

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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 STÓL: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 & Announcements

### Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbours  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us  
in mercy and steadfast love.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven  
and you are free indeed.

C: **Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn    **Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue (Tune # 879 – For the Beauty of the Earth)**

Shades of purple, shades of blue, green and yellow, orange, red —  
Noah and his family, too, saw the rainbow overhead.  
God, Creator, high above you displayed your sign of love.

Soon new life was springing forth, filling land and sea and air.  
God, you chose to bless the earth with the promise of your care —  
And your promised love extends far beyond our human friends.

In the rainbow, you were clear: every living thing has worth.  
You love every creature here on this planet we call Earth.  
God, forgive when we destroy gifts from you that bring you joy.

May your church begin to see in that rainbow high above:  
We are daily called to be stewards of this world you love.  
Since the earth is dear to you, may we treat it kindly, too.

## Greeting

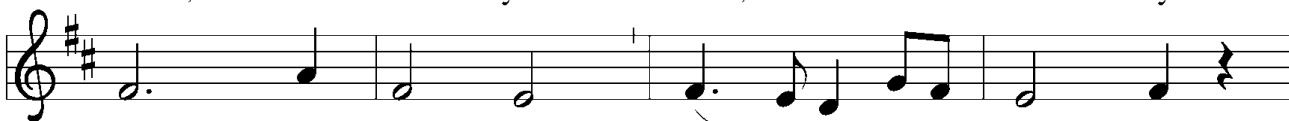
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the help of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie ELW # 152 - Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

### Word

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

## Children's Time

### First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17


*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Refrain:   
I      treas - ure your prom - ise      in      my      heart.

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C: Refrain**

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

**C: Refrain**

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**C: Refrain**

L: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**C: Refrain**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Verse – Return To God**

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
 Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der  
 faith - ful - ness of God.

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

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

**Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ACS # 922**

**When We Are Tested**

## Apostle's Creed

### Installation of New Council Members

#### Prayers of the People

When cued by the Pastor, the congregation sings the following refrain (ELW #752):

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

#### 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 – This Lonesome Valley

## 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW # 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

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ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## 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.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

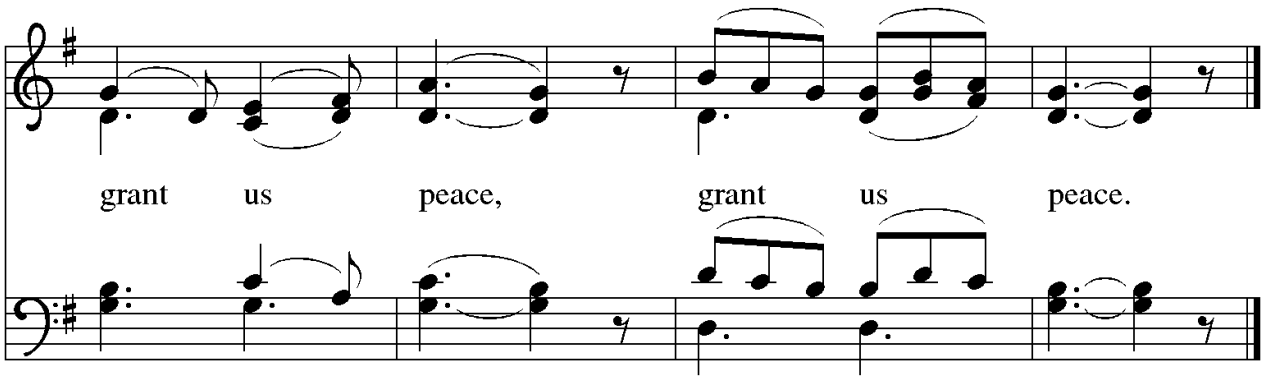
The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal and accompaniment. The treble staff has the lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us." The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has the lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.



### 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 # 334 – Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Verse 1, Verse 2, Lent 1)

ELW # 320 – The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW # 658 – O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW # 616 – Jesus, Remember Me

### Blessing and Prayer After Communion

#### Sending

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

#### Blessing

P: Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn ELW # 333 Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land**

#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 18, 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 thankfulness for God's real & true love for us – that he loved us so much that he gave his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins and be reconciled back to Him.

**Calling All Ladies of Good Shepherd!** Once again, we are planning another luncheon this coming **Tuesday, February 20th, at 11:30**. We are going to go to the **Sun Star Restaurant** in the Ramada Inn, at 631 Lougheed Highway (at Guilby). 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!

### LENTEN RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Simply Soup**: As you know, every Wednesday during the Lenten Season GSLC hosts our 'Soup 'n Sing' followed by a Holden Evening Prayer service. We would like to extend our hospitality by offering soup to nourish our brothers and sisters in our wider community. We are asking you to simply bring a can or two of nourishing soup when you come to Church during this Lenten Season. You may place your soup tins in the bin in the foyer marked SIMPLY SOUP. After Easter, the cans will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.  
*Go in peace, be warm and filled...*" (JAMES 2: 16-17) ~ With Thanks from Your Outreach Team
- **Lenten Book Study** - Gloria Dei is hosting an online Book Study of the book, *Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* by Walter Brueggemann and there is still room to join. The study is scheduled for 4 Thursdays, Feb. 22, 29, March 7 and March 14, with an optional 5th session on March 21. All sessions at 7:30 PM. More details are posted on Gloria Dei's website - <https://www.gloriadei.ca/blog/lenten-book-study> To register and receive the Zoom link Please contact Pastor Vida directly at [pastorgd@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorgd@shaw.ca).
- **Lenten Soup and Sing Sign-Up Sheets**: Soup And Sing Sign-up Sheets are now available on the Ushers Table. Please note that 2 of the services will be held jointly with St. Laurence Anglican Church, so dinner location may be at St. Laurence, and guest numbers for dinner may require larger soup quantities on those evenings.
- **CLWR Lenten Placemats**: 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.

**Come see a play in our living room!**: On **Sunday, March 10 (at 7 pm)**, Lily and Mogens (along with Peter) will be hosting a one-man show in their home. We are hoping that you will join us for:

#### **My Little Plastic Jesus**

*"We all have baggage, mine just has a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker on it."*

*In this one-man living room show, Tim Bratton finds hilarity and heartache as he unpacks his upbringing in evangelical pop culture, examining its folly and redeeming its faith. Experience an insider's quest to unravel his own existential crisis by deconstructing the culture he grew up in, with both satire and love.*

*Part confession, part history lesson, part multimedia extravaganza, discover this surprisingly poignant coming-of-age story from a subculture that's so little understood even as it impacts global politics and the perspectives of millions.*

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at [tinyurl.com/MLPJ-March10](http://tinyurl.com/MLPJ-March10). You can find more information about the show at [mylittleplasticjesus.com](http://mylittleplasticjesus.com). Please talk to Lily, Mogens, or Peter if you have any questions or would like help getting tickets. Hope to see you there!

**World Day of Prayer**: The **Women of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** will be hosting the **2024 World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm** (and also providing refreshments for the time of fellowship that

follows) and you are all invited to come! Everyone - all genders and ages - are welcome! Each year since 1927, a different host country or committee has prepared the content of the World Day of Prayer service, highlighting its culture and regional justice issues. The 2024 service theme ***"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"*** Ephesians 4:1-3 has been written by the **Palestine World Day of Prayer Committee** and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

**Looking at an EV?**: Need info about EVs? Want to reduce your Carbon Footprint? Explore the basics, myths and misinformation out there with **Michael Stanyer**, Program Lead at Plugin BC via Zoominar on **March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. To register, go to <https://bit.ly.com/buyingEV1> or scan the QR code on the poster on page 17.

**February is Black History Month**: Learn how we as ELCIC members can mark this important commemoration by accessing these resources [here](#).

**"Strangers Becoming Friends"**: World Interfaith Harmony Week is February 1 to 7. You can join an Interfaith Storytelling Party on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church (375 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver). All ages are welcome to come and listen to stories from a variety of world faiths. For more information call 672-866-7277 or email [admin@multifaithaction.org](mailto:admin@multifaithaction.org).

**Survey Request**: [Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries](#) has partnered with [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) on a [national survey](#) that explores the experiences of Canadian congregants living with mental illness or mental health challenges, attitudes towards and beliefs about mental illness and mental health challenges in Canadian Christian churches, and the congregational supports and resources related to supporting mental health and wellbeing. Please considering taking and sharing this survey [here](#). Thank you.

**Rotating Church Winter Shelter**: Calvary Baptist Church is hosting the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter in February, and Trinity United Church in PoCo will be hosting it in March and April. Items always in need and appreciated are:

- Female hygiene products
- Food/meal gift cards
- toothbrushes/pastes
- Face cloths & wash items
- Socks & new underwear
- bus tickets

**Note also that 3030 Gordon** (& all shelters) are again accepting donations of **winter clothing adult sizes** only.

**Did you know?**: 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.

**BC Synod CJAG invitation**: 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 [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](#).

**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](#)
- [ELCIC Racism and White Supremacy 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](mailto:cramirez@elcic.ca). *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.*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

- **New CJP Digital Library on Justice and Peace:** [The Commission on Justice and Peace](#) (CJP) of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) (CCC) has launched a new archive website at [justiceandpeace.ca](http://justiceandpeace.ca). This digital library compiles over 25 years of resources aimed at promoting justice, peace, and ethical reflection. Please feel free to [visit the site](#) and explore the theological resources, position statements, Bible studies, advocacy letters, briefing notes, and more that are contained therein.
- **Thursdays in Black:** Thursdays in Black stands for a world free from rape and violence, and the Valentine's Day messages help define what love is - and what it isn't. To read the full article and to avail of this resource, please [click here](#).
- **KAIROS Times:** [KAIROS Canada](#)'s newsletter is available, and you can view it [here](#).
- **Let's Talk Social and Ecological Justice in Budget 2024:** KAIROS invites you to contribute to participate in the Canadian government's Budget 2024 preparation process by filling out the online questionnaire by February 9. Information on the KAIROS perspective and a link to the questionnaire are on the website [here](#).
- **It's Time to Give it up for the Earth!:** [Give it up for the Earth!](#) invites you to put your eco-spirituality into action by reducing emissions, building solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, and advocating for climate justice. The national campaign **runs until Earth Week in April**.
- **Call to Halt Arms Transfers to Israel and Palestinian Armed Groups:** The ELCIC has joined churches and humanitarian organizations in an [Open Call to all UN member States](#) to stop fueling the crisis in Gaza and avert further humanitarian catastrophe and loss of civilian life. It calls for a halt in arms transfers to Israel and Palestinian armed groups.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN LEARNING:**

- **True Freedom: A Lent Resource to Support Christians in Responding to Modern Slavery:** *True Freedom*, 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 [click here](#).
- **Study Tour to Germany – May 5-19, 2024:** 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 [Tour's Daily Itinerary](#). 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)  
*First Sunday in Lent* Worship Service with Holy Communion  
live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))
  
- Tuesday ..... Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am  
Ladies Lunch at Sun Star Restaurant at 11:30 am
  
- Wednesday ..... **Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:45 am, followed by lunch together at noon**  
Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm  
Soup ‘n’ Sing – Dinner starts at 6 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer  
service at 6:45 pm
  
- Thursday ..... Council Meeting at 6 pm
  
- Next Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)  
*Second Sunday in Lent* Worship Service with Holy Communion and  
*Sunday School* live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))

Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our [website](#). Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over.

**Last Week at Church**

**Financial Information from February 11, 2024**

Total Offerings:	\$ 3,896.25
General:	\$ 3,336.25
Designated Gifts:	
- Offering Envelopes	\$ 5.00
- Snowblower	\$ 30.00
- Project Contingency	\$ 525.00

# Looking at an EV?

## Basics, Myths, & Misinformation

Want to  
reduce your  
Carbon  
Footprint?



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Need Info about  
EVs?

**Join our Zoominar**  
**March 7 at 7:00 pm**

With **Michael Stanyer** - Program Lead at Plugin BC

Michael specializes in EV education and outreach. He will discuss reliable sources of information and ways of speaking with friends and family about EVs. He has driven a variety of EVs through the province to tap BC communities' vast EV experience.

To Register, go to <https://bit.ly/BuyingEV1> or scan the QR code



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# 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  
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