## **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

December 24, 2023

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

## **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Dialogue**

- P: Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.
- C: Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.
- P: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
- C: the desert shall rejoice and blossom.
- P: They shall see the glory of the Lord,
- C: the majesty of our God.
- P: Nations shall come to your light,
- C: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- P: This is the Lord for whom we wait;
- C: let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.

#### **Gathering Hymn # 244** – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#### Greeting

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

#### **Prayer of the Day**

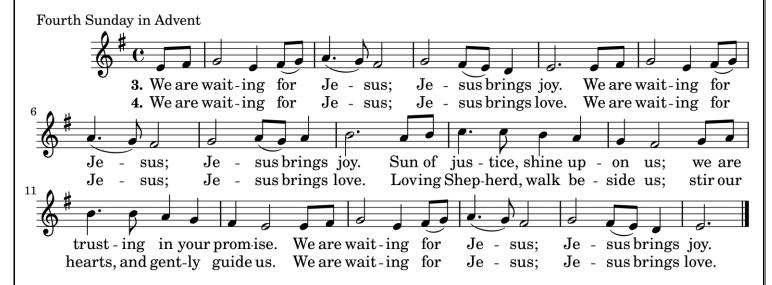


## Word

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

Children's Time and Lighting of the Advent Wreath ACS # 905 We Are Waiting for Jesus (adapted)

All sing the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> verses while the Candles are being lit.



#### Lessons and Carols from Around the World

Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The sun shall no longer be

your light by day,

nor for brightness shall the moon

give light to you by night;

but the LORD will be your everlasting light,

and your God will be your glory.

Your sun shall no more go down,

or your moon withdraw itself;

for the LORD will be your everlasting light,

and your days of mourning shall be ended.

P: I will wait for the Lord,

C: and I will hope in God who saves us.

Carol: ELW #243 - Lost in the Night

#### Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

P: I will wait for the Lord,

C: and I will hope in God who saves us.

Carol: ELW #247 - Come now, O Prince of Peace

Lesson: Isaiah 40:9-11

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

P: I will wait for the Lord,

C: and I will hope in God who saves us.

Carol: ELW #240 - Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice,

I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

P: I will wait for the Lord,

C: and I will hope in God who saves us.

Carol: ELW # 253 - He Came Down

#### **Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P: I will wait for the Lord,

C: and I will hope in God who saves us.

Carol: ELW # 265 - The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

## **Offering Prayer**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

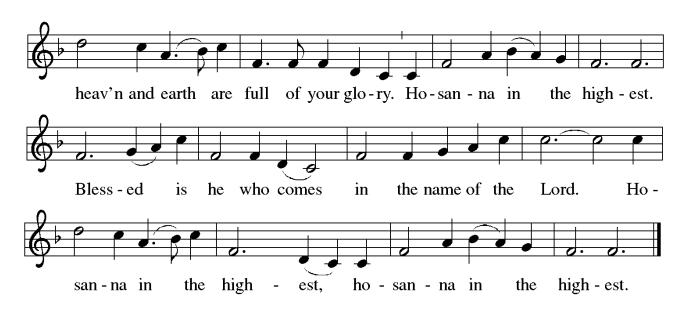
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





#### Thanksgiving at the Table

## **Lord's Prayer**

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

## **Lamb of God**



#### **Communion is distributed**

<u>Directions for Communion</u>: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher'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 repository tray at the head of each window aisle. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew once all have come forward, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you. Wine is located in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre.

#### **Hymns Sung During Communion**

ELW # 254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**ELW # 256** Comfort, Comfort Now My People

**ELW # 246** Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

ELW # 262 Wait for the Lord (Chant)

#### **Prayer after Communion**

## Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

### **Blessing**

P: Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

C: Savior of the nations, come!

P: Almighty God, Father, 

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

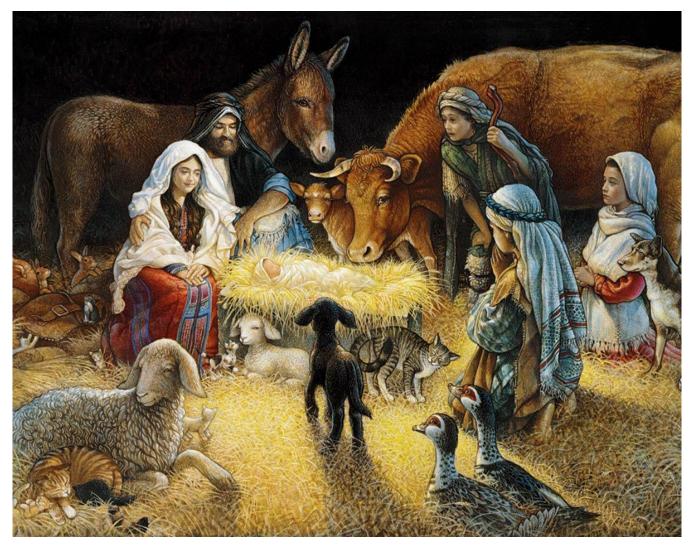
C: Amen.

Sending Song ELW # 263 Savior of the Nations, Come

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God



Wishing you all the gifts

Jesus was born to bring

~ love joy peace ~

## **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** December 24, 2023

#### **Christmas Services**

We will continue to gather to celebrate the good news of our Saviour's birth with the following services over the remainder of the Christmas season:

**Christmas Eve:** 4 pm Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

10 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy

Communion

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day:** 11 am Service of Celebration with Holy Communion

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** 10:30 am Service of Favourite Christmas Carols by request

**First Sunday After Christmas** 

January 5<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm: Dinner of Soup, Bread & Leftover Christmas baking

**Twelfth Night Celebration** 7 pm: Holden Evening Prayer

All are welcome!

<u>Flowers</u> are placed on the altar in honour and praise to the mystery of God's great love - that he would come down as a lowly baby and give himself for us.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**: Cancelled on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and will resume again on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Woodworking & Crafters Group**: Cancelled on December 26<sup>th</sup>, and will resume again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>Prayer Group</u>: Cancelled on December 27<sup>th</sup>, and will resume again on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

<u>Christmas Message</u>: Following are links to Christmas messages from the ELCIC/ACC: <u>Joint Video Message</u>; Lutheran World Federation: Message & ecard; and World Council of Churches: Message & ecard.

<u>Movie Night</u>: We will have our annual Christmas movie afternoon for the book club and movie night groups on Thursday, December 28, at 2 pm at the home of Peter Schuler. There will be a double feature, including the short film "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse", based on a bestselling picture book, and the Australian comedy "The Castle". There won't be a potluck or a dinner, but feel free to bring along some Christmas treats to share.

<u>The Library in the Fellowship Hall</u>: Our library is slowly coming back to life! We're incredibly grateful for a donation empowering us to buy new shelves to better display and store books and A/V material, and for the vision of David Stroud in engineering the custom touches and overhead LED lights. Cara Wills is crafting lovely section labels, making it easier to navigate the shelves. Our catalog system is still a work in progress, but all items can be checked out and returned at your leisure.

Seasonal devotions and material for all ages are highlighted as we journey through Advent to Christmas. The library tree is once again brimming with bookmarks (and envelopes) to take for yourself or others, free of charge. Be sure and check out the display of real frankincense and myrrh (spoiler: the 'gold' is foil-wrapped coins) to get a flavor for the rare gifts brought to the Christ Child by the Magi.

If you have material to donate, or that you'd like to see in the library, contact Jane Whitter or the office.

<u>Crisis in the Holy Land</u>: 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.

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 <u>here</u>. **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 7.

<u>Special Emergency Appeal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)</u>: The ELCIC invites all its members to support a special emergency appeal for the needs of the ELCJHL. Click <u>here</u> to donate and see the poster on page 5. To date the appeal is halfway to its goal of \$263,000. Read the <u>full update</u> on the ELCIC Appeal here.

<u>Items in need of a new home</u>: 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.

<u>Winter Shelter Donations</u>: We continue to collect items for the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter. Please see the list of items needed on page 4. Items can be deposited in the bins in the front entrance of the church.

**Opportunities within the ELCIC**: The ELCIC is looking for volunteers to serve on the following taskforces:

- ELCIC Ableism Task Force
- ELCIC Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force
- ELCIC Racism and White Supremacy Task Force
- <u>ELCIC Carbon Neutrality Task Force</u>

**To apply, click the links to fill out an online form.** For more information, contact Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop, Diversity Equity, and Inclusion, <a href="mailto:cramirez@elcic.ca">cramirez@elcic.ca</a>.

#### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND RESOURCES**

- <u>The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Messages of Hope</u>: LWF has created a webpage containing messages of hope from member churches around our world. You can view these message when you click here.
- <u>Lutherans Connect Devotional:</u> Lutherans Connect is a project of the Centre for Spirituality and Media, at Martin Luther University in Waterloo, Ontario. They are offering an online Advent devotional that many have found enriching. Write to <a href="mailto:lutheransconnect@gmail.com">lutheransconnect@gmail.com</a> to subscribe or find them on Facebook.
- <u>Study Guide on Bonhoeffer's meditations</u>: A study guide on Bonhoeffer's Advent meditations "God is in the Manger" is available when you <u>click here</u> or can be mailed out to you for free. For details please <u>click here</u>.
- <u>2023 Advent Cycle of Prayer: For the Churches in The Holy Land and The Middle East</u>: The bishops of the Lutheran and Anglican churches in Canada and the US have created a resource featuring prayers for each day in Advent for specific congregations, ministries and outreach initiatives of the Lutheran and Anglican Churches in the Holy Land. To access the full Cycle of Prayer, click <a href="here">here</a>.
- <u>Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas</u>: Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new *Gifts from the Heart* catalogue <u>has arrived</u>! 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 <u>clwr.org/GFTH</u>.

#### **CREATION CARE:**

• <u>COP28 - Unite. Act. Deliver.</u>: 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 webinars on various topics To participate or get involved in any of these webinar events, please click here for more details.

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

- <u>Church Leaders write to PM Trudeau</u>: expressing gratitude for the Prime Minister's supportive vote at the UN General Assembly Resolution in demand of an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. View <u>here</u>.
- The new book, "Waterfall of Solidarity and Resistance sharing the stories," brings to life in its pages the
  waterfall tapestry that captured global attention during the World Council of Churches (WCC) 11th
  Assembly in Karlsruhe. To read the full news article on this book, please click here.
- <u>16 Days of Action Campaign to end Gender Violence</u>: This campaign runs from November 25<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup> and aims to raise awareness about gender based violence, as well as strengthening local response work. You can access resources from the LWF <u>here</u>, and from the World council of Churches <u>here</u>.

#### This Week At Church (Note 1)

| This Sunday | Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online) - <b>CANCELLED, RESUMING JANUARY 7</b> 4th Sunday in Advent Worship Service with holy communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View live-stream <a href="here">here</a> ) Christmas Eve Family Candlelight service at 4 pm (View live-stream here) Christmas Eve Candlelight service with Holy Communion at 10 (no live-stream) |
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| Monday      | Christmas Day service with Holy Communion live-streamed at 11 am  |
| Tuesday     | Woodworking and Crafters group at 10 am – CANCELLED, RESUMING JANUARY 2   |
| Wednesday   | Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom – CANCELLED, RESUMING JANUARY 3   |
| Thursday    | Movie Night at Peter Schuler's home beginning at 2 pm   |
| Next Sunday | Bible Study at 9:30 am (in-person and online) – <b>CANCELLED, RESUMING JANUARY 7</b> Service of Favorite Christmas Carols by Request Worship Service with holy communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View live-stream <a href="here">here</a> )  |

<u>Note</u>: 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, livestreamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over.

#### Last Week at Church

| Financial information from: | December 17th |          |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|--|
|                             |               |          |  |
| Total Offerings             | \$            | 5482.26  |  |
| - General Offering          | \$            | 3,631.00 |  |
| - Directed Gifts            | \$            | 1,851.26 |  |

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.

# Tri-Cities Winter Shelter 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 in the Tri-Cities area. The Program requires specific cold weather clothing, toiletries and food items. Please consider helping out by donating any of these items, as often as you are able, in the collection bins in the Narthex.

## Fresh food that needs to be refrigerated:

Individually-wrapped cheese slices Eggs Cherry Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Apples

## **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)

## **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

# 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. <u>Our goal is to help cover one month of expenses for the ELCJHL to a total of \$263,000.</u> 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: <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/">https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11/03/elcic-emergency-appeal-for-our-partners-in-the-evangelical-lutheran-church-in-jordan-and-the-holy-land/</a>. Please note this appeal is running concurrently with the <a href="https://elcic.ca/2023/11









The ELCIC joins with <u>Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)</u> 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 - <a href="clwr.org/gaza">clwr.org/gaza</a>.

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 <u>clwr.org/gaza</u>
- 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"

CLWR is a member of:







## 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 |              |              |              |              |  |  |
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| Monday               | Tuesday      | Wednesday    | Thursday     | Friday       |  |  |
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