

Using the VLC Player

The VLC player can be used to play both audio and video files.

The VLC Interface

Illustration 1 shows the VLC display.

- The **Title Bar** shows the current file name and the name of the application.
- The **Menu Bar** contains drop down menu options.
- The **Play/Pause** tool toggles between playing and pausing the file. [Pressing the **Spacebar** will also toggle Play/Pause.]
- The **Playlist** tools (on either side of the stop tool) jump between Playlist entries.
- The **Stop** tool will quit playing items from the Playlist.
- The **Full Screen** tool will toggle full screen mode on and off (pressing the **F** key will also toggle full screen mode.).
- The **Extended Settings** tool opens an Adjustment and Effects dialog box.
- The **Playlist** tool opens the playlist dialog box.
- When the Toggle **Loop** tool is selected, the system will replay the current Playlist.
- The **Random Selection** tool will cause list entries to be played in random order.
- The **Time Slider** along the bottom edge of the display shows the current time location of playback. The left side of this bar shows the current time, and the right side of this bar shows the total length of the selection. The **Time Slider** can be dragged to any time location.
- The **Volume Slider** can be dragged to adjust the audio volume.

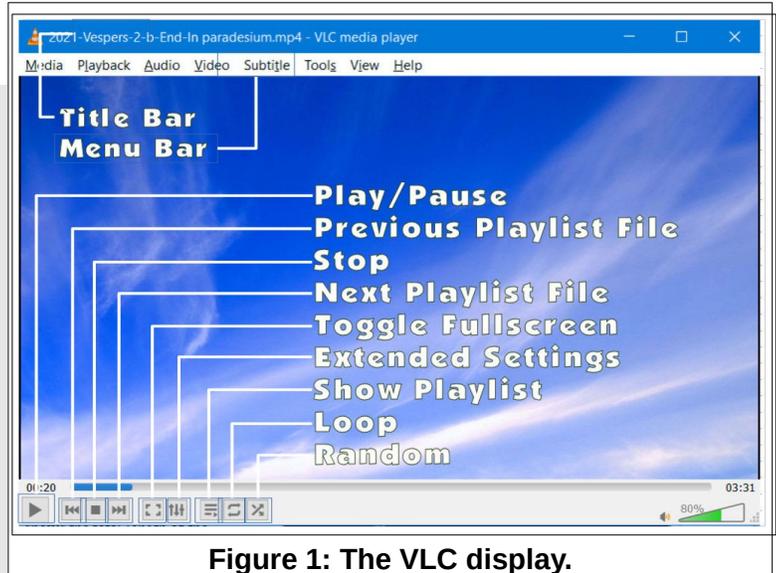


Figure 1: The VLC display.

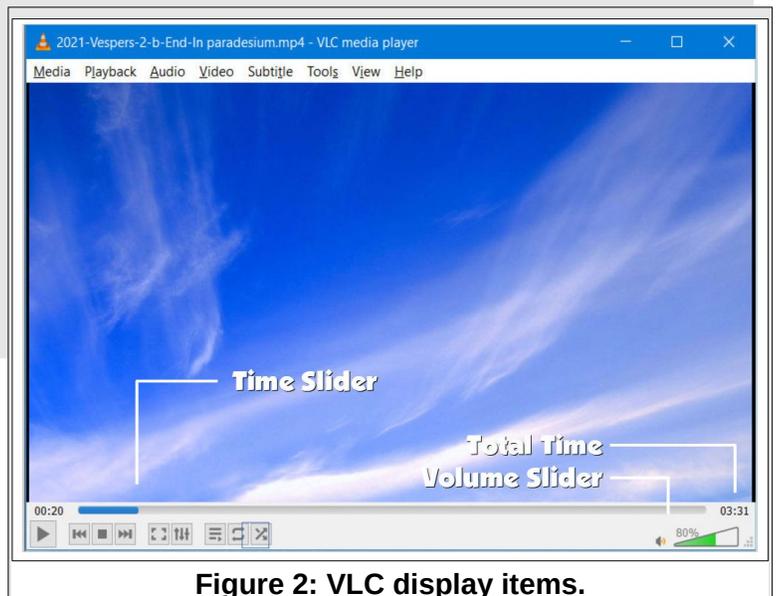


Figure 2: VLC display items.



Opening the VLC Player with the Vespers Pre-Post Playlist.

- ✓ **Double click** on the Vespers Pre-Post desktop shortcut. [You can also right click on the shortcut and select Open.]

This will start playing the first selection on the Playlist.

- ✓ Press the **Spacebar** to stop playback.
- ✓ Select the Toggle Playlist tool on the bottom horizontal toolbar to open the Playlist. [See Figure 1.]
- ✓ **Double click** on the desired selection.
- ✓ Adjust the volume using the appropriate fader control on the soundboard.
- ✓ Press the **Spacebar** to stop Playback.
- ✓ Drag the **Time Slider** back to the beginning of the selection. [See Figure 2.]
- ✓ Toggle the **Full Screen** option **ON** or press the **F** key).
- ✓ At the appropriate time, press the **Spacebar** to start playback.
- ✓ At the end of the selection, press the **Spacebar** to stop playback.
- ✓ Repeat the process to select and play the post Vespers selection.

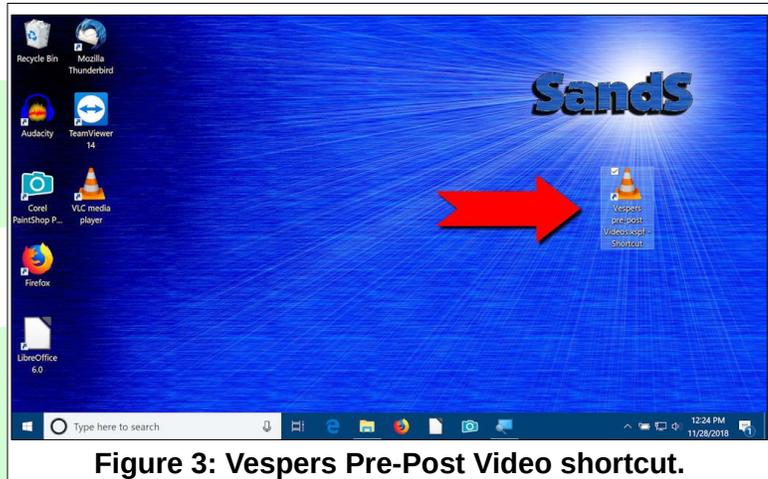


Figure 3: Vespers Pre-Post Video shortcut.

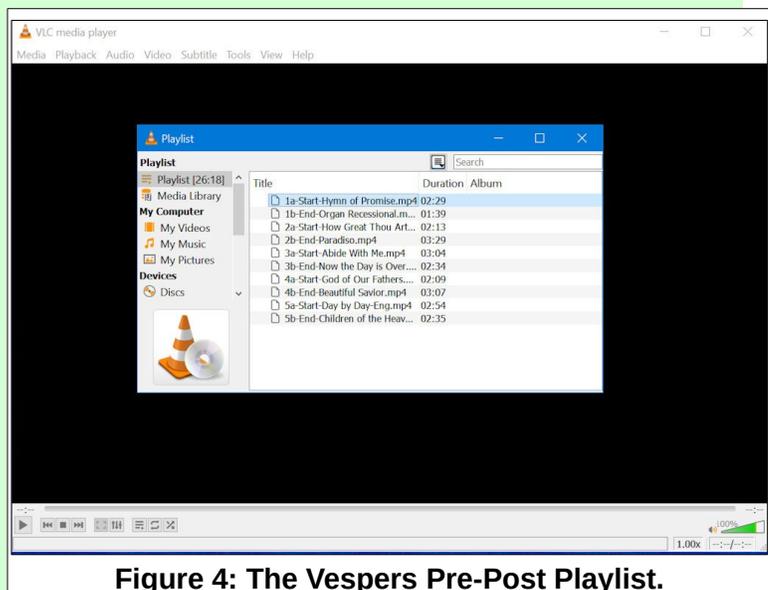


Figure 4: The Vespers Pre-Post Playlist.

NOTE: When the VLC player is in full screen mode, moving the mouse will open a player control toolbar near the bottom of the display. This toolbar will disappear when the mouse pointer is moved away from the toolbar. This toolbar has a tool to exit full screen mode.



Creating a Playlist

An easy way to create a Playlist is to open the Playlist window on one half of the computer display and open a File Explorer window in the other half.

- ✓ **Double click** on the VLC shortcut to open the VLC player window.
- ✓ In the VLC player window select **View, Playlist**.
- ✓ Press the **Windows key** plus the right cursor control arrow to force the VLC playlist window to fit the right half of the display.
- ✓ Press the **Windows key** plus the E key to open a File Explorer window.
- ✓ Press the **Windows key** plus the left cursor control arrow to force the File Explorer window to fit the left half of the display.

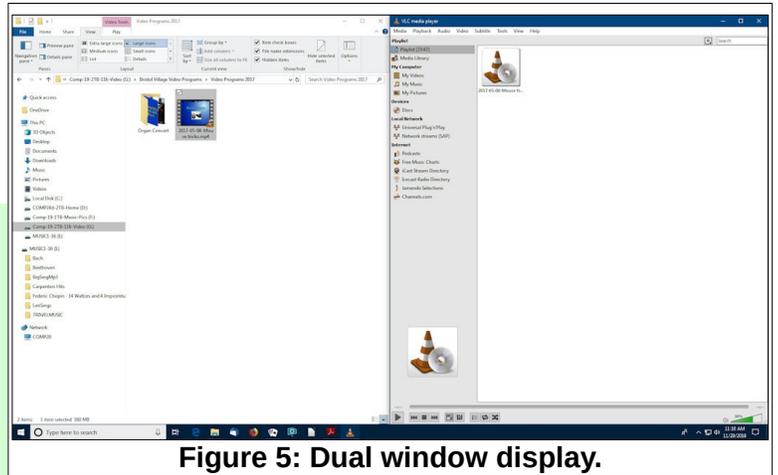


Figure 5: Dual window display.

Your display should now look similar to Figure 5.

- ✓ Locate the desired file using the File Explorer window.
- ✓ Drag and drop the desired file in the playlist window.
- ✓ Repeat this for all desired files.

Saving a Playlist

If you would like to save the Playlist, do the following.

- ✓ After creating a playlist, switch to the VLC Player window.
- ✓ From the **Menu Bar**, select Media, Save playlist to File.
- ✓ Adjust the **Save playlist as...** dialog box to show the directory path and folder where you would like to save your file.
- ✓ Enter a new file name and then select **Save**.

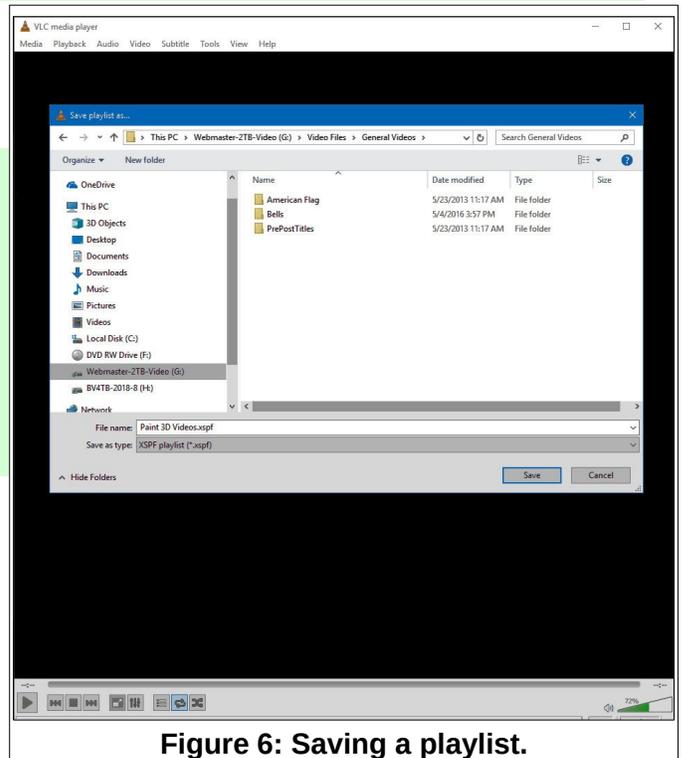


Figure 6: Saving a playlist.

