

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

Marita Ericksen

CANDLELIGHTING

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. John Michael Barich

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):

ELW, #858, vs. 1, 3 & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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 Rev. J. M. Barich, Cantor

KYRIE

1. In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

5. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

9. 1. For the reign of
2. For your peo - ple

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

14. God, here and who for have peace through - out give the world, for the

17. u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord:
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord:

21. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

25. Help, save, and de - fend us, O

mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

30. God. A men.

Simple ending To Hymn of Praise*

GLORY TO GOD

Strong ♩ = ca. 56-58

♩ Refrain



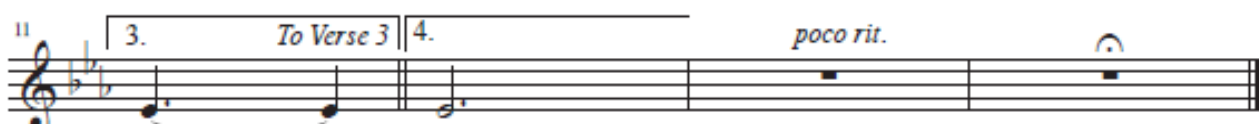
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



earth. earth.

To Prayer of the Day

Verse 1



I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God- and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we_ give_ you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2




II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of




God, you take a - way the_ sin of the world: have

30


 mer - cy on us. [I+II] You are seat - ed at the

33

 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our. prayer. D.S.

Verse 3
 37

 [I] For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,___

41

 [II] You a - lone are the Most___ High, Je - sus Christ, with the

44

 Ho - ly Spir - it, [I+II] in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. D.S.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Congregation sits*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

Marlys Svensson, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 10.

L: While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98(next page):

Marita Ericksen, Cantor



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Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
*whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,

***you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;

*all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; *lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp, *with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn *shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it, *the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,

***and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness *and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-- 6

Marlys Svensson, Lector

L: A reading from 1 John, Chapter 5.

L: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For
you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Rev. John Michael Barich

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

P: [Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Congregation may be seated

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Please stand as able

Hymn of the Day (next page):

ELW #855, vs. 1, 3 & 4

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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:

Sindy Rice, 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: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.
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.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, 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.** *Please stand as able*

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

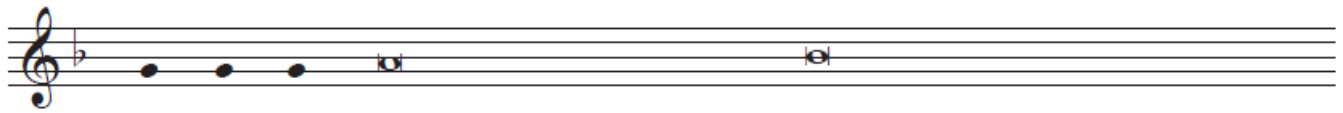
The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

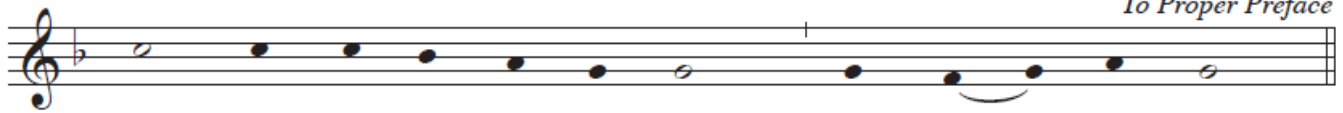
PREFACE OPENING



It is in - deed right and good that we should everywhere and



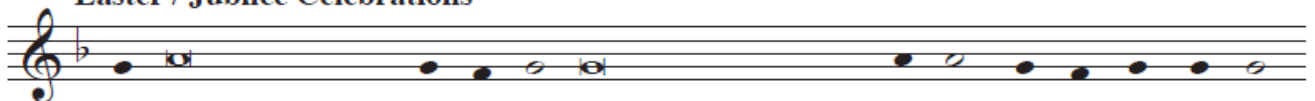
al - ways of - fer thanks and praise to you, Ho - ly



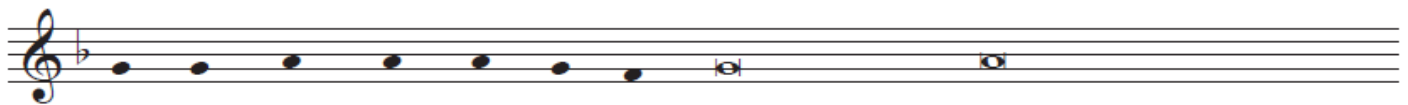
God, might - y and im - mor - tal, through Christ, our Lord...

PROPER PREFACE

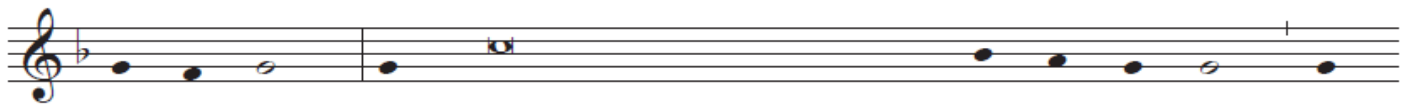
Easter / Jubilee Celebrations



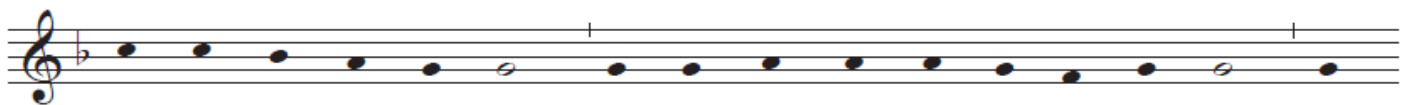
The day of your final Ju - bi - lee dawned in your Son, Je - sus, your A - noint - ed One



who an - nounced good news to the poor, bound up the broken - hearted, and set the



cap - tives free. And so with earth, sky, and sea and all their crea - tures, with



an - gels and arch - an - gels and the whole com - pa - ny of heav - en we



praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn.

HOLY, HOLY

Introduction omitted when Preface is sung.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
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, 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.

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

LAMB OF GOD

6
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 10 mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 14 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
 19 world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn #2:


ELW, #800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies;
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,
 wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:
 stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,
 and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.


Change My Heart, O God

Refrain




Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

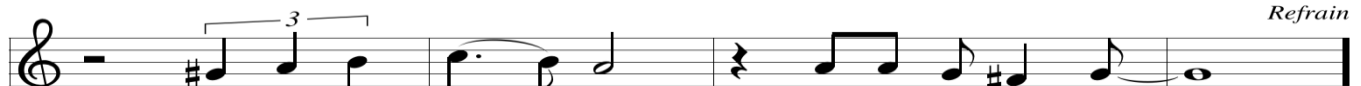
End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Refrain

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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:

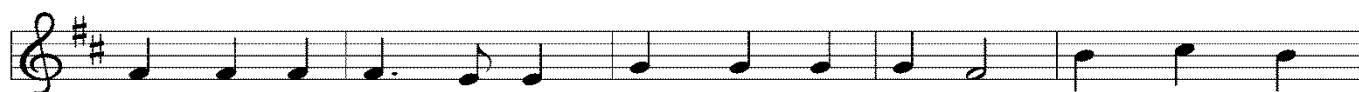
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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**

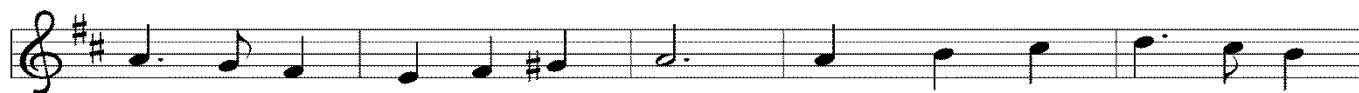
Sending Song (next page):

ELW, #733

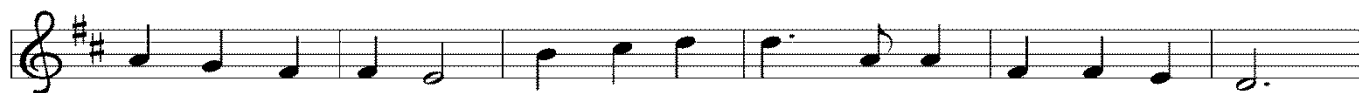
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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DISMISSAL:

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

POSTLUDE:

Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich

Assisting Minister – Sindy Rice

Lector – Marlys Svensson

Communion Assistant – Janet Williams

Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen

Worship Assistants Next Week (5/12/24):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich

Assistant Minister – TBA

Lector – TBA

Communion Assistant – TBA

Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Dinah Helgeson

Cantors – Marita Ericksen, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

Cantor – TBA, Rev. John Michael Barich
Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Sunday AM Bible Study, 9:45 – 10:15 AM, begins May 5, led by Rev. John Michael Barich. All are welcome.

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 to help.

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

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 Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
9:45 – 10:15 AM
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Bible Study w/ Rev. John Michael Barich
Worship Service, followed by coffee & cookies
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting

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

Lutheran Quilters Group

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
May 23, 5:00 pm
May 15, 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

May 18, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Synod Assembly at Grace Lutheran, Des Moines



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Hymns for May 5, 2024

ELW, 858, v. 1, 3 & 4	Praise to the Lord
ELW, 855, v. 1, 3 & 4	Crown Him with Many Crowns
ELW, 512	Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil
ELW, 800	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
ELW, 801	Change My Heart, O God
ELW, 733	Great is Thy Faithfulness