

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

A Moment of Silence

In this busy season, we take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises. So breathe deeply and rest for a moment in the quietness as we prepare ourselves for worship. This time will begin with the ringing of a chime.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

P: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✠ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ACS # 904 Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus



Español: 1 Tú, Je - sús, nues - tra es - pe - ran - za, ven y
 2 Ven, y te - je un mun - do nue - vo ca - mi -
English: 1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
 2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the



li - bra nues - tro ser. Ni - ño,
 nan - do en la ver - dad, pa - ra
 set your peo - ple free. From op -
 road of ser - vant - hood; give new



na - ce en - tre no - so - tros, ven y da - nos tu po -
 que, por fin, el pue - blo vi - va en ple - na li - ber -
 pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
 life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to



der. Ven li - ber - ta pri - sio - ne - ros de in - jus -
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 ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
 good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your



ti - cia y a - flic - ción; ven, re - ú - ne nues - tros
 rei - no de a - le - gría. Ven, de - rrum - ba es - te gran
 suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
 joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man



pue - blos en a - mor y en com - pren - sión.
 mu - ro que hoy se - pa - ra no - che y dí - a.
 rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
 sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God,
and the renewing presence of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

C: **And also with you.**

Kryie

1. Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer. We
2. Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin. Pour
3. Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part. Re -

5
come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from des - pair.
out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time and Lighting of the Advent Wreath # 240 Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

All sing the first verse only while the Candle is being lit.

1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

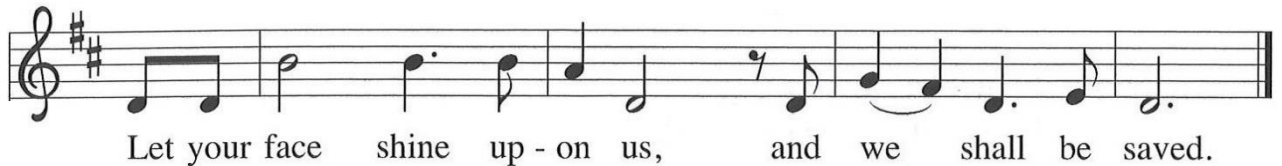
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Refrain:



L: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

C: **Refrain**

L: Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

C: **Refrain**

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

C: Refrain

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sa-viour; o - pen now your sav - ing Word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred!

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day God, You Alone Know What You've Planned (Tune 282 – It Came Upon A Midnight Clear)

God, you alone know what you've planned For earth and sky and sea.

Creation waits your loving hand To bring in what will be.

When things we trust in shift and shake And sorrows multiply,

We hear you calling, "Keep awake! Redemption is close by!"

O Christ, you taught us, "Watch the trees As seasons change each year,

For when they bud and grow new leaves You know that summer's near."

May we look round this changing earth And see with faith-filled eyes

Your signs of newness, life and birth That witness to the wise.

Though heav'n and earth will pass away, Your word will still be true.

O Son of Man, on that great day, We'll be secure in you.

For at the close of history When all that's past shall end,

The one who judges us will be No stranger, but a friend.

So by your Spirit may we share The life you're bringing forth:

May we seek justice, end despair, And work to heal the earth.

For there's a new day coming near With no more death or pain;

Till then, we'll seek to serve you here And welcome in your reign.

Tune: Richard Storrs, *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

L: 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

Presentation of the Gifts and Offering Song

Oh, what shall I ren-der in thanks to my Lord for all the good

6 gifts by which I am re - stored? No treas - ure I ten - der could

11 ev - er re - pay God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these gifts of money, given in-person and on-line,
and use them to shine the light of your mercy and love
on all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

5 Heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a measure rest for five measures at the beginning of the system.

9 Bless - ed be the com - ing Sa - viour. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

The third system of musical notation concludes the hymn. It includes a measure rest for nine measures at the beginning of the system.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Lamb of God

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; you
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; you
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; e -

5
suff - ered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
tern - al peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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 advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the silver bowl at the head of each window aisle. If you choose to remain in your pew to take communion once all group communing at the rail has ended, please raise your hand to make yourself known and the pastor will come around with bread, followed by the communion assistant with individual glasses of wine and grape juice. White grape juice is located in the centre ring of the tray.

Communion Hymn # 247

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Communion Hymn # 485

I Am the Bread of Life

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

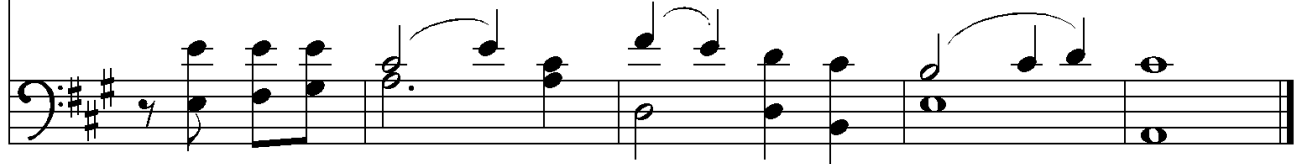
Refrain
 All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



Communion Hymn ACS # 998 In Silence We Wait



In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you



come to us; bring us your light.

Communion Blessing

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord, your voi - ces raise: sing to God with highest praise! Tell the wonders

6 God has done: freedom, life, the vict'ry won. All who seek the Lord, rejoice;

11 proud - ly bear the name of Christ. Go in joy where God will send. Al-le - luia! Sing amen!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with a measure rest (6) and ends with a double bar line. The third system begins with a measure rest (11) and ends with a double bar line.

Prayer after Communion

- P: Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

Sending

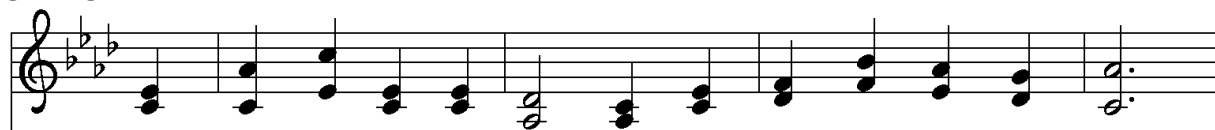
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

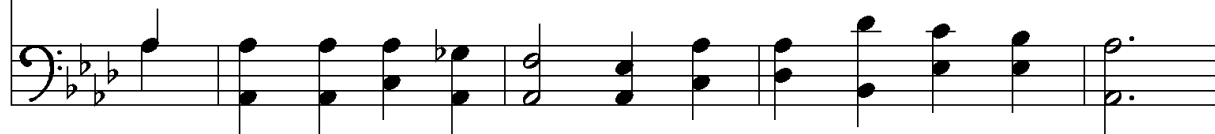
- L: God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Sending Song # 244

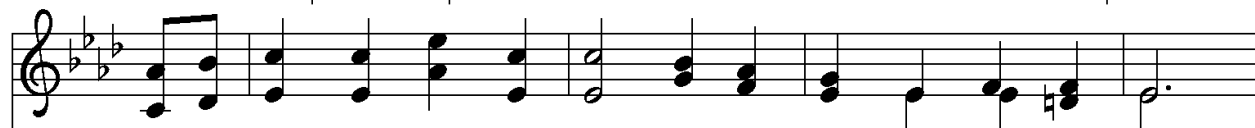
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



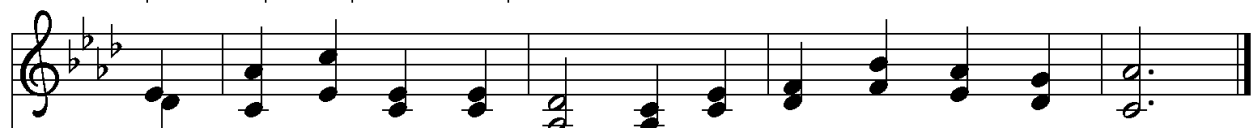
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 27, 2022

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

Flowers are placed on the altar in praise to Jesus our King, for whose coming again we wait ~ and who bids us to walk in the light of the Lord, as the night is far gone, and the day is near.

Craft Sale: Today from 10 am to 3 pm, all are welcome to visit the home of Claire and David (1133 Dansey Avenue) for their annual *Heather House Open House Craft Sale*. Due to ongoing Covid concerns coupled with the susceptibility of many of their friends and wanting a safe and comfortable sale for all who attend, this sale is not being advertised this year to the general public. While they encourage the wearing of masks, it is not considered mandatory.

Christmas Sing Along: Bring your singing voices and your sweet teeth to church on **Sunday, December 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. All are invited to gather for a Christmas Sing Along of carols and seasonal favorites AND to enjoy a dessert potluck. Please bring a contribution of finger food dessert you'd like to share. If you can't make the event but would like to contribute to the potluck you may drop it off at the church on Sunday morning. Coffee/tea/juice will be provided.

Tri-Cities Winter Shelter - Call for Volunteers: St. Laurence Anglican Church is again working with Progressive Housing Society to offer hospitality and overnight shelter and meals to those in need, and they are looking for volunteers for evening or morning shifts. The *Volunteer Orientation* takes place on **Saturday, December 10th** at 9:30 to 10:30 at St. Laurence Church. See the poster on page 19 or the bulletin board for more details.

"What Are We Waiting For?" Ecumenical Advent Opportunity: Everyone is invited to participate in an Advent ecumenical initiative brought to us by four Canadian National Churches (Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian and United). Every Monday, church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation and conversation reflecting on that week's Advent theme. On each of the following Thursdays at 7 pm EST (4 pm PST) we are invited to join in a live discussion on that week's Advent theme and ask questions with one of the leaders via Zoom. To read the full news please [click here](#). If you would like to receive the meeting link for each of the weekly events during Advent, please sign-up when you [click here](#).

Notice of BC Synod AGM: The BC Synod will hold their AGM this coming Tuesday, **November 29th at 7:30 pm** over Zoom. Please see the posted Notices on the bulletin boards and on page 18 for more information.

Altar Guild Coordinator: Do you have a love for our practice of Holy Communion? We are looking for someone to serve as our Altar Guild Coordinator. The position involves organizing a roster of people to come in to prepare the wine, and to clean the communion ware after the service. Plenty of training and ongoing support will be provided. Please speak to Peter Schuler or Pastor Eric if you feel called to serve in this way.

World Toilet Day Drive: **Thank you** to all who contributed donations to this year's support of World Toilet Day. Your donations, supplied to programs run by Cariboo Road Church and Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, will benefit many low income, no income, homeless, precariously housed, and needy people in our community this winter.

Tri-Cities Winter Shelter - Clothes for the Homeless: The Tri-Cities winter shelter program has updated their list of specific items which are currently in short supply:

- Coats, mittens, hats, scarves, new underwear, socks, weather appropriate shoes, sweaters, rain gear, ponchos
- Hand warmers
- Personal items – female hygiene, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer

- Gift cards for TriCity locations (McDonalds, coffee shops, etc.)

Please bring your items and place them in the bins near the front main doors. Thank you for showing your love to those in our community in need.

Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas!: Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Please help yourself to a hard copies on the front entrance table. Alternately, you can access the catalogue digitally now by clicking [here](#) or visiting clwr.org/GFTH.

CLWR Pakistan Appeal: Canada Lutheran World Relief has initiated a new financial appeal to ease the suffering of the Pakistani people from the devastating flooding that occurred recently. With the help of partner-alliances this appeal will help those who remain homeless, helpless, without food and water. **Donate now and it will be matched by federal funds.** See the bulletin insert for more information and ways to donate. . [Donations will be accepted securely by clicking here.](#)

Event Opportunity to Hear Bach's Lutheran Masses: Imagine listening to Bach's F-Major Lutheran Mass filled with glorious choruses and deeply moving arias. Bach's Lutheran Masses are filled with the sincerity and passion that marked his spiritual devotions. The mass is a Catholic form while Bach was a strict Lutheran during an era of tense relations between Catholics and Protestants. Bach's Lutheran Masses are timeless works to be enjoyed by all. The **Manitoba Chamber Orchestra** offers this opportunity, through an in-person concert as well as an online viewing of their concert together with **The Winnipeg Singers**, one of Canada's finest choral ensembles recorded at the Westminster Church in Winnipeg. Online viewing of the concert will be available on **Thursday, December 8**. For viewing access details, please [click here](#).

Invitation to "The Other People" Event at Temple Shalom: "The Other People" are 7 individuals committed to breaking down stereotypes and overcoming racism, bigotry and implicit bias. You are invited to hear their experiences and learn about the impact of their recent trip to Dubai and Israel. See poster on page 20 for details. To learn more about The Other People, please check their website theotherpeople.ca

Living our Faith: Over the last four years, we have been sharing National Bishop Susan Johnson's vision for a four-year emphasis on Living our Faith - as together we pray, read, worship, and love (www.elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith). As we begin the final year, we shift our focus from worship to love. As a whole church, we will learn about love, grow in our experience of loving one another and deepen our daily interactions with one another and God through Jesus' many teachings. [Watch ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson's introduction to a year of love here.](#)

Monthly encouragements will be posted on the Living our Faith: Love website, as well as on our social media pages and through ELCIC News. This month's current reflection is from Pat Lovell, and a link to her submission is [here](#).

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **LWF Communion: A Singing Communion During Advent**: For the fifth year, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) shares videos from LWF member churches and country programs from November 27 until Christmas Eve. These will be published on the LWF website and social media platforms including Facebook and Instagram, and among member churches worldwide. Watch for our recording from Good Shepherd!
- **Preparing for Christmas with Prayer**: Rev. Bruch Ehlert from Saskatoon, is again offering an opportunity to receive a daily prayer by email each day during Advent. To subscribe, click [here](#), or send an email (with "subscribe" in the subject line) to pbprayer@telus.net
- **Luther Seminary - Prepare Your Heart During Advent**: Lutheran Seminary, Minneapolis, has prepared a daily Advent devotional based on the Hymn "Fling Wide the Door." [Click here](#) to find out more.

CONCERN FOR UKRAINE:

- **CLWR Emergency Appeal for Ukraine:** Your continued prayer and financial support for Ukraine is greatly appreciated. You can make a designated donation offering to the church marked "Ukraine Appeal", call 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or click [here](#), or send a cheque to CLWR by mail to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, BC R3B 0W5.

CREATION CARE:

- **COP27 Review:** The first week at the UN climate change conference COP27 has been filled with advocacy engagements, experiences, and insights for the delegation of [The Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF). They say that much more ambition from governments is needed to make COP27 a success. To read the full news story, please [click here](#).
- **Live on Location: Daily Updates Live from COP27:** Katarina Kuhnert is travelling to Egypt to participate in COP27. She will be taking over the [ELCIC Instagram account](#) (@CanadianLutherans) during her time overseas (November 7-19). Katarina's content will be posted to the [@CanadianLutherans](#) Instagram page.
- **Expressions of Support Requested:** [KAİROS](#) invites you to express your support for three private members' bills that, if enacted, will be powerful tools in environmental justice, corporate accountability, and just transition. For more information and to support the bills, please [click here](#).
- **Laudato Si Circle:** The next Laudato Si' Circle meets next on **Wednesday, December 14th** from 7:30-9 pm at St. Joseph's Parish of Port Moody, in the portable on their property (140 Moody Street). All are welcome!
- **Invitation to join CJAG:** The BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group invites you to join them as plan strategies to reduce our carbon footprint through travel, achieve zero waste whenever we gather or have conventions throughout the Synod, and to assist all parts of the BC Synod to eliminate single use plastics in our ministries. Contact GSLC member Louis Giguere if you are interested in more information, or would like to join our group <louislouisgiguere@gmail.com>

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **Joint Statement on Ending Homelessness and Housing Need:** ELCIC National Bishop Susan C. Johnson and Anglican Church of Canada's Primate and Archbishop Linda Nicholls wrote a joint statement encouraging members of both churches to learn more about the realities of housing needs in our communities, to pray for shelter for all, and to call on all levels of government to work together to identify solutions to our national housing crisis. To read the full statement, please [click here](#).
- **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence:** This year's annual global *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence* begins on **November 25**, the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women* and ends on December 10, *Human Rights Day*. For more details on how you can take and inspire action, please [click here](#). To read more about the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women* please [click here](#).

FROM OUR SEMINARY:

- **William Hordern Chair Appointment:** Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein has been appointed *William Hordern Professor of Theology*, commencing January 1, 2023. The official announcement appears [here](https://lutherantheological.ca/lts-news/lts-announces-the-appointment-of-the-rev-dr-kayko-driedger-hesslein-as-hordern-professor): (<https://lutherantheological.ca/lts-news/lts-announces-the-appointment-of-the-rev-dr-kayko-driedger-hesslein-as-hordern-professor>)

EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS:

- **War is not Holy!:** Holiness Patriarch Kirill and [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) acting general secretary Fr. Ioan Sauca met on October 17 in Moscow, discussing how churches are called to be peacemakers. In addition

to a public conversation, Patriarch Kirill and Fr. Sauca had their own private audience to discuss Orthodox matters. To read the full article, please [click here](#).

- **Learn More About Lutheran, Anglican, and Moravian Identities and Traditions:** In 2023, [Moravian Church in America](#), the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada](#), and the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) will consider a proposal to seek full communion and deepen ministry partnerships together. The proposed agreement is called [One Flock, One Shepherd](#). The churches have posted six videos to help learn about our identities and traditions. Please [click here](#) for more information and to watch the videos.
- WCC The [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) executive committee elected during the [WCC 11th Assembly](#), including ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson, has concluded their first meeting, held November 7-12 at the Ecumenical Institute Bossey and at the Ecumenical Center in Geneva, Switzerland. The governing body focused on follow up from the assembly, planning for 2023 including the budget and program plans, and the statements that respond to critical situations affecting the fellowship of WCC member churches. To read the full article, please [click here](#).



This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday Bible study at 9 am on Zoom
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am
First Sunday in Advent (View [here](#))

Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1 pm

Thursday..... Confirmation at 8:15 pm

Next Sunday Bible study at 9 am on Zoom
Worship Service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am
Second Sunday In Advent (View [here](#))
Sunday School Christmas Pageant practice @ St. Laurence Anglican at noon
(lunch included)

Note 1: Most events are ZOOM events accessible through our website, with the exception of our Sunday morning worship service which is offered in-person and on-line.

Last Week at Church

Financial information from November 20:

Total Offerings	\$ 4,640.90
- General Offering	\$ 3,970.90
- Designated Gifts	\$ 670.00



British Columbia Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Official notice of the BC Synod AGM

TO: All members of BC Synod Council, All Rostered Ministers, All Congregations

FROM: The Secretary of the BC Synod

DATE: October 18th, 2022

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

As required by the Bylaws (please refer below to the quoted text), the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2022. It will be held **Tuesday, November 29th, 2022 at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform.

Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote.

Congregational leaders: Please post [this notice](#) prominently in your regular place of worship, and please announce publicly in all worship services between now and November 29th, 2022.

Agenda (first draft)

- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2021 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022

On behalf of the BC Synod Council,

Tarynn McKenzie

Secretary

Excerpt from the Constitution and Bylaws of the British Columbia Synod

Bylaw 10 Section 3 “ ... For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the B.C. Society Act, one meeting of the Synod Council annually shall include the annual general meeting of this Synod which meeting shall be held within six months of the end of the fiscal year. For purposes of this annual general meeting a voting member shall be any person who holds membership in a congregation of the Synod and a quorum

The Parish Of St. Laurence, Coquitlam

825 St. Laurence Street
Coquitlam, BC V3J 6G7

TRI CITIES – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

TRI-CITIES WINTER SHELTER

TOGETHER WITH PROGRESSIVE HOUSING SOCIETY WE OFFER HOSPITALITY OF OVERNIGHT SHELTER AND MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED.

WHEN: JANUARY 1, 2023 – FEBRUARY 1, 2023

WHERE: ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 825 ST. LAURENCE STREET,
COQUITLAM, BC

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- VOLUNTEER FOR AN EVENING OR MORNING SHIFT
- DONATE FOOD, CLOTHING OR MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:

EVENING SHIFTS: 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM – 5 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT

MORNING SHIFTS: 5:30 AM – 7:30 AM – 5 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 AT 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD AT ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 825 ST.
LAURENCE STREET, COQUITLAM, BC



“The OTHER People” are 7 individuals committed to breaking down stereotypes.

These Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Asian/Buddhist, Indigenous, Black and Jewish community leaders are working together to overcome racism, bigotry and implicit bias.

Come hear their experiences in speaking to over 1,000 BC High School students and learn about the impact of their recent trip to Dubai and Israel.

Location: Temple Sholom—7190 Oak St Vancouver BC

Thursday, Dec 8th at 8:00 pm

Co-sponsored by Temple Sholom & the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.



THE OTHER PEOPLE

"MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!"

website: theotherpeople.ca

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

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd
Website

