# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Vashon Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

PRELUDE
CANDLELIGHTING
GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Congregation stands as able

Marita Ericksen Frank Ericksen, Acolyte Jack Kirkman, Lay Leader

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Wayne Bacus

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, #366, vs. 1, 2 &5

## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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 Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.

Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: Acts 8:26-40

Martha Gebhard, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 8.

L: An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

#### **PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31**

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

\*I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

# The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

\*Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

\*all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, \*who rules o- ver the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

\*all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,

\*whom they shall proclaim to genera- tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

\*saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

### SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7--21

Martha Gebhard, Lector

L: A reading from 1 John, Chapter 4.

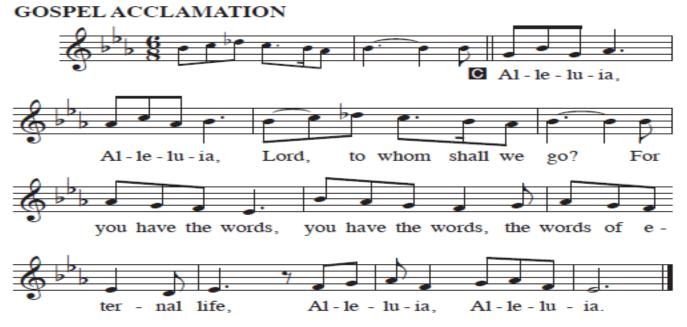
L: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be

the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. Word of God, word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God. Stand as able** 

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



GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Rev. Wayne Bacus

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

P: [Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire,

and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** Congregation may be seated

MESSAGE: Rev. Wayne Bacus

Please stand as able

Hymn of the Day: ELW #376



#### **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:

June Langland, 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 around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

A: With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your 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.

#### OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #512



#### **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

#### **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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY



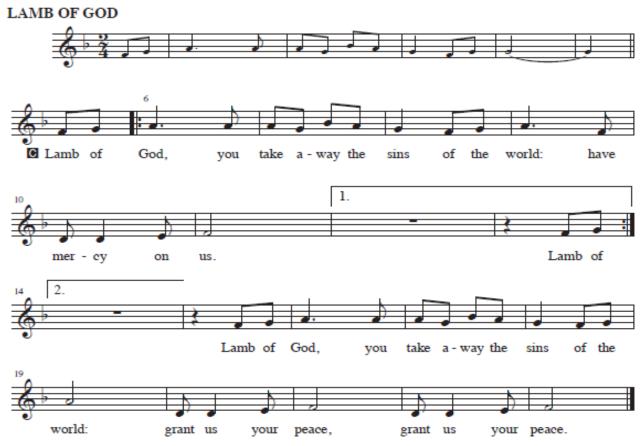
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

- 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.

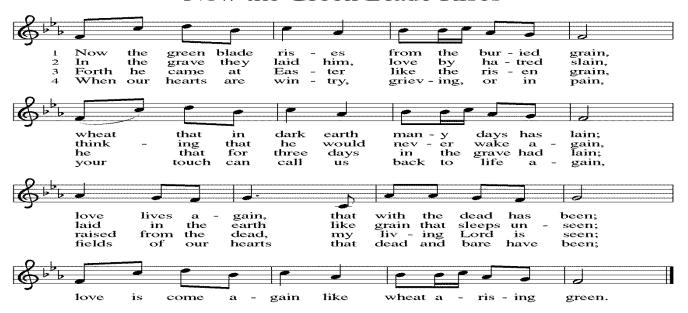
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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



#### Now the Green Blade Rises



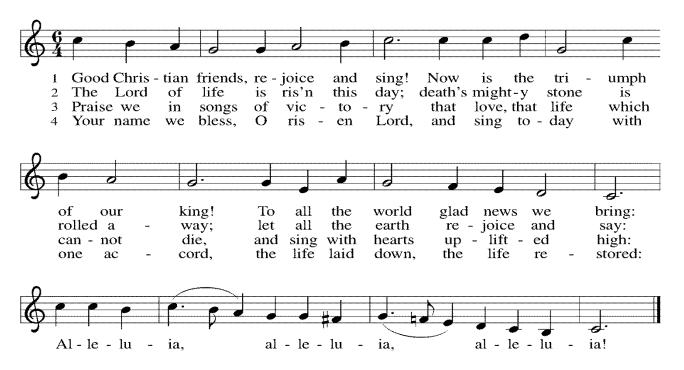
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#### Communion Hymn #3:

ELW, #385

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. C: Amen. Congregation stands as able

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

#### **BLESSING:**

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

**Sending Song:** 

ELW, #389, vs. 1, 4 & 5





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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: Worship Assistants Next Week (5/5/24):
Guest Pastor – Rev. Wayne Bacus
Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich

Assisting Minister – June Langland Assistant Minister – Sindy Rice

Lector – Martha Gebhard Lector – Marlys Svensson

Communion Assistant – Janet Williams Communion Assistant – Janet Williams

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Marita Ericksen

Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch

Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

Musician – Marita Ericksen

Cantors – TBA, Rev. John Barich

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you, Rev. Wayne Bacus for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> to help.

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

<u>VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP</u> - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at VLC. ?? Call Kathy Shafel, <u>kshafel@comcast.net</u>, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, 206.304-4544, <u>victoriansmith@comcast.net</u>.

<u>NW WA ELCA Synod Assembly</u> – Rev. John Michael Barich, Judy Carr, Jack Kirkman and Patte Wagner are all attending the synod assembly Saturday, May 18. Please pray for our VLC members as they participate in this very important gathering at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, WA.

#### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY** 

1<sup>st</sup> Food Bank Sunday

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** 

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group

Vashon Quilting Group

**WEDNESDAY** 

1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM – noon Lutheran Quilters Group

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

FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**SATURDAY May 18, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC IFCH Dinner, prepared by VLC, served at VPC VLC Council Meeting via ZOOM

AA Group for Men

Synod Assembly at Grace Lutheran, Des Moines



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# Hymns for April 28, 2024

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ELW, 376 Thine Is the Glory

ELW, 512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW, 379 Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW, 385 Good Christian Friends Rejoice & Sing

ELW, 389,v. 1, 4 & 5 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing