

# VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Oct. 22, 2023**

**10:30 AM Worship**

Vashon Lutheran Church  
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Oct. 22, 2023

**PRELUDE**

Marita Ericksen

*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

**CANDLELIGHTING**

Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

**GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jack Kirkman, Lay Leader

*Congregation stands as able*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✙ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**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, #715, v. 1, 3 & 5*

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

## *Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957  
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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:**

*ACS, p. 31*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Song of Praise:*

*ACS, p. 31*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *Congregation sits*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

Marlee Koch, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 45.

L: Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

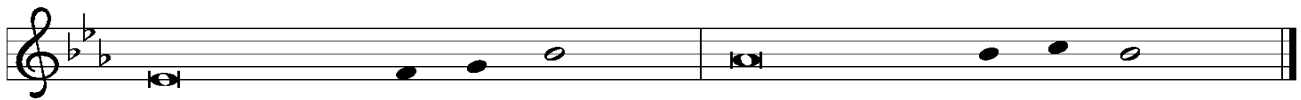
I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 96:1- 9**

Nancy Lee Spears, Cantor



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Sing to the LORD<sup>1</sup> a new song; \*sing to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;**

**\*proclaim God's salvation from <sup>1</sup> day to day.**

Declare God's glory a- <sup>1</sup> mong the nations \*and God's wonders a- <sup>1</sup> mong all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly <sup>1</sup> to be praised, \*more to be feared <sup>1</sup> than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they <sup>1</sup> are but idols;

\*but you, O LORD, have <sup>1</sup> made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are <sup>1</sup> in your presence;**

**\*power and splendor are in your <sup>1</sup> sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families <sup>1</sup> of the peoples, \*ascribe to the LORD hon- <sup>1</sup> or and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the <sup>1</sup> holy name;**

**\*bring offerings and enter the courts <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup> ty of holiness; \*tremble before the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Marlee Koch, Lector

L: A reading from 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 1.

L: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness  
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has  
chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power

and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*ACS, P. 14*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 22. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O God.**

Congregation sits

**MESSAGE:**

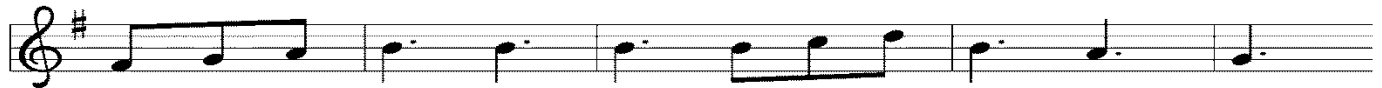
Rev. John Michael Barich

Congregation stands as able

**HYMN OF THE DAY (next page):**

*ELW, #841*

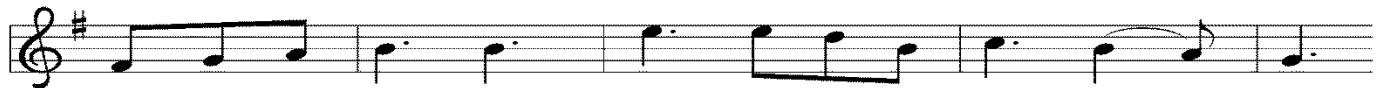
## Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



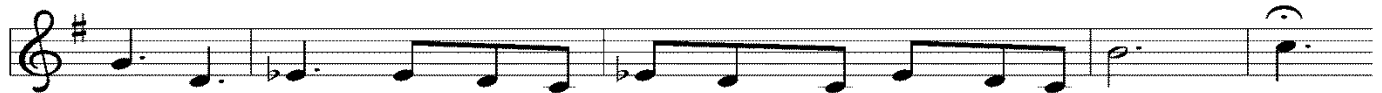
Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



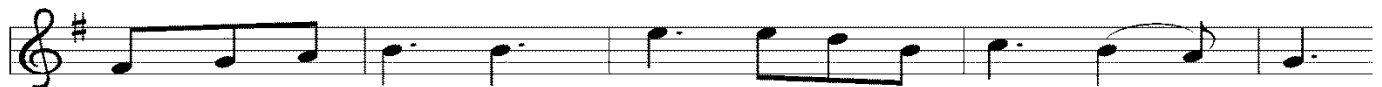
let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



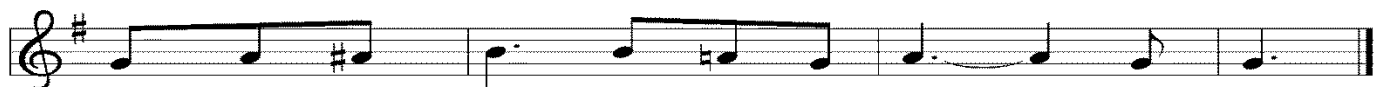
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

**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:**

Sindy Rice, Assisting Minister (A)

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

A: Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. 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:**

*ACS, #970*

**We Come Now to Your Table, Lord**

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed. You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed: and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop  
Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013  
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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.**

*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 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:

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 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.

Congregation Sits

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn #2:

ELW, #623

### Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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.**

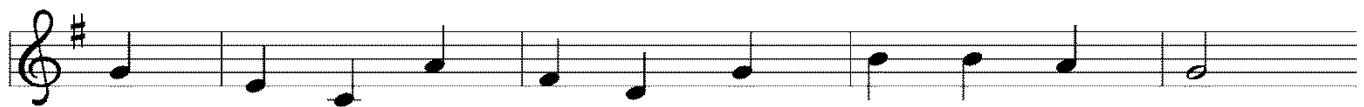
**BLESSING:**

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:*

*ACS, #834*

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**



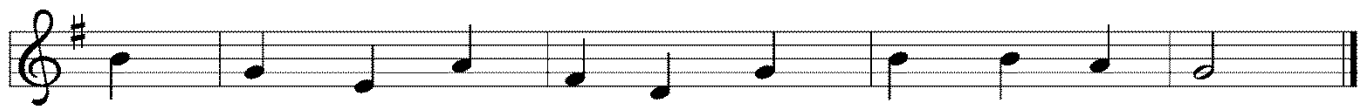
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

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

**POSTLUDE:**

Marita Ericksen

**Worship Assistants Today:**

Guest Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich  
Assisting Minister – Sindy Rice  
Lector – Marlee Koch  
Communion Assistant – Roger Gebhard  
Usher – Jim Dam  
Musician – Marita Ericksen  
Cantor – Nancy Lee Spears  
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

**Worship Assistants next week (10/29/23):**

Guest Pastor – Rev. Wayne Bacus  
Assistant 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

**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.

**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](mailto:pattewags@aol.com) to help.

**The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715.** Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253.  
Email: [contact@vashoncarenetwork.org](mailto:contact@vashoncarenetwork.org); website: [www.vashoncarenetwork.org](http://www.vashoncarenetwork.org)

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

**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. 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](mailto:kshafel@comcast.net), cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, [victoriansmith@comcast.net](mailto:victoriansmith@comcast.net), 206.304-4544

**Bloodworks NW resuming blood drive at Farcy Training Center, 10019 SW Bank Rd.** – Monday, Oct. 23, 10:15 AM – 4:15 PM, by appointment only. Call 1-800-398-7888 to make appointment.

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**SUNDAY**

1<sup>st</sup>  
10:30 AM  
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday  
Worship  
AA Group

**MONDAY**

10:00 AM

Intercessory Prayer Group

**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  
1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group  
Prayer & Healing Service  
VLC Council Meeting

**THURSDAY**

**6:30-7:30 PM**

**Oct. 26, 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**



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## Hymns for Oct. 22, 2023

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Christ, Be Our Light

ELW, 841

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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We Come Now to Your Table

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Be Known to Us, Lord

ELW, 623

Rock of Ages

ELW, 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise