

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITION TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STOL:LO 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

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: **Amen**

P: Dear friends, let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Source of all life,

C: **we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen**

P: Beloved of God,
God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.
Our sins are forgiven,
† God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen**

Gathering Hymn ELW # 504 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Greeting

P: The creative grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the life-giving love of God,
and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live
your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise – Now the Feast

Refrain:

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
er - more!

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

to Refrain

Refrain:

Congregation:
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
 er - more!

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
 might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
 for - ev - er.

to Refrain

Refrain:

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -

er - more!

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, —
 — to make us peo - ple of God; to make
 all things new. *to Refrain*

Refrain:

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -
 er - more!

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

Refrain:

The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: **Refrain**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Refrain

L: Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.

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

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Be Thou My Vision - Rend Collective version led by Jason/ignYte Youth

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

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

Presentation by ignYte Youth on the 2023 CLAY Gathering in Waterloo, Ontario

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 around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Special Music – Combined Church Choirs – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

By Martin Luther

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score includes vocal parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves. The Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

P: It is our duty and delight...

the pastor continues, concluding...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

C: **Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor prays and concludes...

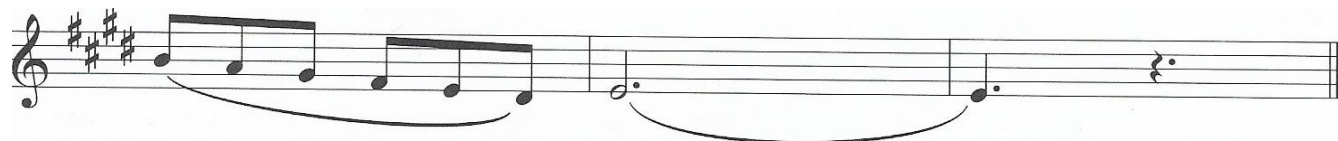
P: Amen, come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen, come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and our friend...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.



A - - - - - men.

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final time:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



Additional invocations:

you break the chains of hatred and fear:
 you are the way of justice and peace:
 you are the way of mercy and love:

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. Lighter red grape juice is located in the centre ring of the tray.

Hymns Sung during Communion

ACS # 962 In This Feast of Love

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

ACS # 1006 By Grace We have been Saved

Refrain

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,
 not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the
 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the
 3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,
 still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,
 nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

Refrain

young or old, just lis - ten to the song.
 pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.
 there is hope, and love will take you home.

ELW # 498 United At The Table

ELW # 597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ACS # 967 This is Christ's Body (Chant)

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Communion Blessing

Thanks Be to You

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,

Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
 mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: Now may God, creator of all things,
 speaking reformation into being;
 Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
 Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
 Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ACS # 1048 Founded on Faith

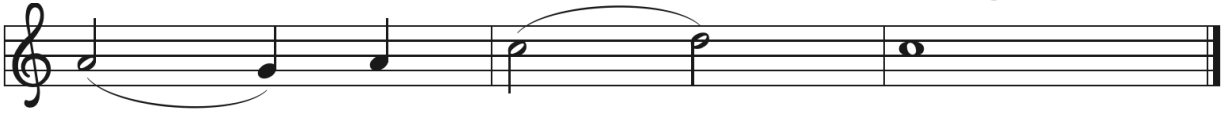
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ered to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29, 2023

Flowers are placed on the altar in thanksgiving for the Reformers of the Church, and the Holy Spirit who continues to inspire ongoing reformation today.

Today's Bible Study: The Sunday morning Bible Study is cancelled today.

Today's Choir Practice: The Sunday morning choir practice begins at 9:30 am today.

Thank you & Welcome St. Laurence Anglican Church: We welcome this morning our friends from St. Laurence Anglican Church as we join in celebration of Reformation Sunday, and we thank Jason and our ignYte Youth Group and members of the St. Laurence Choir who will all be participating in our service today. After the service, ignYte is inviting us to join them in the fellowship hall to carve pumpkins. If you didn't bring a pumpkin, no problem...we have one for you! Hope you can join us today.

Emergency Appeal for Gaza: The ELCIC and CLWR have joined together to respond to the ongoing crisis in Gaza. Read about their efforts, and how you can donate by clicking [here](#). We invite you to continue to pray for all those suffering.

Crisis in the Holy Land: The ELCIC has put together an ongoing list of updates, statements & resources regarding the current situation in the Holy Land, including information from our partners in the region. View it [here](#).

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: November 5th we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. Please add the name of the loved one you wish to commemorate during the service in the binder at the entrance to the Sanctuary. As we've done in the past, we are inviting you to send in a picture of those you wish to remember, to be projected during the remembrance time in the service. We prefer pictures in jpeg format in the largest size possible. Please send them to the office as early as you can.

WATER FROM A ROCK Worship Services- *Worship for Young Adults & University Students*: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran and St. Andrew's Anglican are leading monthly worship services for young adults and university students! The next one will take place **Sunday, Nov. 5th**, 7pm at Shepherd of the Valley Church (20097 - 72 Ave, Langley). There's music, prayer, Scripture reflection, community, all wrapping up with a great meal (last time was pulled pork!). Services are on the first Sunday of the month, happening Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7. See the Poster on page 22 for all the details. Hope to see you there!

Book Club: The book club is meeting at the home of the Hansens' this coming **Thursday, November 2** at 7:15 p.m. The book to be discussed is *State of Fear* by Michael Crichton. All are welcome.

Change in Meeting Times & Days: In order to accommodate those who could not meet for the Mid-Week Bible Study on Thursday, the date has now moved back to Wednesday mornings. Henceforth, the **Mid-Week Bible Study will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am each month**. Our next Mid-Week Bible Study takes place on **Wednesday, November 1st**, where we will enjoy a time of bible study together, and then stay and eat a bagged lunch over further conversation if one was brought along. All are welcome. In order for this to occur, the **Prayer Group start time** has now been pushed forward from 1 pm to **1:30 pm**. Please note this time change as well.

Items in need of a new home: Please check out the table in the Fellowship Hall containing miscellaneous items that are no longer being used at the church. You are welcome to take what you would like, free of charge. Other items may be added to the table in coming weeks.

Mutual Ministry Meeting: The next Mutual Ministry Team meeting is on **Wednesday, November 1st** at 7 pm. Should you have any comments or concerns you would like to make known, please feel free to speak confidentially to any of the current team members: Flora Pregler, Rob Karhukangas or Bill Zwicker.

Winter Shelter Donations: The Winter Shelter for November will be hosted at Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship Church, 1160 Lansdown Drive, Coquitlam. Please see the list of food and sundry items on page 20 which they are hoping to collect. Items can be deposited in the bins in the front entrance of our church and will be delivered to Eagle Ridge in due course, or can be dropped off there yourself. Also, they are seeking assistance with baking and cleaning if you are willing to lend a hand that way, too. See all the details on page 21.

World Toilet Day Drive: Sanitation is a pivotal human rights issue. Access to sanitation helps keep human waste out of the water and food chains, maintain the dignity of personhood, protect from diseases and to reduce malnutrition. This year *World Toilet Day* falls on November 19th, and we will be gathering items until then for donation to *End Homelessness Burnaby* and *Holy Trinity Cathedral*, to assist with their outreach ministries to those in need. They are requesting new and individually wrapped only of:

Female hygiene products (very needed)	Small hand sanitizers	Shampoo or conditioner & combs
Socks & underwear (very needed)	Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Baby wipes / wet wipes
Toilet paper	Lotions & soaps	Dental floss & lip balms

Advent Devotionals: Augsburg Fortress is offering a new devotional for the Advent and Christmas Season entitled '**Come, Emmanuel**'. There is a sample devotional page on the usher's table, and more information on page 16. The cost is now \$2.75 for a small devotional, \$7.00 for a Large Print, and they even have kindle copies available for \$2.99 US\$ each. **Our order will be placed on October 30th**, to ensure they arrive in time for Advent. See page 20 for more information.

Monthly Gathering for Parents and Grandparents of Trans/Nonbinary Kids: This online group is offered by and hosted by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and the Affirming Diversity Ministry Team. It is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, a professor of Queer Theologies. This meeting takes place on the **4th Monday of every month** from 7-8 pm Mountain Time on Zoom (meeting ID: 374 313 0071) Please see the poster on the current events bulletin board.

Announcing the Langley Christmas Choir: The Langley Christmas Choir, hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, is a new opportunity for singers to join together to sing in a seasonal community-based choir and rehearse for a limited duration in preparation to present a concert during the Christmas season. It is a short-term choir and is not meant to take singers away from their participation in other church or community choir commitments. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, and the concert date is December 10th at 3 pm. If interested contact Gail Suderman, Music Director via email: gail.svlc@shaw.ca

Words to Live By: Seniors are invited join us for an enriching series of Jewish Lutheran Dialogue. This two-part interfaith exchange will be an opportunity for participants to engage in dialogue and learn from each other as well as from our speakers. Both events include Kosher style lunch and Musical performances by Cantor Shani Cohen and Lorraine Reinhardt. Click [here](#) for information. For more information on registration and parking, please contact Kathy Prasad in the office at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church. If you have an interest in attending one or both of these sessions, please speak with Pastor Eric as carpooling may be an option. The second of two events is on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 12 PM AT SPIRIT OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SOGIE Education Opportunity: As we seek to deepen and expand the holy work of welcome, inclusion, and celebration of LGBTQIA+ people in the church and society, we can find ourselves asking, "What does LGBTQIA+ mean? *ReconcilingWorks*, a Lutheran organization which educates, supports and advocates for the LGBTQIA+

Community is offering a Zoom workshop called “**Let’s Talk SOGIE**”. This training is great for those who are hoping to support their faith community in ongoing education, or for individuals who have an open heart and mind on learning more about God’s diversity of creation. The event is on **November 2nd from noon until 1:30 pm**. Registration is \$35 USD per person. To register, click [here](#). If you would like to watch this together with Pastor Eric, you are welcome to join him at noon on **November 2nd** in the Fireside Room. **Individual registration is still required**. Bring a bagged lunch, and plan to stay afterwards for a bit of discussion if you wish.

Official Notice of BC Synod AGM: The BC Synod will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **November 29th at 7:30 pm** over Zoom. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. A copy of the office Notice has been posted on the *Current Events* Bulletin Board and view it here on page 25.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS:

- **Podcast Episode with Bishop Susan Johnson**: Bishop Susan Johnson was recently a guest on the “Let’s Talk Faith & Justice” podcast hosted by Multifaith UVic. She was speaking about her recent visit to Camp Morgan and the issue of searching the Brady Landfill for missing and murdered Indigenous women. You can listen to the podcast [here](#).
- **A Celebration of Joy in Music & Song**: A fund-raising concert for READ Surrey/White Rock will be held on **Saturday, November 4th at 3 pm** featuring the internationally renowned Bergmann Duo & Pastor Lori-Anne, singer/songwriter. See the poster on page 23 for all the details.
- **ELCIC’s Rev. Katherine Gohm elected LWF Vice President**: (ELCIC’s) Rev. Katherine Gohm was elected vice president for the North America region of the Lutheran World Federation for the current term, which runs for seven years until the close of the next LWF Assembly. To read the full news article, please click [here](#).
- **Letter of Congratulations**: ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Bishop Jason Zinko [sent a letter to Premier-designate Wab Kinew](#) following his recent election. Kinew was elected as the Premier of Manitoba on October 3 and is the first First Nations leader of a Province in Canada, "a wonderful and historic moment in the life of our country," noted the leaders in their letter.

CREATION CARE:

- **Laudato Si Circle**: The *Laudato Si Circle* hosted by St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish (140 Port Moody Street) will resume their meeting this **Thursday, November 2** from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the church portable on their property. This ecumenical group of Christians concerned for creation will continue to meet for prayer, inspiring talks and lively discussions around ecological conversion, sustainability and prophetic advocacy and inspired action. All are welcome to come, listen, learn and be inspired to become involved in caring for the environment and all of God’s created world. See Pastor Eric for more information if you are interested.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **The Walrus Talks on Gender-Based Violence**: The Canadian Women's Foundation presents *The Walrus Talks: Gender-Based Violence* on **Thursday, November 16** at 3:30 p.m. This in-person event will also be made available online. For more details and to register, please [click here](#).
- **Journey towards Truth and Reconciliation**: During the Truth and Reconciliation Week, the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) held a series of daily lunch and learns or webinars, that offered an immersive experience to UN-learn the myths of colonial history of Canada. To watch the **recorded sessions**, please [click here](#).

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated as a fragrance-free zone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

- This Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online) – **CANCELLED**
Choir Practice at 9:30 am
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Reformation Sunday Special Worship Service
with Sunday School, 2-Church Choir, Youth presenting CLAY experience and
communion, live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))
with pumpkin carving afterwards.
- TuesdayWoodworking and Crafting Group at 10 am
- Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:30 am followed by conversation together while
eating your bagged lunch (if you'd like to stay).
Prayer Gathering at **1:30 pm** over Zoom (**Note Change in Time**)
- ThursdaySOGIE viewing with Pastor Eric in the Fireside Room at noon over lunch followed
by conversation and discussion
Book Club at the Hansen's home at 7:15 pm to discuss *State of Fear*
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online)
All Saints Sunday Worship Service with communion, live-streamed at 10:30 am
(View live-stream [here](#))

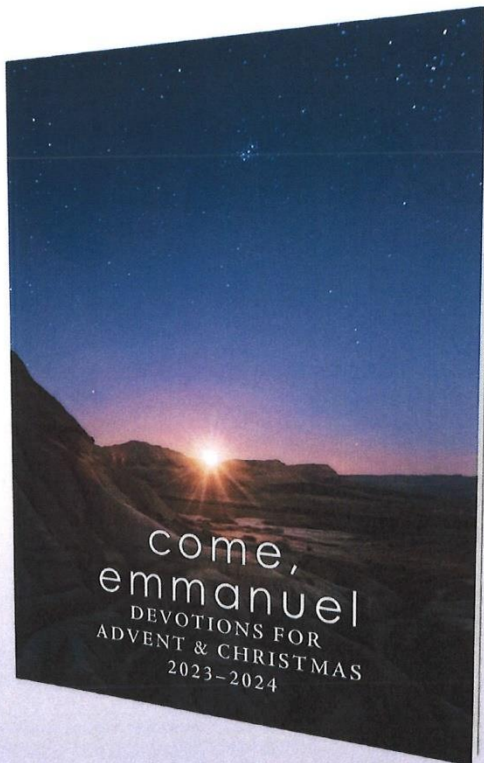
Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over.

Last Week at Church

<u>Financial information from:</u>	<u>October 22nd</u>	
Total Offerings	\$	2,335.00
- General Offering	\$	2,255.00
- Directed Gifts	\$	80.00

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November Tri-Cities Winter Shelter
At Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship, 1160 Lansdown Drive, Coquitlam
604-464-2416
Food & Miscellaneous Requirement

The Tri-Cities' Winter Shelter provides a hot meal for dinner, a warm, safe place to sleep, breakfast and a bagged lunch-to-go for those experiencing homelessness that are brought to our door. Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship church will be hosting the month of November. We are starting to set up for volunteers to bake for daily desserts, and cookies/ squares for the bagged lunches, and volunteers to help people in the morning and do cleaning after they have left. We are also collecting warm winter clothing, toiletries, and food that will go into the bagged lunches. I have attached list of items needed and no amount that you have is too small. We have placed collection boxes in the foyer of the church and people can drop off their donations for clothing, toiletries or food for the bagged lunches there. Just call the church before coming down, to ensure someone is at the church.

Fresh food that needs to be refrigerated:

- Individually-wrapped cheese slices
- Cartons of Eggs (label if already hard boiled)
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Mandarin Oranges
- Mayonnaise
- Spreadable containers of Margerine

Clothing & Miscellaneous

(For both Men & Women)

- socks & underwear/boxers (**New Only**)
- hats, toques, scarves, and gloves
- sleep pants, warm pj's
- warm winter coats
- rainwear, ponchos
- sweatshirts, T-shirts, long sleeved T's
- pants
- blankets
- footwear (preferably waterproof):
 - shoes, boots, hiking boots
- day packs & back packs (new/gently used)

We currently have available space on our sign-up sheets for:

- morning cleaning @ 06:30-08:00 a.m.
- lunch making at the church @ 10:00-11:00 a.m
- at-home baking: squares or cookies (for lunches) and/or daily desserts.

If you have a questions, want more information, or to sign up, please contact Debbie Fell, at debbiefell@shaw.ca, or give me a call at 604 942-5622. Thank you for any consideration you give to these requests for your donations and/or time to help those in our neighbourhood who are unhoused or food insecure, or both.

Donations Needed for Bagged Lunches:

- Juice Boxes
- Granola Bars (soft ones only please)
- Pudding Cups
- Fruit cups
- Disposable Spoons (for fruit and pudding cups)
- Peanut Butter
- Jam
- Cans of Tuna or Salmon
- Chocolate Bars
- Pre-packaged, individually-wrapped cookies

TOILETRIES DONATIONS:

- small soaps, body wash, lotion
- shampoo, conditioner,
- toothbrushes (packaged), toothpaste, floss,
- ChapStick
- deodorant
- shaving supplies
- women's menstrual supplies
- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- small boxes of Band-Aids
- small first aid kits
- combs, nail clippers
- washcloths, towels
- Hand and Foot warmers,

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Friends,

Thank you for your prayers over the last two weeks for the unfolding crisis in Gaza. Today, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Canadian Lutheran World Relief are calling on Canadians to pray for those suffering and to give generously in response to this crisis.

We continue to grieve the senseless violence that sparked this war, but we can't wait to act. In Gaza, an unimaginable humanitarian catastrophe is getting worse by the hour. Over a million people have been forced to flee their homes in the last two weeks, and stocks of food, water, electricity, and medical supplies are desperately low. Hospitals have been badly damaged, leaving vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, infants, and the elderly at particular risk. Schools and places of worship have also been destroyed, including the oldest church in Gaza.

CLWR's mandate as a humanitarian organization is to provide life-saving aid wherever it's needed. Right now, that's in Gaza, where we're running out of time to save the lives of so many including children. But it's only possible with your help. CLWR has announced that it's joining other leading Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition in launching a joint appeal to provide emergency humanitarian relief in response to this growing crisis.

The stories you've read about struggles to get aid supplies through are real. We have long-standing partners in the region who want to help, but they need supplies. Through the Coalition, CLWR are working to secure that access. As that happens, your gift today means that we'll be ready to scale up quickly enough to save lives.

Please give generously if you're able to by visiting clwr.org/gaza or by calling 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CST), and please join me in praying for peace.

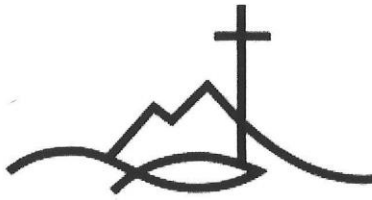
Thank you for your partnership and for your compassion.

May God bless you,

Karin Achtelstetter
Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief

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

FROM: The Secretary of the BC Synod

DATE: October 12th, 2023

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

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 2023. It will be held Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 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, 2023.

Agenda (first draft)

- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2022 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2023

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 shall be three persons. Furthermore, thirty days written notice of this annual general meeting shall be given to every member of the Synod Council and to each congregation of this Synod. In addition members of this Synod will be informed of such meeting by posting notice where each congregation and its members regularly meet."

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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