

The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King Sunday

November 26th, 2023

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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 # 855 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

Greeting

P: May 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

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hymn of Praise – Now the Feast

Refrain:

Congregation:

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

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (two sharps) and 3/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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
to Refrain
peo - ple of God.

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.

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Refrain:



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

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C: Refrain

L: For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

C: Refrain

L: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Matthew.

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS # 954 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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,**

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: Christ spreads a table before us, so come and gather, eat and live.

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,
 grant us peace, 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

- ELW # 632 O God Our Help In Ages Past
ELW # 471 Let Us Break Bread Together
ELW # 714 O God of Mercy, God of Light
ACS #1031 In God Alone (Chant)

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: 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 ELW # 434 Jesus Shall Reign

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 26, 2023

Flowers are placed on the altar in praise, honor and thanksgiving to Jesus Christ - our Risen Lord and King!

Pictorial Directory: Photographers will be at the church this week from **Wednesday, November 29th to Saturday, December 2nd** and there are only a few spaces left! Call the office, or sign up directly on the sign-up timeslot sheet today to secure your spot. Don't miss out!

Movie Night today!: All are invited to gather at Peter Schuler's home at 4 pm to enjoy watching the movie "OMG - Oh My God!", a 2012 Indian comedy-drama about a man who loses his small business to an "Act of God" and decides to sue God. Instead of our usual potluck, we will be ordering Indian food. All are welcome.

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 10th** 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.

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 12th**. We invite you to continue to pray for all those suffering. See the poster on page 19.

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 17.

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 and Justice: During these days of war and conflict around our world, our synod is hosting a vigil for Peace and Justice every Thursday at 7 pm by Zoom. This is a short (15 minute) service where you are invited to bring a candle and join with other members of our synod in prayer for peace. Contact Pastor Eric directly at erickrushel@gmail.com to receive the link.

Book Club: The book club will be meeting at Lily and Mogens Hansens' this **Thursday, November 30** at 7:15 pm to discuss *Disarming Scripture* by Derek Flood.

World Toilet Day Drive THANK YOU!: Thank you to everyone for donating to the World Toilet Day Toiletry drive. Your contribution help provided 500+ pieces of toiletries to homeless people in Burnaby and New Westminster. The *End Homelessness Burnaby Society* and *Holy Trinity Cathedral Breakfast Outreach Program* thanks you for your support. Let's continue to fight for sanitation for everyone!

Calling all Ladies of Good Shepherd! Once again, we are planning another luncheon, for **Monday, December 4th** at 11:30 am. We are going to go back to try **Rickie's Restaurant**, at 100 Schoolhouse St. It used to be the ABC Restaurant. Please let Linda Berry know if you are able to come or if you need a ride. (604-937-7349) We always have a great time and it is a good chance to visit with each other. We hope you will join us!

Racial Justice Workshops: ELCIC members are invited to attend two online workshops on racial justice this **Thursday, November 30th**. See the poster on page 15 for details. To register, please click here for [Workshop 1](#) and [Workshop 2](#).

Art Auction for LTS Grace Fund: LTS announces an Art Auction of paintings by John Dyck, a welcome gift from



alumnus Pastor Eric Dyck (LTS class of 1984). Pastor Eric is motivated to share this legacy of his father's paintings with the seminary, knowing the funds raised will aid future ministry. These works will be offered in the 'Affordable Art Auction' - an online art auction hosted by the Saskatchewan Network for Art Collecting (SKNAC) – with all opening bids under \$100. **The online bidding closes on Sunday, December 3rd.** This is a wonderful opportunity to get a beautiful work of art and to support LTS, simultaneously!

[You can view the SKNAC dedicated auction site here.](#)

Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom) – BEHOLD: All are invited to attend an interfaith dinner this **Thursday, November 30th 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](#).

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 3rd** - 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 4th 2024. See Poster on page 16.

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 continue to check out the desk in the Fellowship Hall for 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 **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.

Queer Christology Lecture: On **Monday, November 27th, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CST**, Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, William Hordern Professor of Systematic Theology at LTS will be giving a lecture titled **Queer Christology**. Professor Driedger Hesslein will introduce some of the different christologies emerging from queer theologians, speaking about what makes queer theology distinct and how it can help us to embrace the life-giving work of Christ in new ways. For more information and to join this lecture via Zoom, please [click here](#).

Official Notice of BC Synod AGM: 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. A copy of the Notice has been posted on the *Current Events* Bulletin Board and view it here on page 20. It will be held **Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote.

Zoom Link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86808695932?pwd=eVI3bzM1c3Vucmk1ZThYU2JWNmFCZz09>

Meeting ID is: 868 0869 5932

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- **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.
- **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 10th** 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.
- **Concert – The Joy of Christmas:** The Meadow Ridge Singers Community Choir perform a Christmas concert on Sunday, **December 3rd at 2 pm** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12145 Laity Street, Maple Ridge. See the poster on the bulletin board and on page 18 for all the details.
- **Langley Christmas Choir:** The Langley Christmas Choir, hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, is performing on December 10th at 3 pm at the church.

CREATION CARE:

- **COP28 - Unite. Act. Deliver.:** From November 30th to December 12th, 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 14th to December 12th including webinars on various topics To participate or get involved in any of these webinar events, please click [here](#) for more details.
- **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.

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)
Christ the King Sunday – Worship Service with communion and Sunday School
 live-streamed at 10:30 am (View live-stream [here](#))
 Movie Night at Peter Schuler’s home at 4 pm to view “OMG – Oh My God!”
- Tuesday Woodworking and Crafting Group at 10 am
- Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom
 ignYte Youth @ GSL at 7 pm
 Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot from 3 pm to 9 pm
- Thursday Book Club at 7:15 at the home of Lily Yen and Mogen’s Hansen
 Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot from 1:30 pm to 9 pm
- Friday Choir Practice at 2:30 pm
 Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot from 1:30 pm to 9 pm
- Saturday Pictorial Directory Photo Shoot from 10 am to 5:30 pm
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online)
1st Sunday in Advent – 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.

Recent Weeks at Church

<u>Financial information from:</u>	<u>November 5th</u>	<u>November 12th</u>	<u>November 19th</u>
Total Offerings	\$ 3,758.00	\$ 3,358.25	\$ 4,305.00
- General Offering	\$ 3,298.00	\$ 3,233.25	\$ 3,705.00
- Directed Gifts	\$ 40.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 600.00
- Project Contingency	\$ 420.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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 left on our sign-up sheets 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, 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 unhouesed 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.

Water from a Rock

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

We will have so much delicious food!

Water from a Rock

a worship service
for young adults
& university students

first Sunday of the month, 7pm
Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7
at Shepherd of the Valley Church
20097 - 72nd Ave, Langley



Led by: Pastors Kristen Steele & Andrew Halladay

Music: Jason Wood & friends

Sponsored by: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
& St Andrew's Anglican Church

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

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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.](#)

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. Matching funds from the government are available for this appeal until November 12.

The Meadow Ridge Singers

present

The Joy of Christmas



Join us for an afternoon full of musical merriment
as the Meadow Ridge Singers community choir performs
their Christmas concert.

Sunday, December 3rd 2023 2:00PM
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

12145 Laity Street, Maple Ridge

Contact meadowridgesingers@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

Adults \$17 | Students \$5 | Children under 4 \$2

Tickets also available at the door.





Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



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ELCIC *In Mission for Others*



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.**

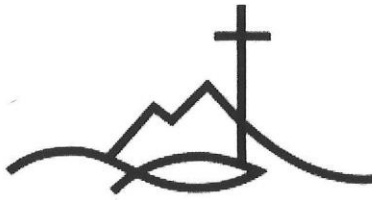
ELCIC invites members to pray for those suffering and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected by this crisis. Please give today - clwr.org/gaza.

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
- 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 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.



Good Shepherd
Website

