

VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 18, 2024
10:30 AM Worship**

Vashon Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE

Marita Ericksen

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

CANDLELIGHTING

Frankie Ericksen, Acolyte

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Michael Barich

Congregation stands as able

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

- [P]** Returning again to the waters of our baptism,
we begin in the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
- [P]** Let us confess our sin before God
and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- [P]** Gracious and merciful God,
- [C]** We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.
We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.
We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.
We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.
We have neither worked to release the oppressed
nor admitted our own captivities.
Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free
that we might live with your whole creation
in the justice and joy of your promised future.
- [P]** God, who is merciful and kind,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,
that they might praise God and serve the world
with glad and generous hearts.
- [P]** For freedom Christ has set you free.
- [C]** Thanks be to God.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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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.**

KYRIE (next page): from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, by Marty Haugen, pg. 6 Marita Ericksen, 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, and who for peace through - out the world, for the
here who have come to give you praise, 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*

HYMN OF PRAISE (next page): from "Tree of Life", by M. Haugen, Rev. Barich, solo, Verses 1, 2 & 3

GLORY TO GOD

Strong ♩. = ca. 56-58

Refrain

♩ Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

5
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,

8
1,2. To Verses 1 and 2
peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

11
3. To Verse 3 | 4. *poco rit.*
earth. _____ earth. *To Prayer of the Day*

15 Verse 1
I Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God - and Fa - ther, we

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

23 Verse 2
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

27
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. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Nancy Lee Spears, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Genesis, Chapter 9.

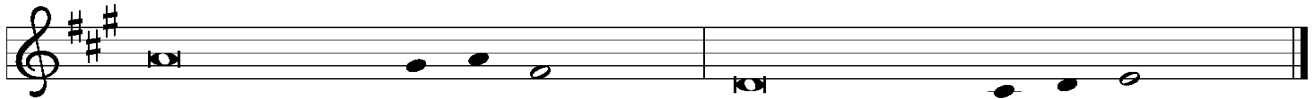
L: God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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To¹ you, O LORD, *I lift¹ up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be¹ put to shame,
*nor let my enemies triumph¹ over me.**

Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame;

*rather let those be put to shame¹ who are treacherous.

Show me your¹ ways, O LORD, *and teach¹ me your paths.

Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me,

*for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹sion and love, *for they are from¹ everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;

*remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-¹ness, O LORD

You are gracious and up-¹right, O LORD; *therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.

You lead the low-¹ly in justice *and teach the low-¹ly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness

*to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Nancy Lee Spears, Lector

L: A reading from 1 Peter, Chapter 3.

L: ¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** Please stand as able

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: from "Tree of Life", by Marty Haugen, p. 10

Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an-ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast
love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows a musical score for a Lenten Gospel Acclamation. It consists of four staves of music in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'C', indicating a Credo. The lyrics are: "Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Hymn of the Day (next page):

ELW, #613

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune
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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. *Please sit*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

June Langeland, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A: God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people.

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

A: God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

A: God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...

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

A: God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling.

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

A: God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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, #314

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.
We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,
dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation,

Amen. *Congregation stands as able*

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

HOLY, HOLY

Introduction omitted when Preface is sung.



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
5 God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
9 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
12 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
15 bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
18 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
21 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.

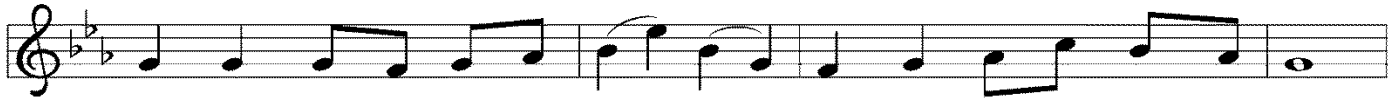
Communion Hymn #1: “Lamb of God” from “Tree of Life”, p. 17, by Marty Haugen

LAMB OF GOD

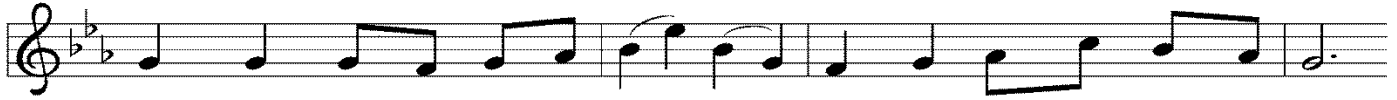
The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace." There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1 and 2.

Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-prepare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share your bread. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants This Morning:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – June Langland
Lector – Nancy Lee Spears
Communion Assistant – Dianne Kutzke
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantors – Dr. Gary Koch, Marita Ericksen
Communion Set Up – Dianne & Rev. Joe Kutzke

Worship Assistants next week (2/25/24):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – TBA
Lector – TBA
Communion Assistant – TBA
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantors – Marita Ericksen, Rev. John Barich
Communion Set Up – TBA

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.

VLC Annual Congregational Meeting is today, Sunday, Feb. 18, after worship, in the fellowship hall. Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to elect the nominating committee, appoint assembly delegates, listen to committee reports & vote on the 2024 budget. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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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, victoriansmith@comcast.net, 206.304-4544.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Feb. 18, 2024, following worship

Food Bank Sunday
Worship
AA Group
VLC Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Feb. 14, 11:00 AM
1st, 9:00 AM – noon
Mar. 20, 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service @ VLC
Lutheran Quilters Group
VLC ZOOM Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
4th, 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

LENT – EASTER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FEB 21 – MAR 20, MID-WEEK 5:00 PM, WEDS. TAIZE 30-MINUTE SERVICE @ Vashon Presbyterian Church
MAR 24 – PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM @ VLC w/ CHS (Fr. Evan Clendenin presiding and preaching)
MAR 25, 26, 27– MON, TU, WED 6:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:30 PM @ CHS w/ VLC
MAR 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM @ VPC
MAR 29 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM @ Vashon Presbyterian Church W/ VLC & CHS
MAR 31 – EASTER SUNRISE 6:45 AM @ CAMP BURTON
MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM @ CHS
MAR 31 – EASTER BRUNCH 9:00 AM @ VLC
MAR 31 – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30AM @ VLC



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Hymns for Feb. 18, 2024

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ELW, 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW, 789

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

ELW, 469

by Your Hand You Feed Your People