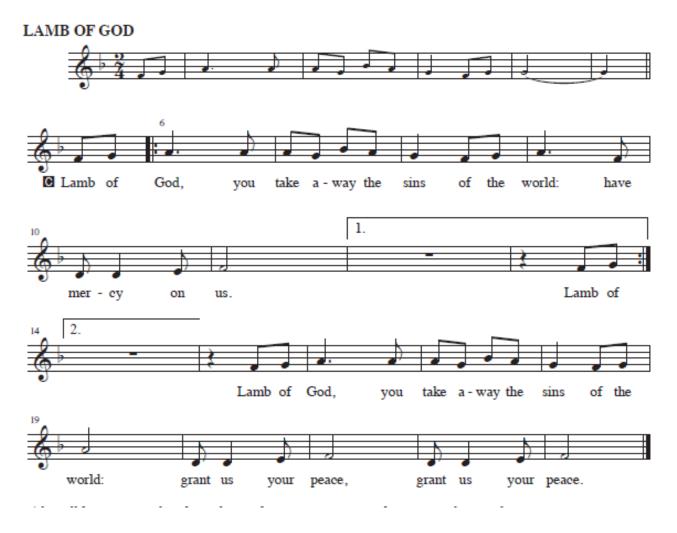
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 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.

Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen



I Am the Bread of Life



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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.** *Congregation stands as able*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy and the Spirit of Easter hope 🕂 bless you now and always. C: Amen

Sending Song:

ELW, #414



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL:

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

SUNDAV

Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants This Morning:	Worship Assistants Next Week (4/28/24):	
Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich	Care Pastor – Rev. Wayne Bacus	
Assisting Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson	Assistant Minister – TBA	
Lector – Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke	Lector – TBA	
Communion Assistant – Janet Williams	Communion Assistant – Janet Williams	
Usher – Jim Dam	Usher – Jim Dam	
Musician – Dinah Helgeson	Musician – Marita Ericksen	
Cantors – Dianne Kutzke, Rev. John Barich	Cantor – TBA	
Communion Set Up – Martha Gebhard	Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich 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 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. <u>Vashon Care Network</u> – 206-473-8715. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP</u> - 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 Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY 1 st 10:30 AM 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Food Bank Sunday Worship Service, followed by coffee & cookies AA Group
MONDAY 10:00 AM 4 th , 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Intercessory Prayer Group VCN Board Meeting
TUESDAY 2 nd , 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 3 rd , 10:00 AM – noon	Quilt Sewers Group Vashon Quilting Group
WEDNESDAY 1 st , 9:00 AM – noon	Lutheran Quilters Group
THURSDAY 6:30-7:30 PM Apr. 25, 5:00 pm April 25, 7:00 PM	VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC VLC Council Meeting via ZOOM
FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:30 PM	AA Group for Men

SATURDAY April 13, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM April 27, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM May 18, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Care Closet Open House & Giveaway Vashon Health Fair, @ Methodist Church Synod Assembly at Grace Lutheran, Des Moines



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ELW, 502	The king of Love My Shepherd Is
ELW, 764	Have No Fear Little Flock
ELW, 512	Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
ELW, 485	I Am the Bread of Life
ELW, 414	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name