

# The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *Healing Service*

November 12, 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 God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

C: Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away from you  
and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn ELW #436**

**Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

**Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**Kyrie ACS 1011 Holy God**

*Congregation sings the following refrain after each sentence sung by the worship leader.*

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,  
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

**Hymn of Praise This is the Feast**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and *Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



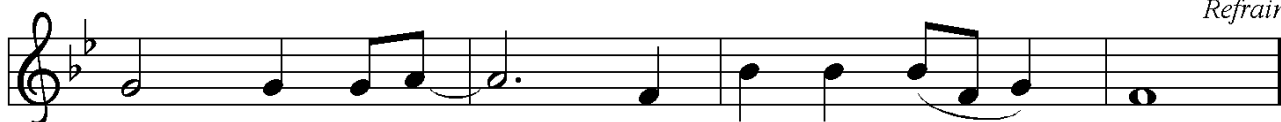
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Word**

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

**Children's Time**

**First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**

*Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
 and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
 and is found by those who seek her.  
 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
 for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
 and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
 and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
 and meets them in every thought.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70**

**Refrain:**

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

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor

who desire to hurt me.  
Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"  
turn back because of their shame.

**C: Refrain**

L: Let all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you.  
Let those who love your salvation  
say evermore, "God is great!"

**C: Refrain**

L: But I am poor and needy;  
hasten to me, O God!  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
O LORD, do not delay!

**C: Refrain**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**



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 Matthew.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day      **Are You Downhearted, Dearest Friend**

Are you downhearted, dearest friend,  
who in God’s Son believe  
and in His saviour-name your prayers  
say every morn and eve?

Look up beyond the darkened clouds  
to Heaven far above  
where God, our Father, in His hand  
holds everything with love.

Then, like a child, look at this world  
and know that all that’s here  
exists in service to the good  
of those whom God holds dear.

They say each devil has his time  
but certain is that all  
who fought against our mighty God  
have met defeat and fall.

God’s angels are so many kinds,  
you’ll find them everywhere,  
and what God’s will is aiming at  
does happen on a hair.

God’s purpose is in every storm,  
however wild it is;  
each flood and every raging fire  
a servant is of His.

And when the world is casting lots  
for honour, goods, and life,  
God in His hand the outcome holds  
with loving-kindness rife.

If you believe that God does love  
what He from dust has made,  
then in His Spirit rest and work  
and never be afraid.

A mighty fortress is our faith,  
its spires our hope proclaim.  
In faith God’s Spirit we receive  
when baptized in Christ’s name.

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## 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

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### 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 help and 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:*

ELW #617	We Come To You For Healing Lord
ELW #773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
ACS #1021	O God, To You I Cry In Pain
ELW #790	Day By Day
ELW #792	When Memory Fades
	<b>Only You O God (Tune: 614 – Balm in Gilead)</b>



**Refrain:** Only you, O God, and you alone, the broken heart console.  
Only you, O God, and you alone, the wounded world make whole.

O God, our rock and haven,  
our stronghold, safe and sure,  
though earth be torn and shaken,  
in you we stand secure. **Refrain**

You guard us, faithful father,  
within your shelt'ring palm;  
you nurse us, loving mother,  
with milk and healing balm. **Refrain**

We pray, do not abandon  
the ones you call your own;  
our comfort and companion,  
we trust in you alone. **Refrain**

**ACS #1018**      **Deep Peace (Chant)**

## 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 – Choir – You Stop Me in the Darkness

### Offering and Offering Prayer

#### Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

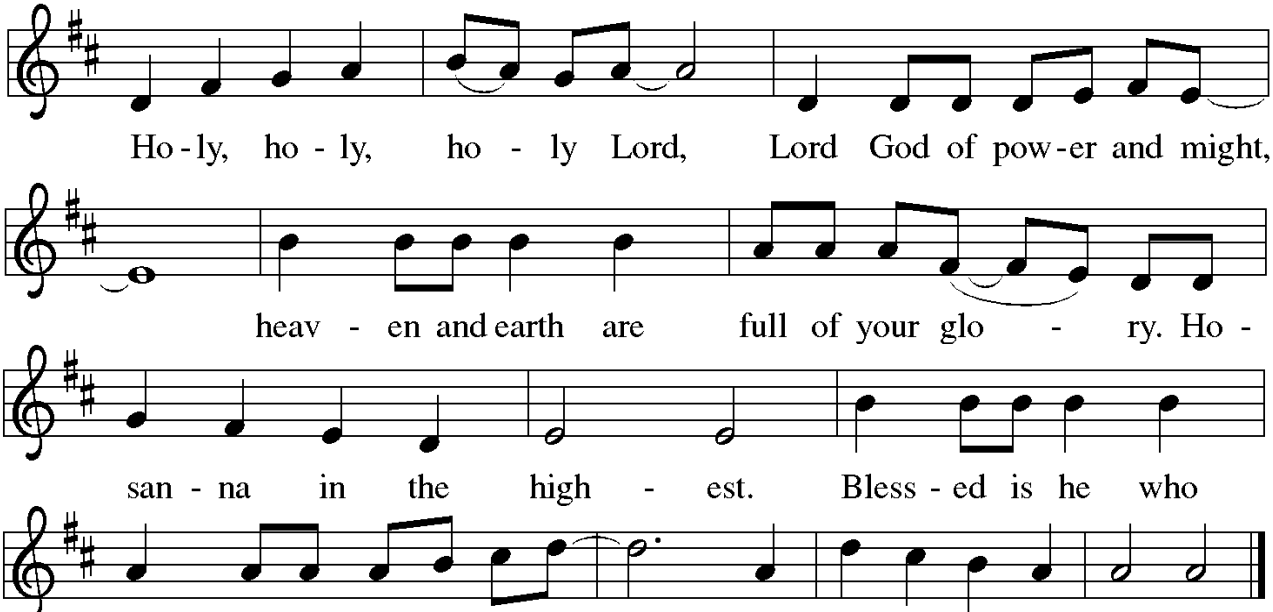
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: 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, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### Lord's Prayer

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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come, and feast at Jesus's table.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### 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.

**Communion Hymn ELW # 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness**

**Communion Hymn ELW # 785 When Peace Like A River**

**Communion Hymn ELW # 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast**

**Communion Hymn ACS # 1031 In God Alone**

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer After Communion**

# Sending

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## Sending Blessing

P: May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ACS # 949      Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

## Dismissal

P: Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 12, 2023

**Flowers** are placed on the altar in thanksgiving to our God for his presence, love, mercy and grace abound in our times of need.

**Save the Date – Christmas Sing Along!**: 'Tis the Season! You and your friends are invited to join in a Christmas Sing Along of carols and seasonal favorites here on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The congregation is invited to bring a festive treat (finger food only i.e. no forks) to share. All are welcome, so bring your family and friends.

**Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas**: Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue has arrived. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Pick up a copy on the usher's table, or you can shop online at [clwr.org/GFTH](http://clwr.org/GFTH).

**Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom) – BEHOLD**: All are invited to attend an interfaith dinner on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 9 pm** at Temple Shalom (7190 Oak Street, Vancouver) with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom. Both Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. Cost is \$36/person and registration is required. All the information on this event can be found [here](#).

**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](#). **Donations will be matched until November 12<sup>th</sup>**. We invite you to continue to pray for all those suffering. See the poster on page 18.

**Special Emergency Appeal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)**: The ELCIC invites all its members to support a special emergency appeal just launched for the needs of the ELCJHL. This church is our sister church in the Holy Land and are in significant need in this desperate time. Read more about the appeal and how you can donate [here](#) and see the poster on page 16.

**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](#).

**Vigil for Peace**: During this time of anxiety and deep uncertainty as a result of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, the Synod invites everyone to gather for a short prayer vigil service on Thursdays at 7 pm. (approximately 15 minutes). If you wish to participate, please contact Pastor Eric at [Erickrushel@gmail.com](mailto:Erickrushel@gmail.com) for the link.

**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 today - **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - at 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!). These monthly services are taking a hiatus over the Christmas season, and will return to a monthly schedule on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Racial Justice Workshops**: ELCIC members are invited to attend two online workshops on racial justice. See the poster on page 15 for details. To register, please click here for [Workshop 1](#) and [Workshop 2](#).

**Winter Shelter Donations**: We continue to collect items for the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter. Please see the list of items needed on page 14. Items can be deposited in the bins in the front entrance of the church.

**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.

**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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Concert – The Joy of Christmas:** The Meadow Ridge Singers Community Choir perform a Christmas concert on Sunday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12145 Laity Street, Maple Ridge. See the poster on the bulletin board and on page 17 for all the details.

**Official Notice of BC Synod AGM:** The BC Synod will be holding its Annual General Meeting **on November 29<sup>th</sup> 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 19.

#### **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](#).
- **Langley Christmas Choir:** The Langley Christmas Choir, hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, is performing on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at the church.

#### **CREATION CARE:**

- **National Housing Day is on November 22:** November 22nd is National Housing Day here in Canada. It is a day to recognize the work done and the work that still needs to be done to improve access to safe and affordable housing for everyone.
- **COP28 - Unite. Act. Deliver.:** From November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 28) will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. *FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION* invites faith communities to pray, learn and act for climate justice during COP 28. Various online events are planned for November 14<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup> including an initial panel on advocacy entitled *Churches’ Advocacy on Loss and Damage* on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Click [here](#) to register.
- **Laudato Si Circle:** The *Laudato Si Circle* hosted by St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish (140 Port Moody Street) will meet again on **Thursday, December 5** from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the church portable on their property.

**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](#).

**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)  
*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Healing Service* with communion and  
Sunday School, live-streamed at 10:30 am  
(View live-stream [here](#))
- Monday ..... *Troup de Poetry* Community Event “*Christmas Show*” at 7:30 pm
- Tuesday ..... Woodworking and Crafting Group at 10 am  
GSW Bible Study Circle at 1 pm
- Wednesday ..... Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:30 followed by fellowship over a bagged lunch  
Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom  
ignYte Youth @ GSL at 7 pm
- Friday ..... Memorial Service for Evy Birkeland at 1 pm
- Next Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online)  
*Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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**

Bob Berry is currently away on holidays. The financial information will be published once the figures have been determined.

**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 a few spaces on our sign-up sheets still available for:

- 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](mailto: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  
Bottled water

**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,



# Upcoming Racial Justice Workshops

Looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society?

**Sign up for an upcoming online Racial Justice Workshop.**

Carmen Ramirez (she/her), ELCIC's Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These are intended to be taken together.



## **WORKSHOP 1**

**November 30, 2023**

**11:30 am to 2:00 pm EST**

Based on awareness, this workshop will cover topics such as common language, self-identity, history of racism and resistance in Canada.



## **WORKSHOP 2**

**November 30, 2023**

**3:00 pm to 5:30 pm EST**

This second workshop is based on knowledge and will cover terminology, the doctrine of discovery, markers of white supremacy culture and videos on white privilege.

**These sessions are open to all ELCIC members at NO CHARGE.**

*Sign up early as registration is limited.*

## ELCIC Emergency Appeal for our Partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)



"The ELCJHL are our siblings in Christ. We have been in a long and important partnership with them, and they need our support at this desperate time," says ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson, in an ELCIC Emergency Appeal dated November 3. "Jesus calls us to respond to those in need. This appeal is one way we can do that. I urge you to be generous." The ELCIC invites members to support

**DONATE NOW!**

the ELCJHL Emergency Appeal through prayers and financial support with a goal of covering one month of expenses for the ELCJHL, totaling \$263,000.

ELCJHL Bishop Dr. Sani-Ibrahim Azar recently shared an update with the ELCIC on the escalating violence in the West Bank and the impact of the war on the church. In his letter he noted: due to the increase in violence, schools have had to close; checkpoints between the West Bank and Jerusalem and between areas such as Ramallah and Bethlehem have been nearly completely closed off preventing many people in these communities from being able to travel to and from work; and there has been a devastating impact on families whose livelihoods are connected to the tourism and hospitality industry.

"The war between Israel and Hamas is greatly affecting our partners in the ELCJHL," Bishop Johnson adds. "Most of them have relatives in Gaza. As well, the West Bank has been shut down, which is affecting people's ability to work and move freely. This has huge financial implications for the church."

In his letter, Bishop Azar invited support from ELCJHL partners to help sustain the important ministries of the church during this difficult time. The ELCJHL estimates a budget of \$263,000 per month just for teachers' salaries and 50 percent of the pastors' salaries – these individuals are providing essential ministries throughout the region, serving the needs of parishioners and students.

The ELCIC invites members to support the ELCJHL Emergency Appeal through prayers and financial support. [Our goal is to help cover one month of expenses for the ELCJHL to a total of \\$263,000.](#) To assist in reaching this goal, the ELCIC's National Church Council has approved a one-time contribution to the appeal for \$100,000. **You are invited to help support our partners through a financial contribution to the ELCJHL appeal.** Financial donations may be given in two ways:

1. Through your local congregation by designating your offering to ELCJHL Appeal.
2. [Online through the ELCIC National Office at secure.elcic.ca.](https://secure.elcic.ca)

The full text of the ELCIC Emergency Appeal follows: <https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the [ELCIC/CLWR joint appeal](#) that is responding to the crisis in Gaza. The ELCIC invites members to pray for those suffering and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected. Donations to the Gaza Appeal can be made here: [clwr.org/gaza](https://clwr.org/gaza). Matching funds from the government are available for this appeal until November 12.



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The ELCIC joins with [Canadian Lutheran World Relief \(CLWR\)](#) in responding to the crisis in Gaza, where a massive humanitarian emergency is unfolding.

As a response to the ongoing crisis in Gaza the West Bank and Israel, CLWR is working together with other organizations in the region to provide critical, life-saving aid including emergency food, drinking water, shelter, medical care kits, hygiene kits and more to those in dire need.

Recent estimates indicate nearly 5,000 people have been killed and roughly 20,000 have suffered injuries. Over one million people have been forced to flee their homes in response to the violence. Most are without electricity and are facing shortages of water and food.

Together with the Humanitarian Coalition - an alliance of twelve leading Canadian aid agencies - CLWR is seeking to provide critical life-saving aid in Gaza where estimates indicate that more than one million people have been forced to leave their homes and over 4,300 killed. **Now through November 12, your gift will be matched by the Government of Canada.**

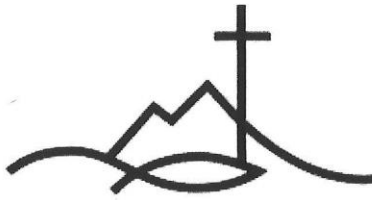
ELCIC invites members to pray for those suffering and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected by this crisis. Please give today - [clwr.org/gaza](http://clwr.org/gaza).

Individuals and congregations wishing to support relief efforts can donate as follows:

- Make a designated offering for "Gaza Relief" through any ELCIC congregation
- Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 (locally at 204-694-6502) to donate or go online to [clwr.org/gaza](http://clwr.org/gaza)
- Send a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 400-185 Carlton St, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J1. Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Gaza Relief"

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# British Columbia Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

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