VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Reformation Sunday Oct. 29, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

CANDLELIGHTING

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Dinah Helgeson

Congregation stands as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:Rev. Wayne BacusP: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes
our joy complete.Spirit who makes

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

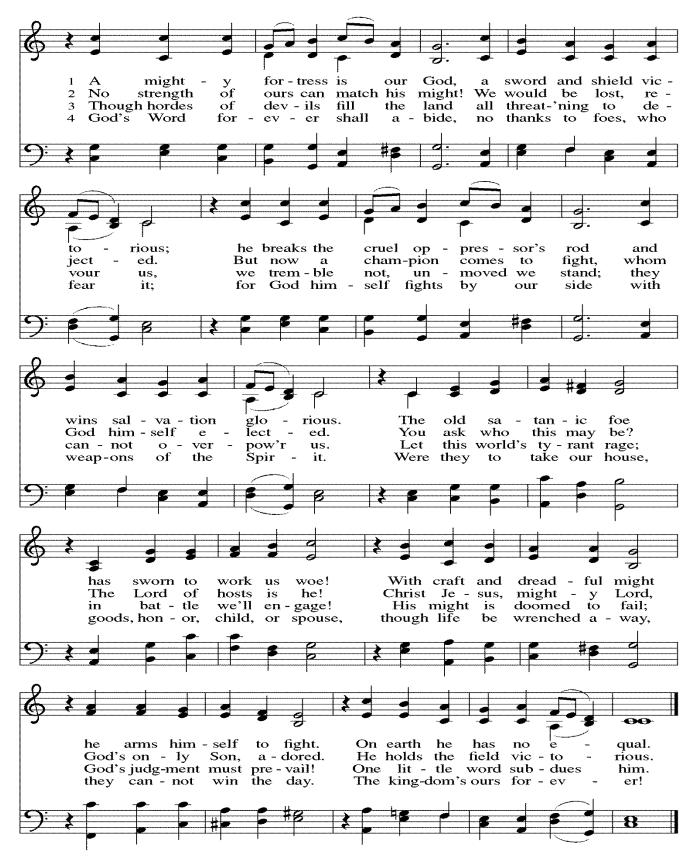
P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn (next page):

ELW, #504, v. 1, 2 & 4

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



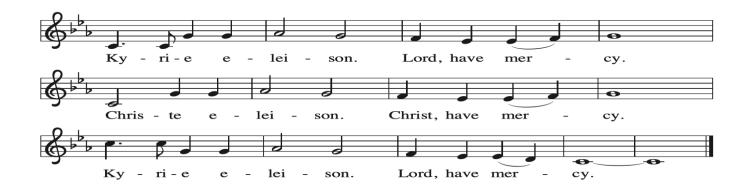
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

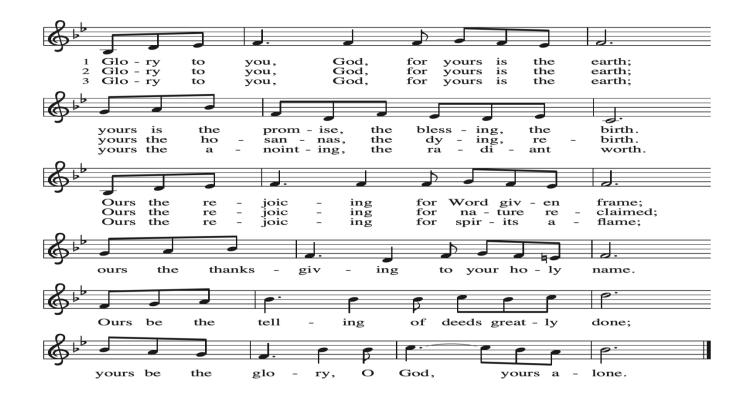
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Song of Praise:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** <u>*Congregation sits*</u>

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 31.

L: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 46

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



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God is our ref-¹uge and strength, *a very present ¹ help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the [|] earth be moved,

*and though the mountains shake in the depths $^{+}$ of the sea;

though its waters [|] rage and foam, *and though the mountains tremble [|] with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹ y of God,

*the holy habitation of [|] the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall [|] not be shaken; *God shall help it at the [|] break of day. **The nations rage, and the** [|] **kingdoms shake;** *God speaks, and the earth [|] melts away. The LORD of [|] hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob [|] is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,

*what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;

*who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the [|] shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that [|] I am God;

*I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

The LORD of [|] hosts is with us; *the God of Jacob [|] is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Marlee Koch, Lector

L: A reading from Romans, Chapter 3.

L: Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** *Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:





GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Rev. Wayne Bacus

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, Chapter 31. C: Glory to you, O Lord.P: Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O God.

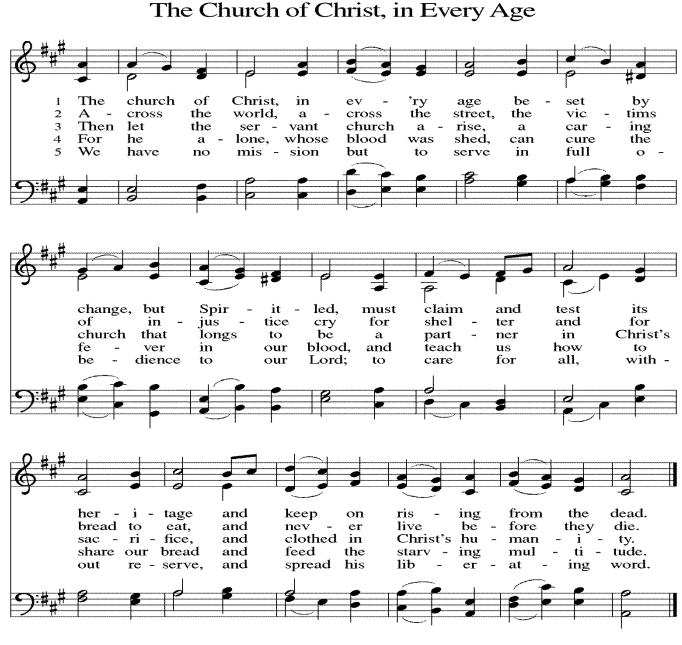
Congregation sits

Rev. Wayne Bacus Congregation stands as able

HYMN OF THE DAY (next page):

MESSAGE:

ELW, #729, vs. 1. 3 & 5



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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>Please sit</u>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

A: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. Be their rest and comfort. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

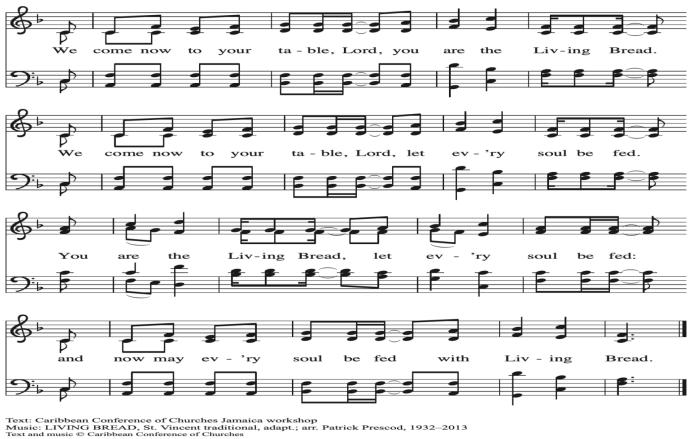
A: God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; 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 (next page):



We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

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OFFERING PRAYER:

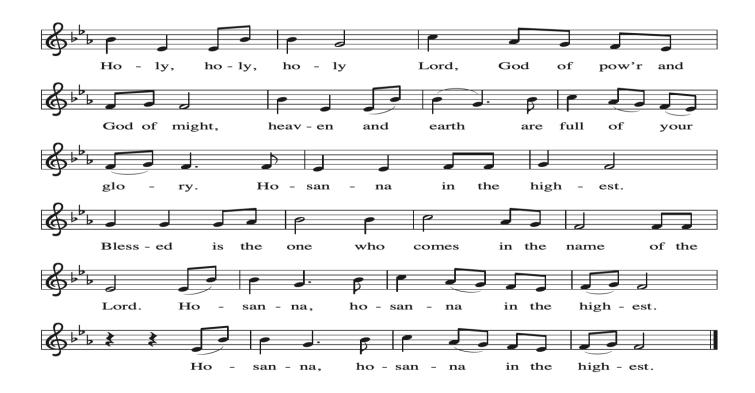
P: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. <u>Congregation stands as able</u>

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



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.

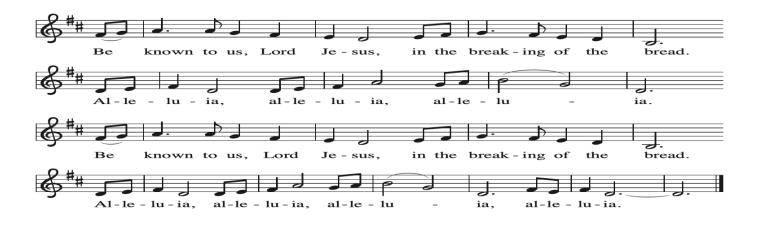
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. <u>Congregation Sits</u>

Communion Hymn #1(next page):

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Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #742



Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

Sending Song:

ELW, 652, vs. 1, 3 & 4



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Built on a Rock

DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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<u>Worship Assistants Today:</u> Guest Pastor – Rev. Wayne Bacus Assisting Minister – Harriet Shull Nelson Lector – Marlee Koch Communion Assistant – Sindy Rice Usher – Jim Dam Musician – Dinah Helgeson Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice Worship Assistants next week (11/5/23): Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich Assistant Minister – TBA Lector – Martha Gebhard Communion Assistant – Gail Larson Usher – Jim Dam Musician – Dinah Helgeson Cantor – TBA Communion Set Up – Gail Larson

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. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

<u>Prayer & Healing Service</u> – Rev. Jeff Larson PhD is offering a prayer & healing service on the <u>first Weds</u>. <u>of the month at 6:30 PM</u>, in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

<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. Support circles are Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at Vashon Lutheran. If you need someone to stay with your loved one so you can participate, please let us know. Join us for coffee, tea, cookies & community. ?? Contact Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, victoriansmith@comcast.net, 206.304-4544

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY 1 st 10:30 AM 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Food Bank Sunday Worship AA Group
MONDAY 10:00 AM 4 th , 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Intercessory Prayer Group VCN Board Meeting
TUESDAY 2 nd , 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM 3 rd , 10:00 AM – noon	Quilt Sewers Group Vashon Quilting Group
WEDNESDAY 1 st , 9:00 AM – noon 1 st , 6:30 PM	Lutheran Quilters Group Prayer & Healing Service

3rd, 7:00 PM

THURSDAY 6:30-7:30 PM 4th, 5:00 PM

FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:30 PM

SATURDAY Oct. 28, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM **VLC Council Meeting**

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

AA Group for Men

VCN Retreat in Fellowship Hall



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Hymns for Oct. 29, 2023

- ELW, 504, v. 1, 2 & 4 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
- ELW, 729, v. 1, 3 & 5 The Church of Christ, in Every Age
- ACS, 970 We Come Now to Your Table
- ACS, p. 40 Be Known to Us, Lord
- ELW, 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- ELW, 652, v. 1, 3 & 4 Built on a Rock