

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

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: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans like the Pacific,
rushing streams like the Coquitlam River,
clear lakes like Buntzen,
mighty rivers like the Fraser.

You led your people through the sea
and called them to life in covenant with you.

Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan
to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world
in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn # 449 We Know That Christ is Raised

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

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

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

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

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.
A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise – Now the Feast

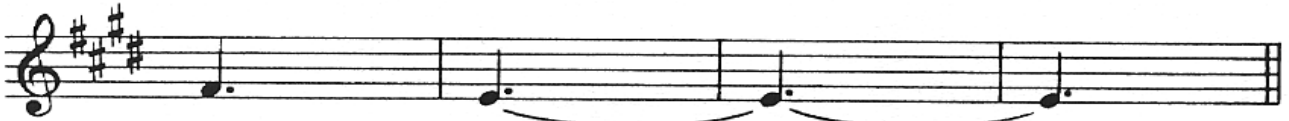
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all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and



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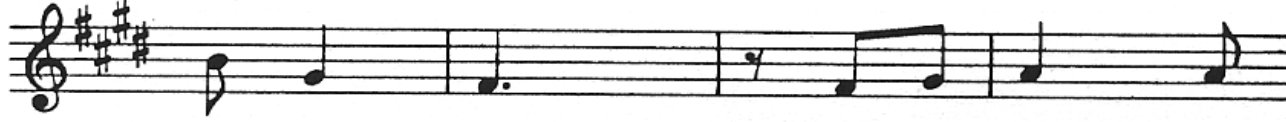
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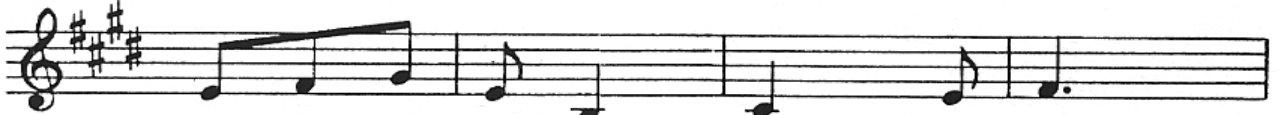
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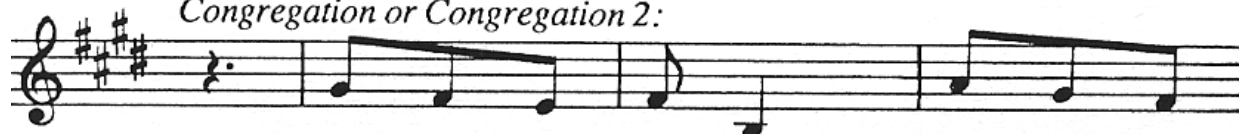


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Congregation or Congregation 2:



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

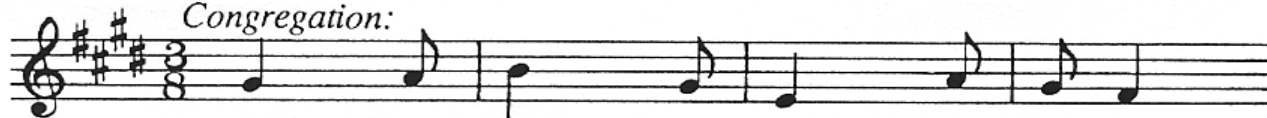


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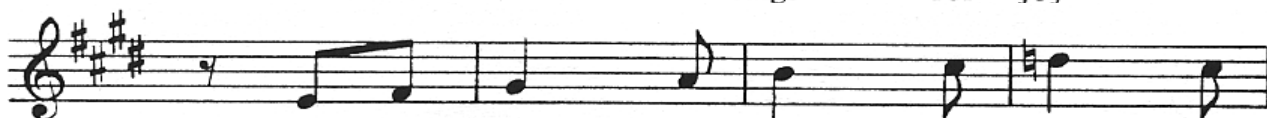
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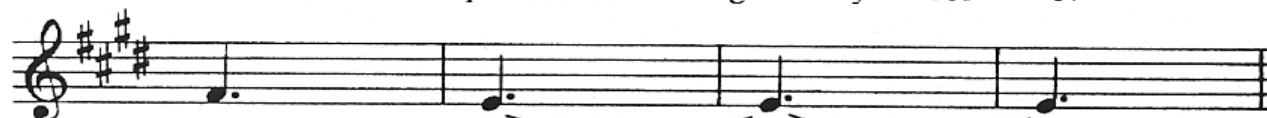
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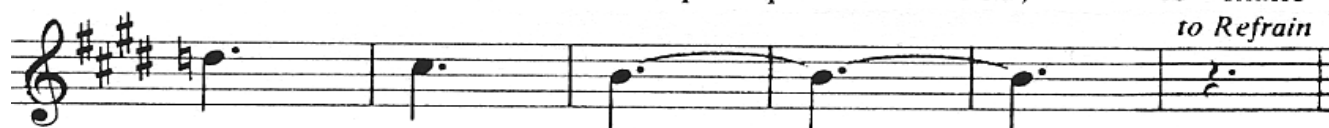
Congregation:



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:

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Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day**Word**

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

Children's Time**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5**

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Refrain:



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

C: **Refrain**

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C: **Refrain**

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: **Refrain**

L: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

C: **Refrain**

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

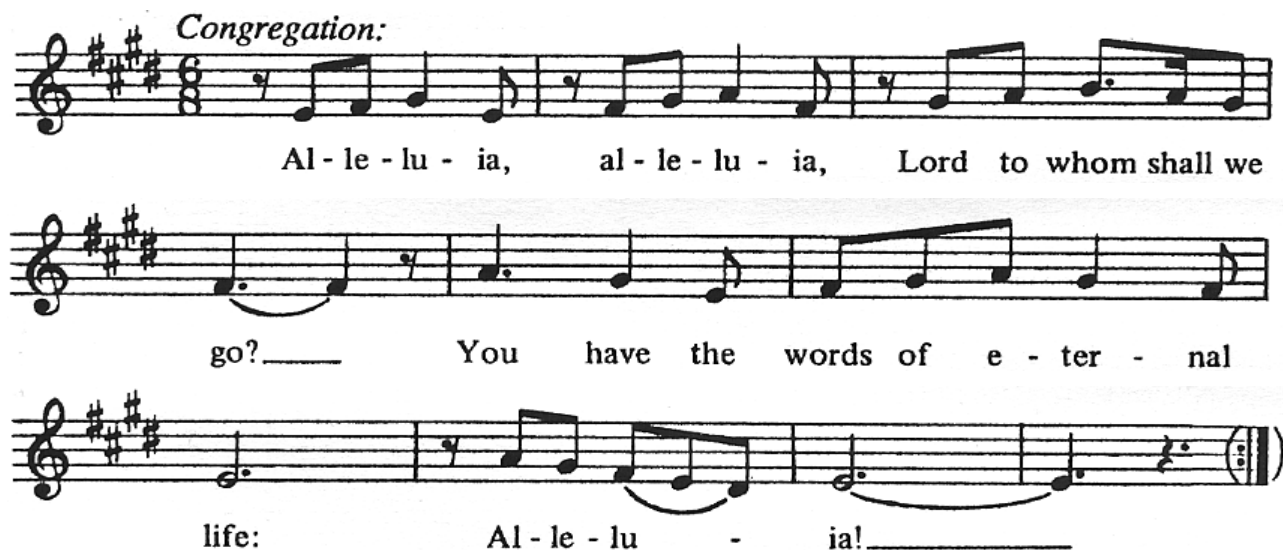
In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



L: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS # 916 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Prayers of the People

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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

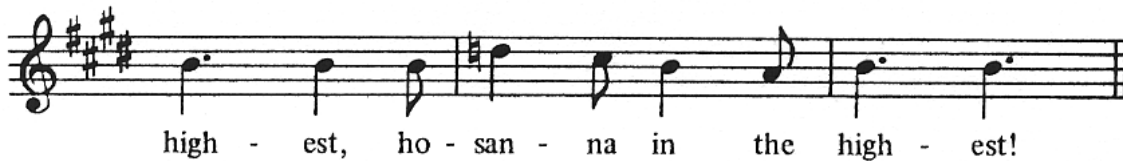
Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the



Thanksgiving at the Table

The pastor prays and concludes... with:

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

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

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

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ



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.

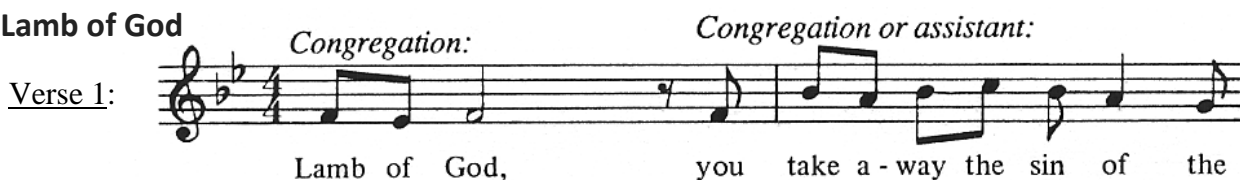
Forgive us our sins

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.**

Lamb of God



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

Verse 2: Lamb of God, you are God's light to all of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, 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.

Final time: Cong. or assistant:

Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: 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 #458 – Praise and Thanksgiving Be To God

ELW #448 – This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

ACS #969 – Welcome Table

ELW #212 – You Belong to Christ (chant)

Blessing After Communion

Prayer After Communion

Celebration and Affirmation of Baptism

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Those watching online are invited to dip their fingers in the bowl of water they have prepared and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or the forehead of someone with whom they are worshiping, as those present are invited to come to the font. We sing together # 957 "Take Me to the Water".

Baptism Celebration Song ACS # 957 Take Me to the Water

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 # 453 Baptized and Set Free

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 7, 2024

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers are placed on the altar in thanksgiving for God's gifts of baptism, and for being able to be called *Children of God*!

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

Women's Group: The GSW meet this **Tuesday, January 10th at 1 pm** in the Fireside Room for fellowship and bible study. All women are welcome.

Online Bible Study: Our online Bible Study resumes **today, on Sunday, January 7th at 9 am**. The Zoom link is available on our website at gslcc.ca. All are welcome.

Family Night: Our next Family Night will be held on **Saturday, January 20** at 4:30 pm at St. Laurence. All families with kids are invited to join us for an evening of games, crafts, Bible teaching, and dinner. We will be done by 6 pm.

Christian Unity Luncheon: For this year's *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* celebration we are gathering at All Saints Roman Catholic Parish on **Saturday, January 20** for a Unity Luncheon. We will begin with a short time of worship at 12 noon and then enjoy lunch and conversation together after until about 2 pm. If you plan on participating please let Pastor Eric know so as to estimate attendance. See Poster on page 15 for more details.

Resumption of Sunday School: Our bi-weekly Sunday School resumes next **Sunday, January 14th**.

Funeral for Debra Chisholm: The funeral for Rachel Genge's mother, Debra Chisholm, is taking place at *King of Life Lutheran Church* on **Saturday, January 13th at 11 am**.

Found in the Parking Lot: Crystal snowflake broach. Come to the office to see if it is yours, and claim it.

New Year Message from LWF: General Secretary Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt reminds Christians of the call to love both God and neighbour in her New Year message that you can read [here](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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 for the needs of the ELCJHL. Click [here](#) to donate. To date the appeal is halfway to its goal of \$263,000. Read the [full update on the ELCIC Appeal here](#).

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](#)
- [ELCIC Carbon Neutrality Task Force](#)

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, cramirez@elcic.ca.

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
Baptism of our Lord Worship Service with Baptismal Remembrance and Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))

Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am
GSW Circle Bible Study at 1 pm

Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:30 am
Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm

Thursday Happy Hour at 4 pm

Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am
Second Sunday of Epiphany Worship Service with Sunday School and Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))

Last Week at Church

Financial Information from December 31, 2023

Total Offerings: \$ 5,750.50
General: \$ 5,430.50
Designated Gifts: \$ 320.00

WEEK of **PRAYER** for CHRISTIAN UNITY **2024**



"You shall love the Lord your
God ... and your neighbour
as yourself" (Luke 10:27)

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CHRISTIAN UNITY LUNCHEON

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25, 2024.

All are invited to gather at All Saints Roman Catholic Parish (821
Fairfax St, Coquitlam) on Saturday, January 20 at 12 noon for
worship, lunch and ecumenical conversation and fellowship.

Please advise Pastor Eric if you plan to attend.

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

