Fifth Sunday in Season of Creation

October 3, 2021

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Litany

P: The heavens declare the glory of God.
C: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

P: The plants and trees show God's presence.
C: Let us join with creation in praising God.

P: God of all creation, who guides us through
every time and season,
C: we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.

P: Grant to us humility to so order our lives that we may honour you
among all peoples, nations, and created things.
C: Restore us to right and wholesome relationship with our fellow living creatures.

P: Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves,
to feel your mercy in the warm sun and the cool breeze,
C: that we may glorify your goodness and live rightly in your creation.

P: We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit,
Three in One, One in Three, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song # 556 Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Greeting

P: God, maker of the day, be with us; God, raiser of Jesus, raise a new day among us. God, giver of the Spirit, light our lives!

C: Amen

Rise Up and Sing

Rise up good friends now is the hour
Sunlight will shower hope for the day
Rise from your sleep and keep your dreams with you
Let the light kiss you soft' on your way.

Rise with the world curled up awaiting
End to the hating, day full of grace
Rise up in song, the long night is ending
Now God is sending peace to this place.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Time

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

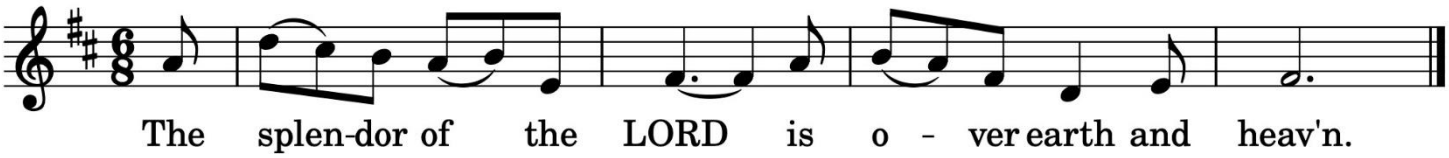
The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

P: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8



P: O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
C: Refrain

P: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
C: Refrain

P: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
C: Refrain

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God’s right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

P: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Creation Care Creed

We believe and trust in God, all-powerful Creator and Sustainer,
who fashions the heavens and the earth and all that is in them,
who provides in generous abundance all that is needed
for the whole of creation to thrive,
who grieves at the way we neglect and spoil his masterpiece,
and calls us to account,
who, like a loving parent, sees our weakness and yet persists in love.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ,
who was born like us, choosing to share our humanity
with its joy and its pain,
who lived an earthly life, affirming and celebrating the goodness
of the physical world,
who died and came back to life to show us that in sacrifice
lie the seeds of freedom and hope,
who returned home to his father – his earthly work complete.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit,

who breathes life and purpose into all living things,
who calls us to join in the work of sustaining and renewing the earth,
who transforms our hearts and minds,
empowering us to be faithful stewards,
who will lead us home at the end of our age.

We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs,
cherishing the earth and labouring for its healing and renewing,
in loving obedience to God,
following the example of Jesus Christ,
and seeking the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, the pastor will say "Good and loving God" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those with whom they are worshipping.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Hymn # For the Beauty of the Earth v 1 & 2

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: **Refrain**

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

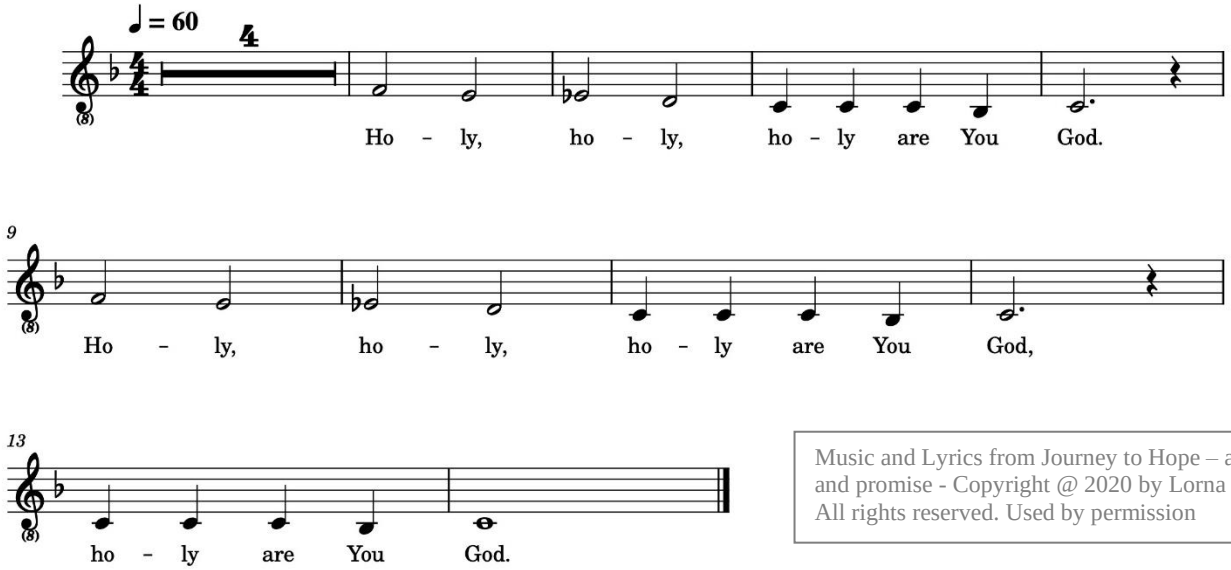
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



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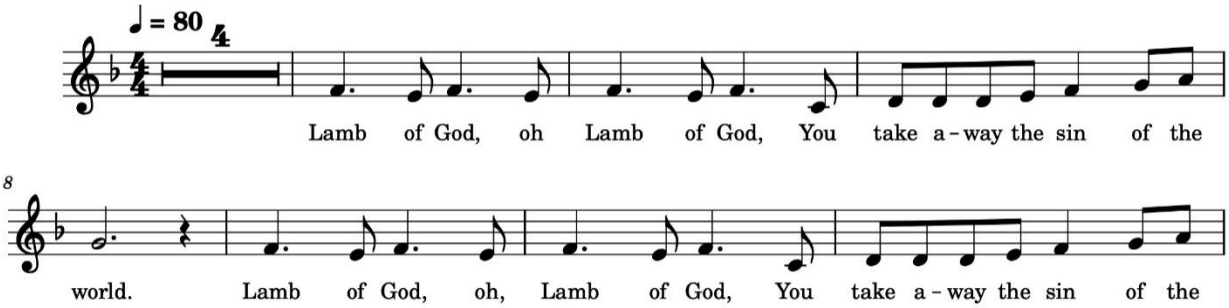
Thanksgiving at the Table

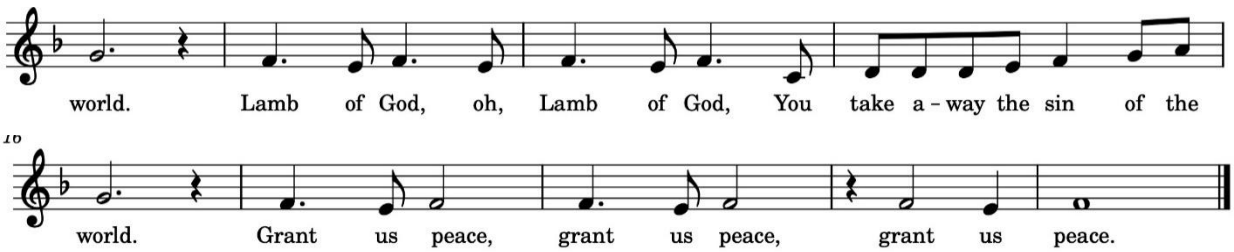
Lord's Prayer

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

C: 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.

Lamb of God





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Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: *Any adult or child who believes that Christ is present in this meal is welcome to participate. At the Pastor's direction, you are invited to eat the wafer distributed to you in the baggie. The Pastor will come around with a tray of individual glasses of wine and grape juice.* ***Please stay in your seat to receive****. If you prefer grape juice please take an individual glass from the centre ring of the tray.*

Communion Hymn # 461 All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Who Are We

Refrain:

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Verse 1 & 2:

Verse 3:

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Song # 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry!

Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"

Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Make this world a home for all.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
October 3, 2021

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select *Open Hyperlink or Control-Click*)

Flowers have been placed on the altar in thanks to God for his wonderfully created world, and all those who commit to its health and healing.

In-Person Worship: Public Health Safety protocols currently limit the available seating in our Sanctuary. While these temporary measures are in place, please call or email the office weekly to reserve your seats.

Visioning Day: Our visioning process will continue with a Visioning Day set for Saturday**, October 16** from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will be led through a reflection of the data from our cottage meetings back in the Spring by Rev. Kathy Martin, Assistant to the Bishop for our BC Synod. Our plan at the moment is to make this a hybrid event, with both in-person and online participation possible. We are still working out those details. So for now mark this date on your calendar, stay posted, and plan to join us as you are able.

Reconciliation Conversation: Over the summer we began a conversation about reconciliation and what that might look like. The conversation continues this Tuesday, **October 5th** at 7 pm. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday. Let the office know if you haven't attended before but would like to join now.

***'Why Am I Here?'* with Julius Maslovat:** The Social Justice Committee of the Church of the Cross, Victoria, is holding a live-streamed and in-person event with guest speaker Julius Maslovat on Tuesday, **October 5th** from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Residing in Victoria, Mr. Maslovat is one of the youngest children on record to have survived the Nazi concentration camps. Both of Mr. Maslovat's parents were killed in the Holocaust. A viewing of his 45 minute documentary will be followed by a Q&A period. The documentary follows his journey as he researches his past to learn more about the people who helped to keep him alive during his time in concentration camps. The film encourages viewers to learn about injustices in our current world and to ask themselves the question 'Why am I here'? Maslovat says; "I survived because of other people, people who were concerned enough, despite their own condition, to help someone else."

THEOLOGY 101 (Fall Church Programming): What is theology? How do we understand and learn about God, Christ, and God's relationship with us? Who is Jesus, and why does it matter?

On Thursday nights**, October 7 - November 4**, 7-8 pm, we will explore these questions, and more, in a Zoom conversation on theology. We will use materials developed by the LTS Lay Academy. The cost of the material is $19, and you can order it here, Core Theology I - The Lay Academy LIFT. If this is too much for your budget right now, please contact Elina - the church will gladly cover the cost. To sign up, please contact Elina or the office.

The Story of Plastic: The Climate Justice Action Group invites you to a showing of the widely acclaimed 2019 documentary "The Story of Plastic" (here is a link to the trailer on Youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37PDwW0c1so. This doc tells the story of how the mass production of single-use plastic has put us is in the biggest environmental crisis in history. You want to see it!

The link and password to the movie itself will be available later this month.. Contact Tim Dutcher-Walls at timdw@shaw.ca to receive it. You can watch the film at your leisure between September 27th and October 3rd. Plan to join us for a Synod wide ZOOM discussion on what we have seen and heard in this film on **Thursday, October 7th at 7 PM (Note change of date from September 30th).**
(All who plan on attending, send an email to Brenda Nestegaard Paul at bnestegaardpaul@bc.anglican.ca).

Synod Convention: Our Synod Convention runs from Oct 21 to 24. The *Bulletin of Reports* is now available on the synod website. Click here to access the reports on the Synod Convention page.

Visitors and Guests do not need to register for the 2021 BC Synod Convention. The meeting will be livestreamed via YouTube for public viewing. Access links will be posted on the BC Synod website - 2021 Synod Convention page closer to the Convention dates. Please note that the Learning Day portion on Saturday, October 23rd will not be livestreamed. Registration is required in order to participate in the Learning Day (see next announcement).

Learning Day: On the Saturday of our upcoming Synod Convention, **October 23, from 10 am to 3 pm**, the Synod is inviting all who are interested to join in a Learning Day led by Rev. Susan Beaumont. Susan will explore the experience of moving through a liminal season and clarify the differences between decision-making and discernment, and how each of them can be used as we seek to understand the new things God wants us to learn. The cost for the day is $15 per person or $45 for BC Synod congregations (congregations will be billed after the event). For more information, please click here. To register, please click here.

Good Shepherd Women: Please note that there will not be a Good Shepherd Women's meeting in October.

Mutual Ministry Meeting: Our next Mutual Ministry Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 20th at 1 pm. Should you have any concerns or issues that you would like to bring forward, please bring them to the confidential attention of either Gene Blishen, Elaine Sinton or Flora Pregler.

Thoughtful Thursday: A one-hour gathering for conversation and reflection as we make our way toward our next BC Synod Learning Day at Synod Convention in late October. The event will take place this **Thursday, October 7th** from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, and the Zoom link to attend is here.

Ecumenical Faith Break 4: Our next ecumenical Faith Break event - ***Overcoming Challenges Together: New Life After Pandemic*** - will be a hybrid one, on Saturday, **October 30**, 2021 from 10 am to 11:30 am. You will be able to attend in person or by Zoom. To register (required for both in-person and online attendance) please click on the following link: https://beholdvancouver.org/events/ecumenical-faith-break-overcoming-challenges-together

Bishop Greg's Canada Lutheran Article: Read Bishop Greg's September article here.

CREATION CARE:

- **2021 For the Love of Creation's Fall Symposium:** Join Kairos on October 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m for their Fall Symposium. This gathering will mark a key moment in their journey, in Canada's climate plan, and in global climate action as they engage with COP26 (in November 2021). We will all hear the collective theological reflections in the Letter of the Faithful, learn about how our advocacy goals have evolved, and engage with faith leaders, theologians, and climate organizers. Event fees have been set to help cover the costs of this event. Fees are: $5 - Student; $10 - Non-Student. Please note that there is a barrier-free option ($0). If you have any questions about this event, please send an email to: flc.pac@gmail.com. Register now!

- **For the Love of Creation's Faith-In-Action Campaign: For the Love of Creation**'s faith-in-action campaign mobilizes people across Canada to reduce household greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and demonstrate support for increased federal climate action. When you click on the above link you can make a personal pledge to reduce your GHG emissions and engage in acts of solidarity with justice-seeking communities and share your pledge and call on the Government of Canada to increased federal action. This campaign runs until October 4, 2021 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the end of the Season of Creation).

FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION:

- **Telling and Teaching the Truth**: Leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Anglican Church of Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have written to their churches as a sign of their commitments to work towards truth, healing, justice and accurate education. To read the full text of the letter, please visit our website by clicking here. The leaders have also prepared the following video.

SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCES:

- **WCC's *Thursdays in Black* invites you to participate in a series of 'Bible Studies by Ambassadors':** Six Bible Study reflections have been launched to help people reflect on and respond to gender-based violence. These reflections provide diverse perspectives which can be used by individuals and churches. To access the Bible Study Series, please click here. To learn more about *Thursdays in Black*, please visit this page.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES FROM PACIFIC JUBILEE:

- ***The Possibility of Age: Discover Aging as a Spiritual Path****:* Six -2hr sessions Wednesdays Online: October 13-November 17th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. For details click here.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday…. Bible Study at 9 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am with registered attendees – Fifth Sunday in Season of Creation
(View here for GSLC's YouTube Channel)
On-line Sunday School at 1:30 pm

Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1 pm (Click here)

Thursday…… Happy Hour at 4 pm (Click here)

Next Sunday… Bible Study at 9 am
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed with registered attendees at 10:30 am – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(View here for GSLC's YouTube Channel)

Note 1: Most events are pre-recorded or ZOOM events. Links to these events will be sent out weekly. Contact the office if you do not receive these email links.

Last Week at Church

(Financial info from September 26, 2021)

Total Offering	$	2,145.00
- General Offering	$	1,470.00
- Project Contingency	$	550.00
- Project Contingency	$	125.00

Welcome to
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

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