

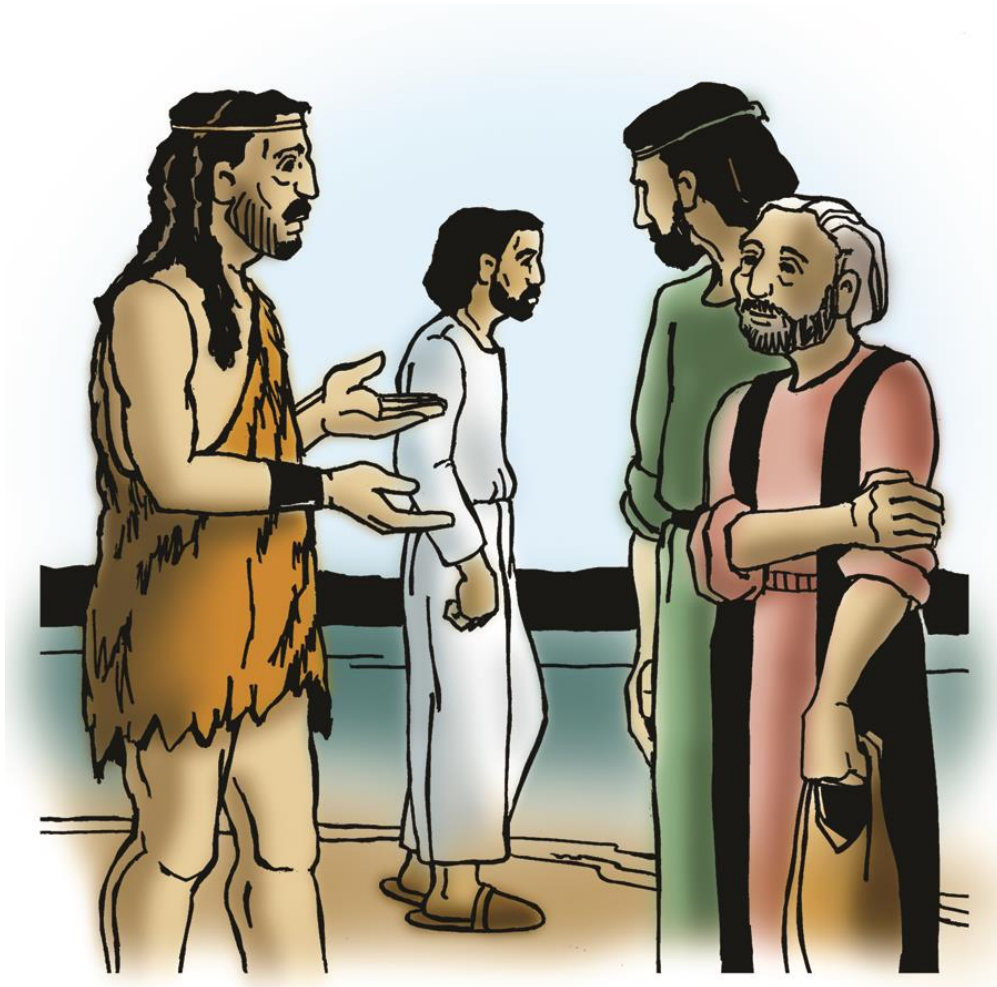
VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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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
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Jan. 18, 2026, 10:30 AM**

Prelude

Marita Ericksen

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John Michael Barich

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

(Stand as able)

CANDLELIGHTING

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

Gathering Hymn:

ELW, #311, (sung to tune of ELW, #542)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Verses 1 - 4

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.***
- 2 You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.***

3 *You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.*

4 *Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.*

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

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.**

SONG OF MERCY

DRM, #224

MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Refrain

Em C D Em

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

C Am7 Bm7 C D Em

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

Verse

C D Em

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.

C D Em

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.

C D Em

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.


Am7 Bm7 C to Refrain

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


PRAISE TO YOU

Larry Olson

Refrain




Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.




Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

Verse



We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow
May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.

to Refrain



search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.
for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.
May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (*Please be seated.*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Reidar Dittmann, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 49.

L: Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-11 (*congregation reads the dark print*)

Reidar Dittmann, Lector

L: I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C: The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

L: The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**C: Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those
who follow lies.**

L: Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can
be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are
more than I can count.

**C: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

L: And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’ ”

L: I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips,
O LORD, you know.

**C: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from
the great assembly.**

L: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:1-9

Reidar Dittmann, Lector

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 9.

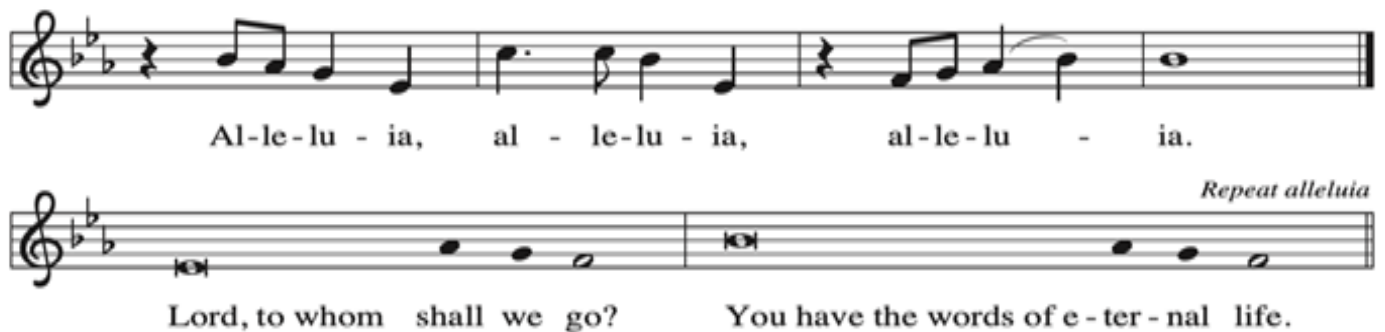
L: Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to
be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ACS, P. 31



GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 3. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

(Please be seated)

Message:

(Please stand as able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Rev. John Michael Barich

ELW, #696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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:

Patte Wagner, Assisting Minister (A)

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A: Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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*).... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

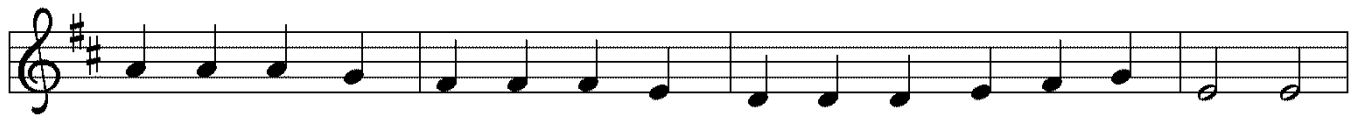
P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.** (*Share the peace.*)

P: Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING RESPONSE:

ELW, #466

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. **C: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 Chants, A cappella)

ACS, Epiphany, 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son;

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.

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.

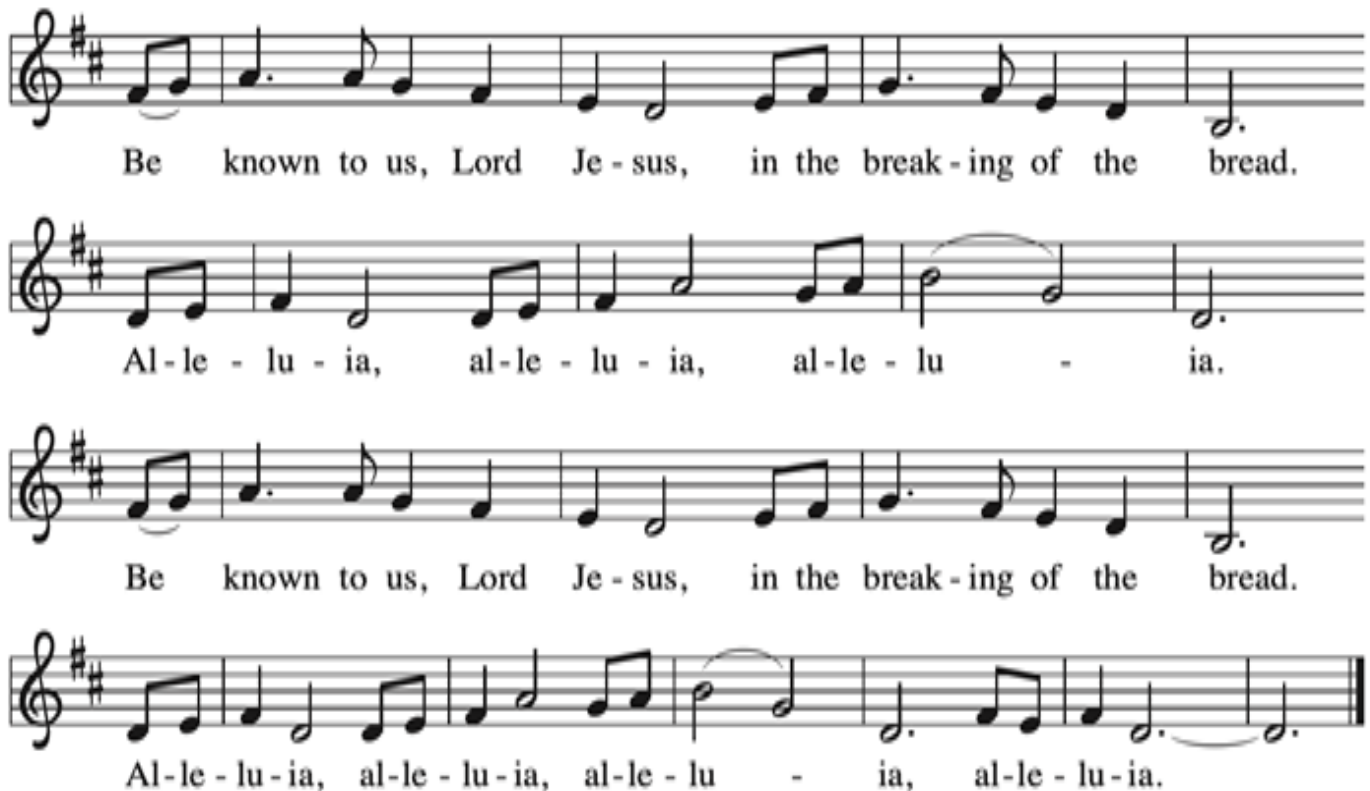
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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*)

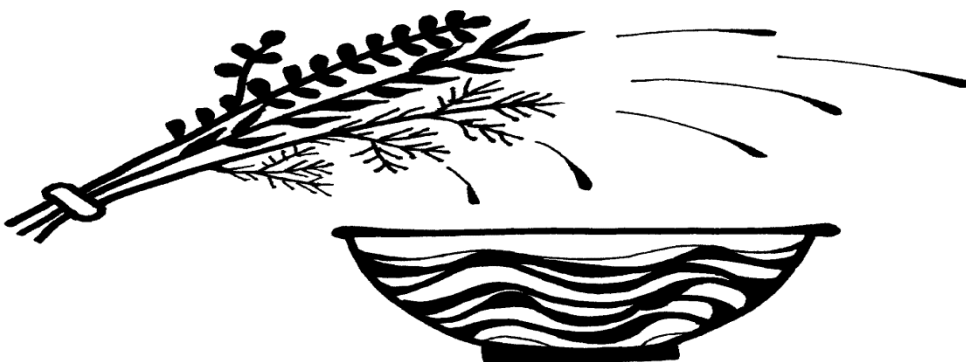
Communion Hymn #1:

ACS, p. 41



Communion Hymn #2 (next page):

ACS, #976, repeat as needed



(Repeat as needed)

Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39
Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby
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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. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING: P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

Sending Song (next page):

ELW, #830

How Marvelous God's Greatness



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky

To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;

in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,

in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.
 the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Marita Ericksen

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Worship Assistants Today:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner
Lector – Reidar Dittmann
Communion Assistant – Roger Gebhard
Usher - Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Communion Set Up – Martha Gebhard

Worship Assistants next Sunday (1/25/2026):

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas Aitken
Assisting Minister – June Langland
Lector – Marlee Koch
Communion Assistant – Gail Larson
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Communion Set Up – Gail Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich, for participating in worship today!

Sunday Bible study group today, Jan. 18, 9:45 – 10:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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

The VLC Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 1, right after the worship service. All are welcome to join this important meeting to vote on the annual budget, receive annual church reports and to elect church council officers. Light refreshments will be served. Copies of the proposed 2026 budget will be available in the fellowship hall two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

IFCH Dinner Program - VLC will provide a meal at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs of the month. Contact Cheryl Weise: cheryl.weise@gmail.com.

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

Invitation: VLC is invited to join local area churches in co-sponsoring a Tuesday, January 27th showing of the Documentary film *Sugarcane* at the Vashon Theater. This award-winning film documents the resilience of native peoples following the 2021 discovery of unmarked burial sites at the St. Joseph's Mission Indian School near Williams Lake, British Columbia. The one hour & forty-five minute film, at 5:30 PM, is free and there will be a jar for donations at the entry to the Vashon Theater.

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.

The Vashon Old Friends Club is at the Presbyterian Church, Weds., 9:30 – 2:30. The Club, a place of fun for adults with memory loss or cognitive change, provides breaks for caregivers. If you're a caregiver or know someone with cognitive challenges & have questions, please submit a Program Interest Form, available on the VCN website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org. ????: laurettahyde721@gmail.com.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Feb. 1, 2026, 11:30 AM

Food Bank Sunday
Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Worship Service
AA Group
VLC Annual Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon
Jan. 27, 5:30 – 7:15 PM

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group
Free Film, *Sugarcane*, at Vashon Theater

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon

Lutheran Quilters Group

THURSDAY

Jan. 22, 5:00 PM

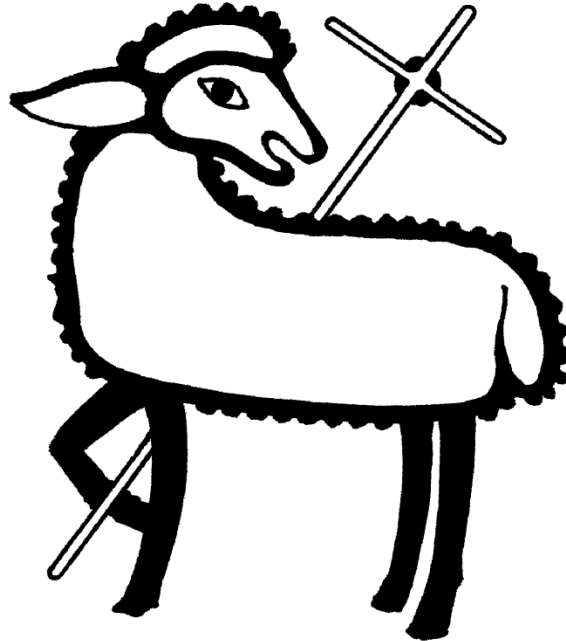
6:30-7:30 PM

**IFCH dinner served at Vashon Presbyterian Ch.
VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC**

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



Vashon Lutheran Church

Care Pastor: Rev. John Michael Barich

Sunday Bible Study: 9:45- 10:15 AM

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

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Hymns for January 18, 2026

ELW, 311, (542 tune)	Hail to the Lord's Anointed
DRM, 224	Mercy On This Fallen World
DRM, 11, Ref., v.1, 2, 3, Ref.	Praise To You
ELW, 696	Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
ELW, 466	In the Singing
TFF, 33	Our Father, Who Art in Heaven (The Lord's Prayer)
ACS, 976	Come and See
ELW, 830	How Marvelous God's Greatness