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Vashon Lutheran Church Ascension of Our Lord Sunday, May 12, 2024

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

PRELUDE
CANDLELIGHTING
GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acolyte Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Dinah Helgeson

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.

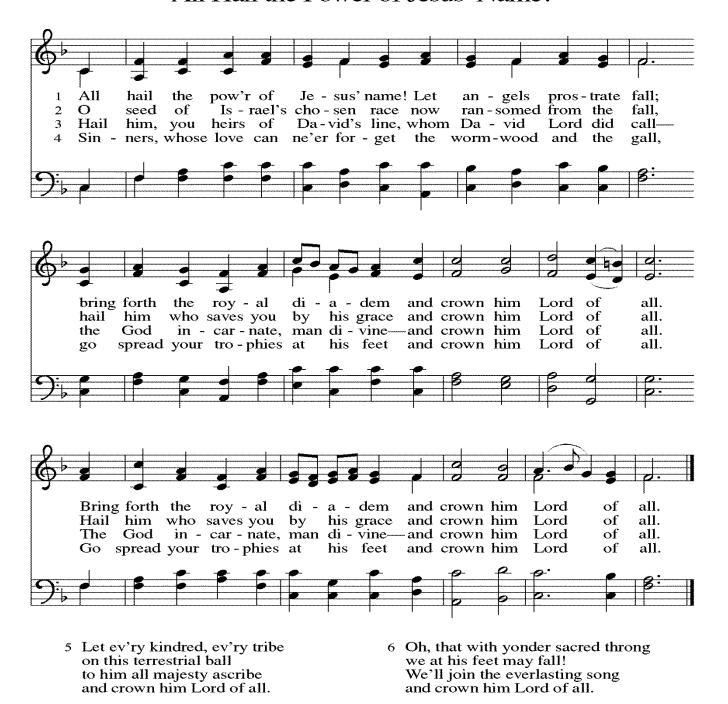
P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ELW, #634, vs. 1, 3 & 6

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



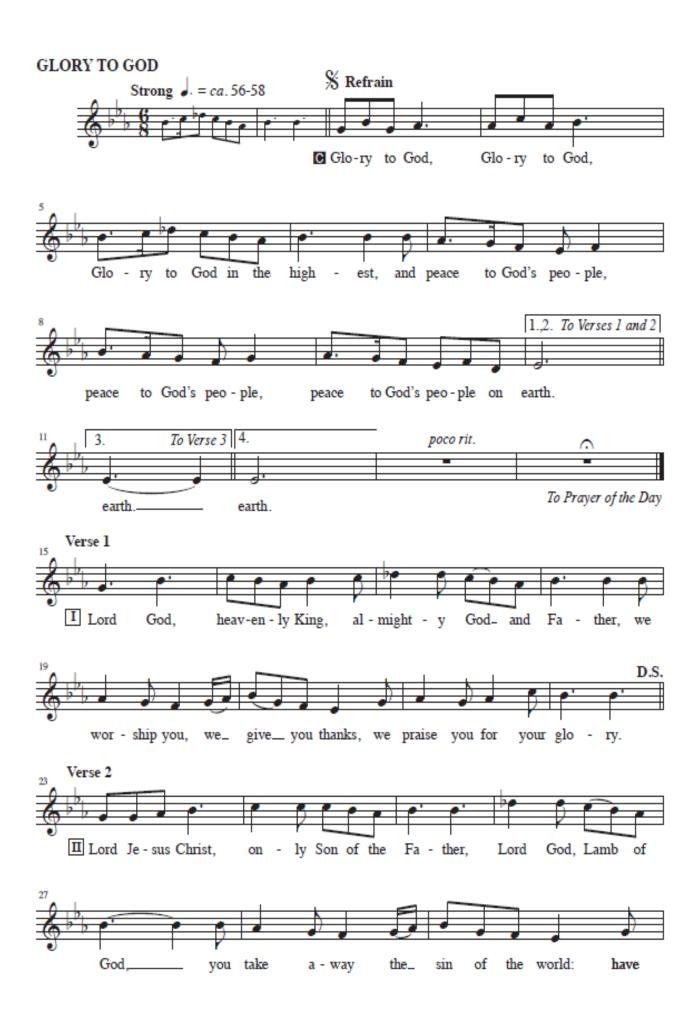
Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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 Roger Gebhard, Cantor



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 1.

L: [Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that

the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

PSALM: Psalm 47:

Roger Gebhard, Cantor



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Clap your hands, | all you peoples; *shout to God with a | joyful sound.

For the LORD Most High is to be feared: *a great king over all the earth, who subdues the peoples under us, *and the nations under our feet;

who chooses our inheri- tance for us, *the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

God has gone up with a shout, *the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

Sing praises to | God, sing praises; *sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

For God is king of | all the earth; *sing praises | with a song.

God reigns o- ver the nations; *God is en- throned on high.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

*The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

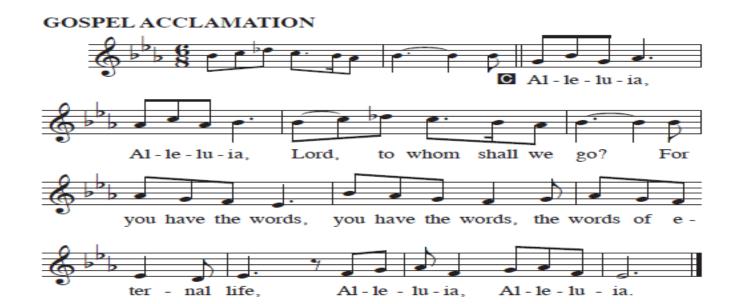
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke, Lector

L: A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 1.

L: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason. I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Word of God, word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



GOSPEL: Luke:24:44-53

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 #579, vs. 1, 3 & 5

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



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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. <u>Be seated</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Dianne Kutzke, 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: We pray for the church and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers and missionaries under your care and guide them as they proclaim your word to the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism. For those who grieve, and for those near death. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

A: For this congregation and for its concerns: for visitors, for those who are absent, for those in prison, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: In thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Following the example of all those who have died in the faith, strengthen us to share your good news in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

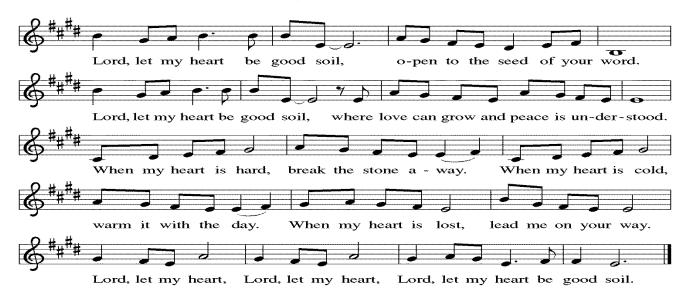
P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C: Amen.**

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 (next page):

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



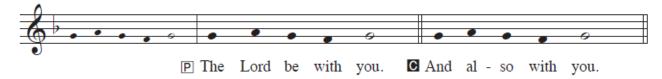
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OFFERING PRAYER:

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

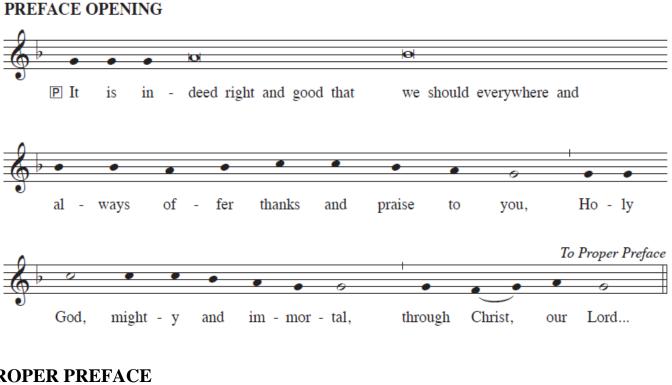
The Great Thanksgiving: "Tree of Life", p. 18, 20, by M. Haugen Rev. J. M. Barich, Cantor (P)
The GREAT THANKSGIVING

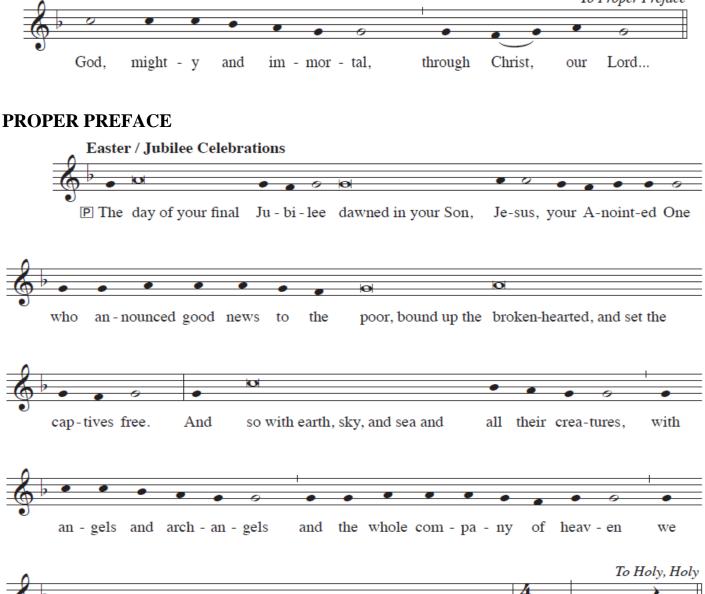


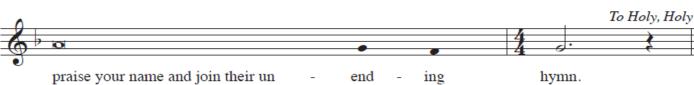




P Let us give thanksto the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.









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.

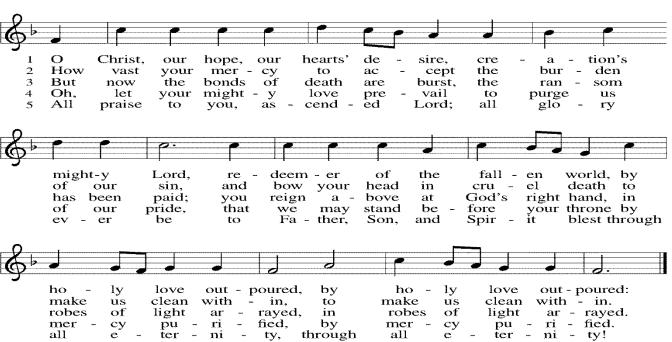
Communion Hymn #1: "Lamb of God", from "Tree of Life", Pew Edition, p. 17, by Marty Haugen LAMB OF GOD



Communion Hymn #2:

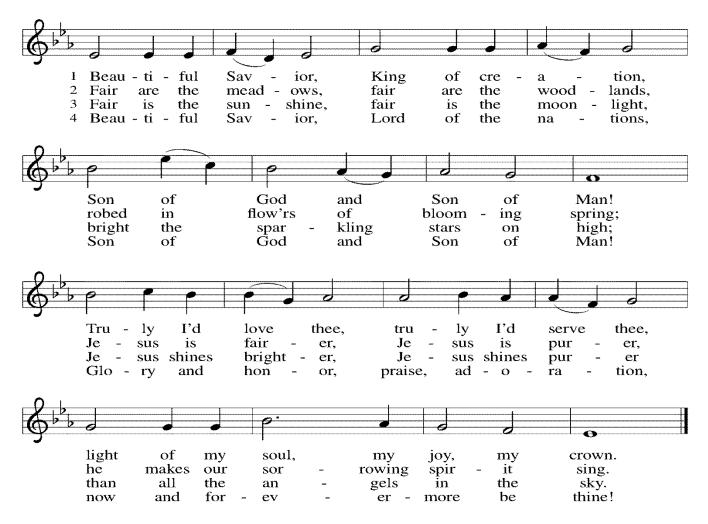
ELW, #433

O Christ, Our Hope



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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, #825, vs. 1, 2 & 4

You Servants of God



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

DISMISSAL:

POSTLUDE:

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

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Dinah Helgeson

Worship Assistants This Morning:

Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich Assisting Minister – Dianne Kutzke Lector – Rev. Dr. Joe Kutzke Communion Assistant – Martha Gebhard Usher – Jim Dam Musician – Dinah Helgeson Cantors – Roger Gebhard, Rev. John Barich Communion Set Up – Martha Gebhard Worship Assistants Next Week (5/19/24):
Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – June Langland
Lector – Harriet Shull Nelson
Communion Assistant – TBA
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
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, is led by Rev. John Michael Barich. All are welcome.

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, victoriansmith@comcast.net.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st Food Bank Sunday 9:45 – 10:15 AM Bible Study w/ Rev. John Michael Barich 10:30 AM Worship Service, followed by coffee & cookies 6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group 4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quilt Sewers Group
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon Lutheran Quilters Group

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC May 23, 5:00 pm IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC WLC 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 12, 2024

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ELW, 579, v. 1, 3 & 5 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW, 512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW, 604 O Christ, Our Hope

ELW, 838 Beautiful Savior

ELW, 825, v. 1, 2 & 4 You Servants of God