

Third Sunday in Advent

Healing Service

December 11, 2022

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

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

Gathering Hymn Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert

Flowers will bloom in the desert,
and enemies learn to be friends.
God's world will be filled with God's being,
will welcome the One that God sends.

Refrain: Flowers will bloom in the desert,
captives walk free.
These promises, God, you have given,
your people have nurtured this dream.

The hungry will feed at the banquet,
the blinded be able to see.
All captives will walk out of prisons,
surprised at their call to be free. **Refrain**

The poor will know good news is spoken,
their value affirmed by their God.
The crippled will dance with God's praises
and lilies shall burst from dead sod. **Refrain**

These promises, God, you have given,
your people have nurtured this dream.
In Jesus you call us to action,
you hold us in highest esteem. **Refrain**

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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.**

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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 -

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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!

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 and Lighting of the Advent Wreath # 240

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

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

3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.

Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146:5-10

Refrain:



Let your face shine up - on us, and we shall be saved.

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

C: Refrain

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: Refrain

L: The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

C: Refrain

Second Reading James 5:7-10, 13-14

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord...Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

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!

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 617 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

 Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Liturgy for Healing p. 276

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

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

At the pastor's invitation, those who wish to receive healing prayer may come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail. During this time the congregation will sing the following hymns:

- #612 Healer of Our Every Ill
- #614 There is a Balm in Gilead
- #613 Thy Holy Wings
- #785 When Peace like a River
- #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- #789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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:

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

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

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 # 260 The King Shall Come

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Communion Hymn # 487 What Feast of Love

- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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!

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

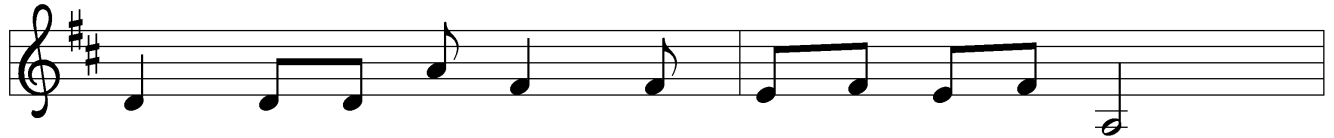
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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 # 266 All Earth is Hopeful



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God

After the service, all who would like individual prayer are asked to stay for one-on-one prayer with Pastor Eric in the Fireside Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 11, 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 thanksgiving for Christ's coming reign of healing and restoration.

Healing Service Today: During the service worshippers will be invited to receive a general prayer for healing. Those with specific prayer concerns will be invited to remain after the service to meet with Pastor Eric in the Fireside Room. We hope this both accommodates those who wish healing prayer, while also not extending the service for those who do not wish to participate.

Choir Practice this Friday: Our rescheduled choir practice is this **Friday, December 16th** at 2 pm at **St. Laurence Anglican Church**.

Christmas Sing Along December 11th this evening: 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.

Worship on December 18th: Next Sunday, **December 18th** we will be worshipping together with St. Laurence Anglican (**at their church – 825 St. Laurence Street, Coquitlam**) and enjoying a joint Christmas pageant featuring kids from both of our Sunday Schools, continuing our partnership in Family Ministry. We hope you can join us there!

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.

GSLC Recording for LWF Advent Project: The Advent recording we made on November 20th will be featured on the Lutheran World Federation website on **Wednesday December 7th** and you can watch it [here](#).

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.

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.

Nominations open for the 2023 Leadership Award: The **ELCIC Leadership Award** recognizes the outstanding contributions of rostered and lay members in service to the wider church. Presented at **Assembly 2023** in Calgary, this award honours an individual committed to advancing the mission and ministry of the ELCIC. Full criteria and nomination information can be [found here](#). **Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2023.**

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 Jan Storch, 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. Click [here](#) for the link for the hymns and watch for our recording from Good Shepherd which will be featured on December 7th!
- **Preparing for Christmas with Prayer:** Rev. Bruce 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.
- **On Eagle's Wings Advent Devotionals are here!** Copies available on the table at the front entrance door.
- **Hear Bach's Lutheran Masses:** The **Manitoba Chamber Orchestra** offers an opportunity to hear Bach's Lutheran Masses, through 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 beginning this **Thursday, December 8th**. For viewing access details, please [click here](#).
- **"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](#).

NEWS FROM OUR SYNOD:

- **Bishop Kathy's Article from the October/November Edition of the Canada Lutheran Magazine:** Read it [here](#).
- **Synod Council Vice-Chair Elected:** Synod council is pleased to announce that at its fall meeting in October Rev. Aneeta Saroop was elected Vice-Chair of council. The Vice-Chair has the responsibility of presiding at Synod conventions and at meetings of the Synod Council at the request of the Chair and performing such additional

duties as prescribed in the Synod governance and policy manuals. Congratulations Rev. Saroop and blessings on your service in this important role!

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:

- A video recording of an online conversation with the [KAIROS/For the Love of Creation](#) delegation who have just returned from the [2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference \(COP27\)](#) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt is now available. The online event saw two panels of delegates who explored how the conference shaped their thinking about climate justice work going forward. Panels discussed perspectives of prioritizing Indigenous voices; the impacts and roles of women; and concerns about resource extraction. The recording of the December 1 session was posted on the [delegation page](#) along with the recording of the November 3 session before the delegation went to Egypt
- **Expressions of Support Requested:** [KAIROS](#) 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](#).

EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS:

- **WCC Article:** 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
Healing Worship Service with Holy Communion live streamed at 10:30 am
Third Sunday In Advent (View [here](#))
Christmas Sing-Along & Dessert Potluck at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday Council Meeting at 6 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1 pm
- Thursday..... Confirmation at 8:15 pm
- Friday Choir Practice at 2 pm at **St. Laurence Anglican Church**
- Next Sunday**Joint Service** and Children’s Christmas Pageant with St. Laurence Anglican Church at **825 St. Laurence Street, Coquitlam** at 10:30 am

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 December 4:

Total Offerings	\$ 6,400.15
- General Offering	\$ 5,820.15
- Designated Gifts	\$ 260.00
- Project Contingency	\$ 320.00

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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

*Thank you ~and may God bless you ~ for any consideration
you give to this ministry opportunity to help those in our
community in need.*

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.



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Website

