

Second Sunday in Easter

April 7, 2024

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITION 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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's flowing rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
was baptized into a new life.

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honour and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: The priceless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The endless love of God,
and the life-giving power 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.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

Glory to God

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

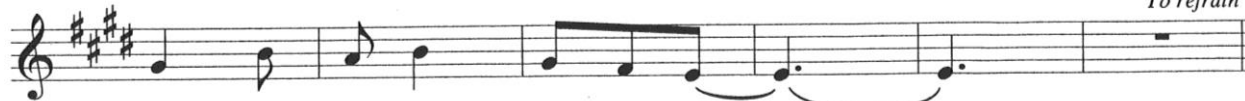
(Refrain begins)



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;



all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

To refrain

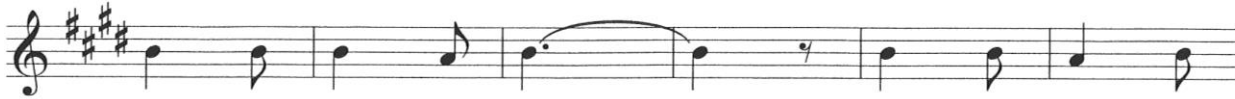
To refrain...

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)



All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

To refrain

To refrain...

Verse 3:

(Refrain begins)



The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the



proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your



faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you.

To refrain

To refrain...

Verse 4:

(Refrain begins)



God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you.



Je - sus the Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the



Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you.

To refrain

To refrain...

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

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Refrain:



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

L: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

C: Refrain

L: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Video Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 375 Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

Response and Prayer

We respond to God's grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.** *(Ephesians 1:13-14)*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **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**

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

L: The peace of the Lord 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.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

**C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from
idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the church through all the ages
we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the leader will say "Risen Lord" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

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

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
L: May the God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW #548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen
(Tune: #864 – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven)

Dismissal

- P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 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 by Jack and Elaine Sinton in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Happy anniversary, Jack & Elaine!

Thank you: We extend our thanks to Kris Matthiasen who is leading our service today in Pastor Eric's absence.

WCC Easter Message: 2024 Easter messages can be read by clicking on the links below:

[World Council of Churches](#) [Joint ELCIC/ACC](#)

Bible Study Cancelled today: Bible Study will return the following Sunday, April 14th.

Charity Clarity!: Council has found it helpful to clarify the purpose of two of our funds:

- The purpose of the **Property Fund** is to fund property considerations. This fund can be spent as required by the Property Team.
- The **Special Initiative Fund (formerly known as the Project Contingency Fund)** shall be for the purpose of addressing future planned projects. These funds shall only be spent on the authority of Church Council.

Young Adults Games Night TONIGHT at St. Laurence: Following the success of the inaugural games night last month, ignYte has decided to offer these fun events every month on the first Sunday every month – beginning tonight. See the poster on page 13 for all the details, including future planned dates as well.

An Earth Day Celebration: An early Earth Day activity is being planned for **Sunday, April 14th** after the service, during our coffee/fellowship hour. There will be activities/stations outside (“Grow Me” / “Pollinators” / “Sensory Station”) and a prayer walk under our canopy of trees. If you're not feeling called to go outside, there will be activities indoors, or you can always just mingle inside over carrot cake and discuss with others how you connect to God through your experience of creation! If you have any pictures that speak to this, feel free to bring them to church over the next couple of weeks and add them to others that will be collected on one of the bulletin boards for all to see.

A Cultural Potluck Dinner: On **Sunday, April 28th at 5:30 pm**, the Good Shepherd Women's Group (along with help from the Outreach /Fellowship Council Teams) invite you all to participate in a Cultural Potluck to celebrate the diversity of God's people everywhere. We're hoping that you can dive into your family recipes and cook up a pot of something that reflects where you come from, and maybe even add a card saying what it is & what its country of origin. And don't worry about quantity either. We expect there to be lots of food. Hope to see you there!

Bess Lu Harp Concert: We have become aware of another opportunity to enjoy an afternoon concert of flute, harp and voice **on Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm**. Make your Cultural Potluck dishes early for dinner that gathers later that evening at 5:30 pm – and enjoy both opportunities for your enjoyment on that day! See the bulletin board poster or page 14 for all the details.

Seeking Accommodation in Coquitlam: Yvon & Michelle's current home has been sold and they have been given notice to vacate. Yvon writes: Quiet family - Ideally, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and living room. Needs to have a dishwasher. Also a washer and dryer- shared is OK. In addition, a parking spot, if possible. (We have furniture for the unit, except for kitchen appliances.) Reasonable rent. Can do light chores and gardening for

reduced rent. Looking to move in at the end of May 2024. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Sincerely,
Yvon and Michelle (Jaesook)

Official Notice of the Lutheran Manor Society AGM: The 2024 AGM of the Lutheran Manor Society is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, April 23rd** at 7 pm both in-person at the Manor's facility (375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver) and over Zoom (contact Rev. Clifford Reinhardt for details at reinhardtcf@gmail.com). Check the poster on page 12.

2024 National Worship Conference: The 2024 National Worship Conference titled '**The Stones Cry Out: Praying with the Land**' will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful Regina, Saskatchewan. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

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](#).

Rotating Church Winter Shelter: Trinity United Church in PoCo is hosting the Tri-Cities Winter Shelter in. Items always in need and appreciated are:

- Female Hygiene Products
- Face Cloths & wash items
- Toothbrushes / pastes
- Socks & new underwear
- Food/meal gift cards
- Bus tickets

Note that 3030 Gordon is again **not accepting** donations of **clothing**.

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. Read the [full update on the ELCIC Appeal here](#).

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **National Bishop Calls for Access for All to Quality Mental Health Care Services:** ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson recently wrote to the Minister of Health to urge the Government of Canada to increase its efforts to help meet the need for quality mental health care services. Read the full letter [here](#).
- **Pastoral Letters from National Bishop Susan Johnson:** The ELCIC National Office recently released two pastoral letters. One on the subject of homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia. To read it, please [click here](#). The second letter was sent in support of the ELCJHL. To read it, please [click here](#).
- **Joint Letter on Anti-Semitism:** In a joint letter National Bishop Susan Johnson (ELCIC) and Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls (ACC) call on both churches to stand against antisemitism whenever it is heard or seen. To read the full letter, please [click here](#).
- **2024 Soraasli Lecture now available:** The recording of Rev Dr. Chad Rimmer's lecture from February hosted by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories is available [here](#). Dr. Rimmer's theological approach to natural resources and their extraction is stimulating and thought-provoking.
- **Advocacy: Build a Federal Budget for Housing:** [Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness \(CAEH\)](#) invites you to [send a message to decision-makers](#) in Ottawa and tell them that the 2024 Federal Budget must be the Housing and Homelessness Budget.

- **Protecting Kids Online: Help Get Bill S210 Adopted:** The [Sexual Exploitation Working Group \(SEWG\)](#) of [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) invites you to sign a petition to help pass Bill S210. For more information and to sign this petition, please [click 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**.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN LEARNING:

- **Seeking a Common Word: Webinar to Inform and Inspire:** Interested in initiating or continuing Christian-Muslim dialogue in your community? **On April 16, 2024, 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST**, join for a [webinar that will inspire you](#) to strive for a deeper understanding of your neighbours and that will inform you about the resources that are available to support local conversations and collaborations. To register, please [click here](#).

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) - **CANCELLED**
Second Sunday in Easter Worship Service with Sunday School
 School live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))
- Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10:30 am
 GSW Circle Meeting at 1 pm
- Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study at 10:30 am followed by bagged lunch together
Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm
- Thursday Happy Hour at 4 pm
- Friday Choir Practice at 2:30 pm
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)
Holy Hilarity Sunday with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am
 (View [here](#)), followed by our **Earth Day Celebration** during our
 fellowship/coffee hour. All are welcome to stay!

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 March 31

Total Offerings:	\$ 4,937.50
General:	\$ 3,637.50
Designated Gifts:	
- Memorial Fund	\$ 600.00
- Special Initiative Fund	\$ 400.00
- Property Fund	\$ 200.00
- Snow Blower	\$ 100.00
- Food Bank	\$ 25.00

The Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC presents

The Faith Community and Affordable Housing

Alice Sundberg

Housing and Community
Development Consultant

Former Executive Director
of the BC Non-Profit
Housing Association



April 23, 2024 - 7:00 PM, in-person and by ZOOM
All are welcome to attend this special guest presentation

Attend *in person* at 375 W. 10th Ave, Vancouver
To attend *by Zoom*, please register by Noon on Monday, April 22nd
Contact Rev. Clifford Reinhardt
604-790-1334 - reinhardtcf@gmail.com

The Society's AGM will follow the guest presentation

By registering at the door or with Rev. Cliff
members of congregations/parishes of the ELCIC & ACC
become members of the Lutheran Manor Society

This announcement serves as the Official Notice of the AGM of the Society
in accordance with its Bylaws.

SUNDAY APRIL
7TH, MAY 5TH, &
JUNE 2ND, 6PM-
8PM

COME TO... GAME NIGHT

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

FOOD PROVIDED

BRING A BOARD OR
CARD GAME TO PLAY

ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN
CHURCH (825 ST LAURENCE
ST, COQUITLAM, BC V3J 6G7)

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO:
TRICITIESYOUNGADULTS@GMAIL.COM

Music of the British Isles

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 2 pm

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

West Vancouver

Admission by Donation



St. Stephen's Community Singers
Annabelle Paetsch, Director & Pianist

Nancy Riecken, Flute

Bess Lu, Harp

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

