### **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

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 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**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the water which has nourished this land for eons, and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

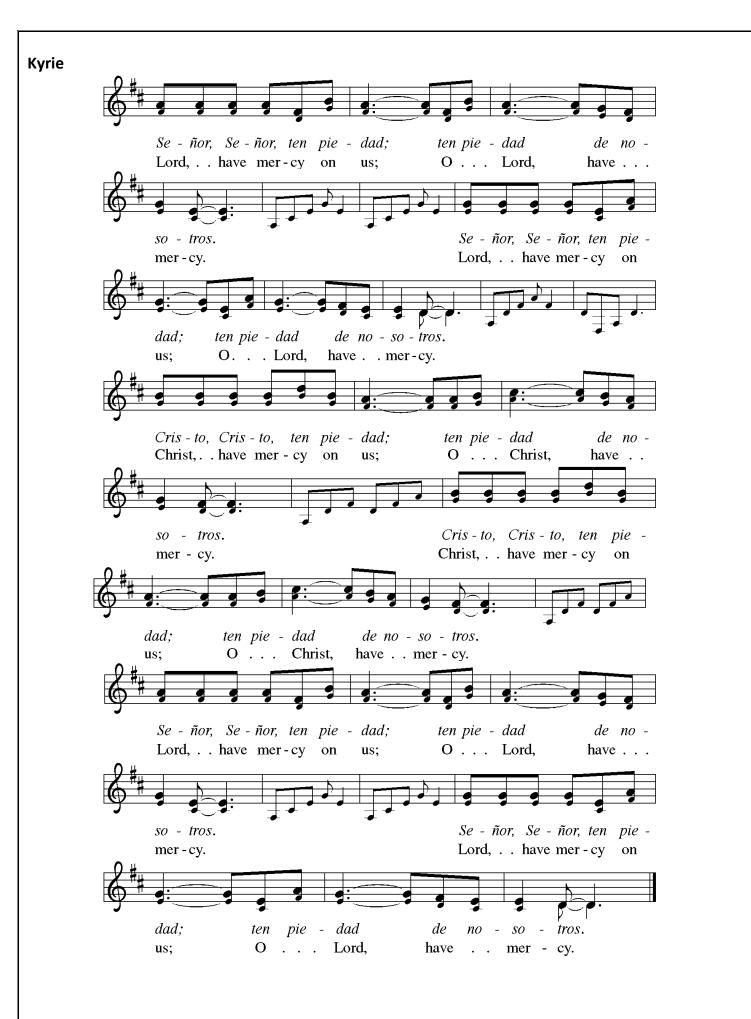
#### C: Amen.

#### Gathering Hymn ELW # 593 - Drawn to the Light

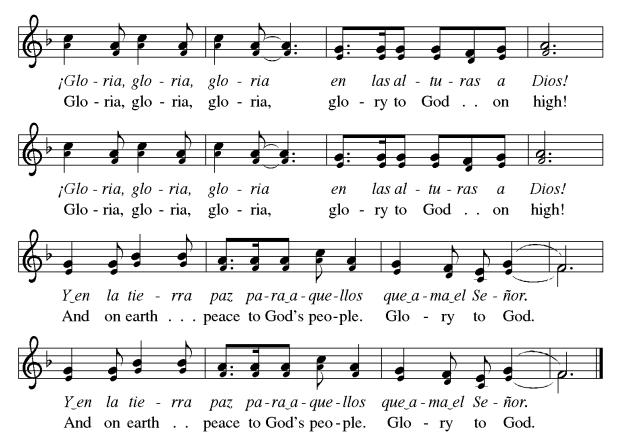
#### Greeting

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.



#### **Canticle of Praise - Gloria**



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

#### Word

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

#### Children's Time

#### First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

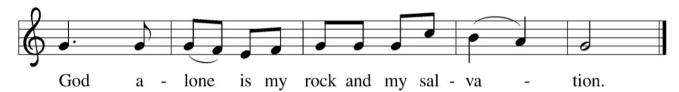
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 62:5-12





For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

#### C: Refrain

 On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

#### C: Refrain

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

#### C: Refrain

L: Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

#### C: Refrain

#### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

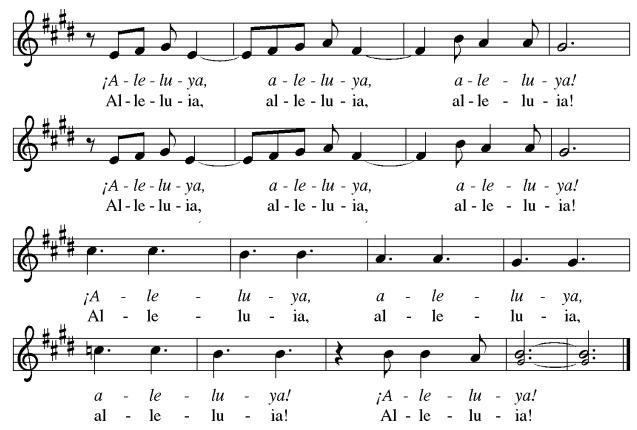
Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

P: The word of the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



- L: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ACS 1004 – Faith Begins by Letting Go (Tune #302 – As with Gladness Men of Old)

#### **Apostles Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition, the Pastor will say "God of light and love" and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".

#### **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 – Folk Benediction**

#### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **Offering Prayer**

#### The 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.

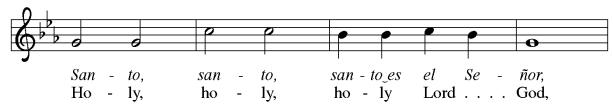
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





#### Thanksgiving at the Table

#### The 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.

#### 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 #815- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #696 - Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW #522 – As We Gather at Your Table

ACS #976 – Come and See (Chant)

#### **Blessing and Prayer After Communion**

#### **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

#### **Blessing**

P: God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

→ bless you and remain with you always.

#### C: Amen.

#### Sending Hymn - O God, In Christ You Call Us (Tune: 654 – The Church's One Foundation)

O God, in Christ you call us to witness to your grace — To share the life you give us in every time and place. So many things divide us — yet we are not our own; For we belong to Jesus who prayed, "May they be one."

In Christ is our salvation; in him you've set us free — We make this proclamation in bold humility. Your image is in others who follow different ways; Together, seeking justice, we offer you our praise.

In Christ, we're bound together; in him we find your peace. Yet even as we gather, the wounds of war increase. Where terror brings division, God, make us brave to say Our churches share a vision of Jesus' peaceful way.

In Christ, the poor and hungry are shown they matter, too — And where your church has plenty, you give us work to do. Now may we put in practice the faith that we declare, Seek economic justice, and find new ways to share.

In Christ, you bless creation and show this planet's worth; May every congregation find ways to tend the earth. Now fill us with your Spirit, that we, as one, may be A faithful, loving witness to all humanity.

Tune: Samual Sebatian Wesley , 1864 "The Church's One Foundation"

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#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS January 21, 2024

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<u>Flowers</u> are placed on the altar in praise and thanksgiving to God, our rock, fortress, refuge and strength. All power and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD. You alone are worthy to be praised!

Your 2023 Numbered Donation Envelopes: have arrived and are waiting for you in your mail slots!

<u>Book Club</u>: The next meeting of the book club will be held this coming Thursday, January 25 at 7:15 pm at the Hansens'. The book to be discussed is "A Biblical Guide to Taking Dominion & Discipling Nations" by Andrew Torba and Andrew Isker. The next book is "the Pastor" by Eugene Peterson.

<u>Next Sunday: Annual Congregational Meeting</u>: Our annual congregational meeting happens **next Sunday,**January 28<sup>th</sup>. Reports have been emailed. If you would prefer a paper copy, please request one from the office.

As usual, we will gather for a quick potluck lunch after worship and start the meeting as close to noon as possible. Please bring a finger-food type of contribution for the lunch table and plan to stay if you are able.

<u>Directory Contact Sheets</u>: Proof Sheets for our upcoming directory are on the table in the hall. Please take a moment to check your information and make sure it is accurate.

<u>Lenten Devotional</u>: Lent starts on February 14<sup>th</sup> and The Augsburg Fortress Lenten Devotional - *Gathered into One* - provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Discounts are available through an Augsburg Fortress bulk order; Cost starts at \$3.50 per devotional, but it will drop down to \$2.75 if we order over 25. <u>Ordering will be done this</u> <u>week</u>, so please sign up ASAP and don't miss out. Depending on the number of orders requested, I will let all who ordered copies know the cost later.

<u>CLWR Lenten Placemats</u>: A sample placement has been printed out and is on the ushers table. If you would appreciate using these placements in your own Lenten practices (for Pancake Tuesday or Easter Breakfast etc) please let the office know how many you would like, and they will be provided to you.

<u>Week of Prayer Resources</u>: The <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)</u> is an annual ecumenical celebration which traditionally is held every year from **January 18 to 25.** Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. To get resources, please click here. For more information on WPCU, visit their website.

**Rotating Church Winter Shelter:** The Coquitlam Alliance Church is currently hosting the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter and have limited space for donations. They are requesting, however, the following items in small-sizes:

- Female hygiene products
- Bus tickets

• Small first aid kits

Face cloths

Warm socks

<u>Did you know?</u>: Our BC Synod Missions committee offers grants to fund congregational Mission projects and experiments in their neighbourhood. The next deadline for applications is coming up on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We received one of these grants to fund our tree wrapping party in 2023. If you have an idea for such an experiment, please speak to Pastor Eric or any member of our church council.

<u>WATER FROM A ROCK Worship Services - Worship for Young Adults & University Students</u>: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran and St. Andrew's Anglican are again leading monthly worship services for young adults and

university students. The next one will take place on Sunday, February 4th at 7pm at Shepherd of the Valley Church (20097 - 72 Ave, Langley) and you are invited! There's music, prayer, Scripture reflection, community, all wrapping up with a great meal. See Poster on page 13 for all the details.

<u>BC Synod CJAG invitation</u>: Are you passionate about addressing climate change and eager to make a difference within our church community? The Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites you to join hands in our urgent pursuit of climate justice. You can find out more <u>here</u>.

<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 <u>here</u>.

<u>Emergency Appeal for Gaza</u>: 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>.

<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. To date the appeal is halfway to its goal of \$263,000. Read the full update on the ELCIC Appeal here.

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

- ELCIC Ableism Task Force
- ELCIC Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia Task Force
- <u>ELCIC Racism and White Supremacy 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>. If you submitted an application already, the office is kindly requesting that you resubmit as a result of an issue with the previous application form.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN LEARNING:**

- <u>Ecotheology with Dr. Chad Rimmer</u>: All are welcome to join in a great learning event hosted online by the
  Lutheran Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dr. Chad Rimmer is the speaker for the 2024 Storaasli Lecture this
  year on Saturday, February 3rd, from 6:00-7:30pm PST. The in-person portion of this gathering will take
  place in Calgary but we will be able to access it online via Zoom and ask questions too. Click <a href="here">here</a> for all the
  details and to access the Zoom link.
- <u>True Freedom: A Lent Resource to Support Christians in Responding to Modern Slavery: True Freedom,</u> a six-week course for Lent, that draws on themes from the book of Galatians, and encourages individuals and churches to respond to modern slavery in their communities. For more information, please <u>click here</u>.
- <u>Study Tour to Germany May 5-19, 2024</u>: The Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Jensen, and The Rev. Barbara Groote invite you to join them as together you will study Luther's main writings, visit some of the places where the Reformation began (it involves a lot of walking!), and enjoy the good food and drink of "Luther Land". Click here for details on the <u>Tour's Daily Itinerary</u>. Space is limited, so book early if you are interested.

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 & over Zoom)

Third Sunday of Epiphany Worship Service with Holy Communion

live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

Tuesday ...... Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am

Wednesday ...... Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:30 am followed by lunch together

Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm

Thursday ...... Happy Hour at 6 pm

Book Club at the home of Mogens and Lily at 7:15 pm

This Sunday ...... Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Worship Service with Sunday School and Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

Coffee Fellowship after the service, followed by Potluck lunch, then

Annual Congregational Meeting as close to noon as possible

#### **Last Week at Church**

#### Financial Information from January 14, 2024

Total Offerings: \$5,586.88

General: \$4,921.88

Designated Gifts: \$265.00

Project Contingency: \$400.00

# For the ATTENTION of Young Adults and University Students

We will have so much delicious food! Water from a Rocl 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

# 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

