

Fifth Sunday in Easter

April 28, 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!

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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.

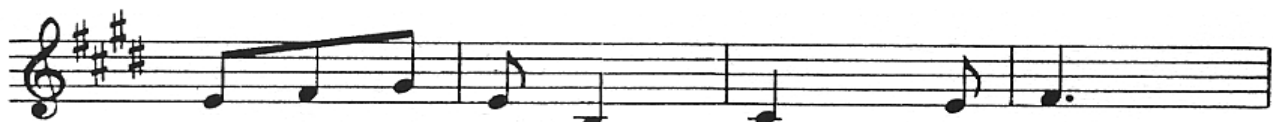
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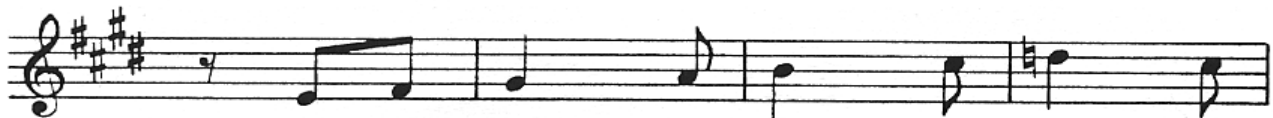
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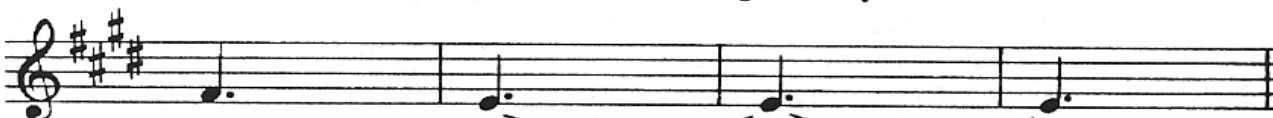
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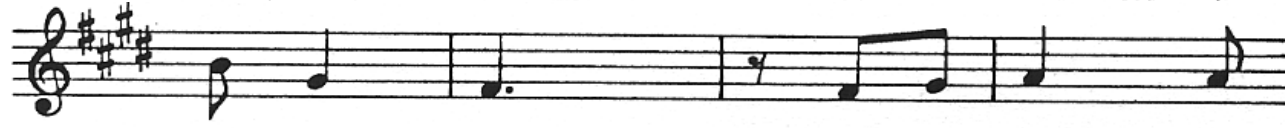
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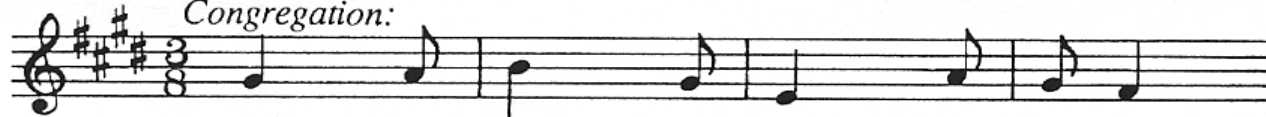
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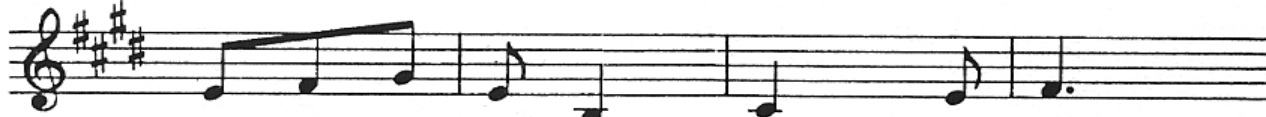
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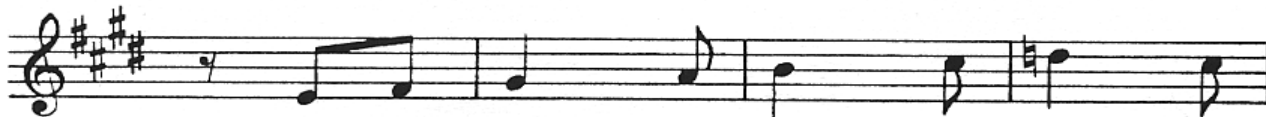
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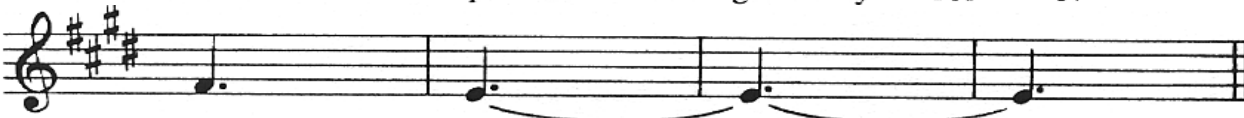
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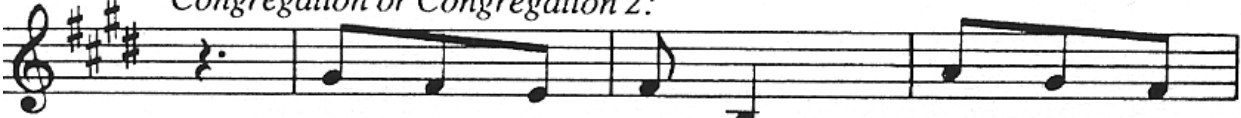


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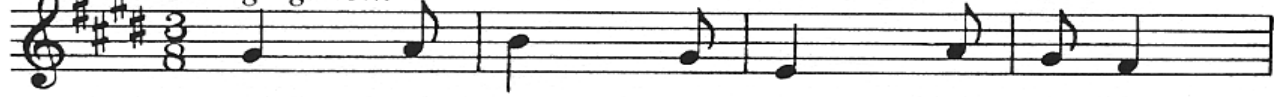


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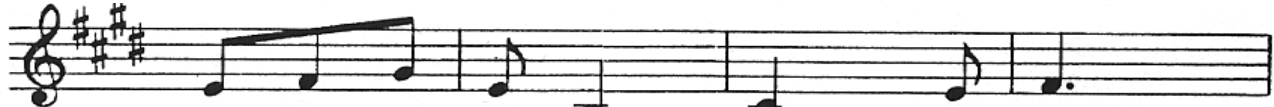
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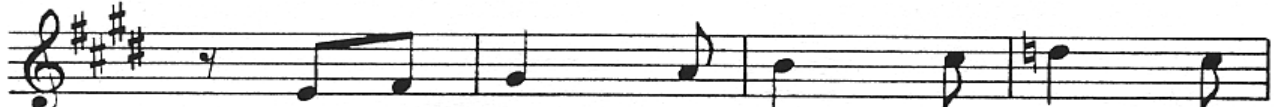
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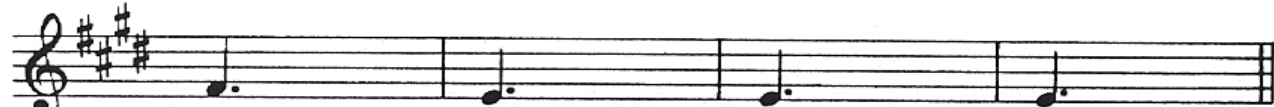
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Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us,

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to Refrain

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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: Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

Refrain:



L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

C: **Refrain**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

C: **Refrain**

L: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the LORD,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 15th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day O God, In Your Love (Tune # 834 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease:
We stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.
Yet this is your body, the church that you love
O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?

So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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Apostle's 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 the People

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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

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

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And also with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight...
the pastor continues, concluding...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

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
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.**

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.

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

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: Amen. come, Holy Spirit. Amen. come, Holy Spirit.

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

Pastor prays and concludes...

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

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

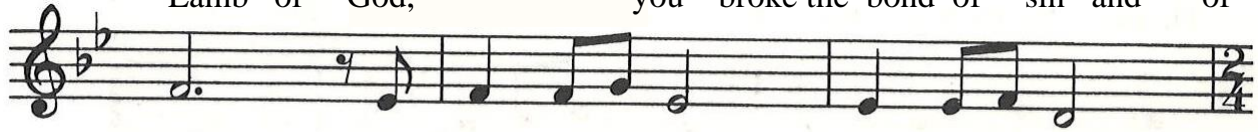
C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory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

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
Lamb of God, you broke the bond of sin and of



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



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
mer - cy on us,



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 # 486 – God Extends an Invitation (sung twice)

We Come To This Table (Tune – ELW # 870 We Praise You, O God)

We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.
We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.
We hear Jesus' welcome — inviting, forgiving;
We know your Spirit's peace as we feast here today.
We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,

Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.
 The bread and the cup that we share here with others
 Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.

We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"
 We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.
 Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger
 To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.

We rise from this table with new dedication
 To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
 To clear out the minefields, to care for creation;
 We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blest.

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ELW # 484 – You Satisfy The Hungry Heart

ELW # 388 - Be Not Afraid (chant)

Thanks be to You

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
 2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
 Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: 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 # 881

Let All Things Now Living

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 28, 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 praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit – who unites all peoples in mission and ministry in Jesus Christ, the Son.

TONIGHT! A Cultural Potluck Dinner: Tonight 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! **In order to set out an appropriate number of tables, please sign up numbers of people you expect to come with you.**

This Afternoon! 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.

Movie Night next Sunday: Our next Movie Night is **Sunday, May 5** when we will be watching “*Satan Wants You*”, a 2023 Canadian documentary about the Satanic panic of the ‘80s, which began in Victoria. As always, we will meet at 4 pm to watch the movie, followed by a potluck dinner and discussion. (Since it’s Cinco de Mayo, consider bringing a Mexican dish!) All are welcome!

Young Adults Game Night next Sunday: All young adults are invited to St. Laurence Anglican to participate in the next Game Night on **Sunday May 5th** from 6 -8 pm. Come for the games, and stay for the fun and food too! See poster on bulletin board and on page 22 of announcements.

"Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion": On **May 11, Gloria Dei in North Vancouver** is hosting a fundraising dinner from 6-9pm for humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The evening features authentic Ukrainian cuisine, bandura music and folk songs by vocal ensemble Družba, with Canadian actor and activist, Andrew Petriew as the our guest speaker. See the poster on page 20 for all the details. For tickets, click [here](#).

VBS is Coming!: We will be hosting VBS again this summer jointly with St. Laurence Anglican. It will run from August 12-16. We are looking for volunteers for all positions including group leaders and helpers, station leaders and helpers, decorators, etc. If you're interested in helping out please sign your name on the sheet on the usher's table. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Eric.

Earth Day Message: You can read the joint Earth Day message from the leaders of the Lutheran and Anglican Church, including their calls to action [here](#).

Earth Day Resources from BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group: This year’s theme for Earth Day is “Planet vs Plastics”. Take action against plastic pollution by consulting [The Earth Day Toolkit](#), where you will learn that “recycling is not the answer”. Earthday.org also highlights the [UN Global Plastic Treaty on Plastic Pollution](#) for which you can sign [a petition](#). It is advocating for innovation aiming at finding sustainable alternatives to plastics. Anyday is an opportunity to pray for the Earth and for creation, to encourage congregants to say no to plastics, to join a local beach clean-up project, to recycle electronics, or to host a community clean-up.

Webinar on Social and Ecological Justice Work: Pastor Eric is inviting you to join him in a webinar on **May 7th at 11:00 am** to explore tools and resources around engaging social and ecological justice work. You can join him at the church to view it together. Alternatively, you can view it on your own at home by registering at this link: [click here](#). Please let him know if you would like to join him. You are also invited to bring a bagged lunch and stay for some discussion afterwards.

Charity Clarity! Council has found it helpful to clarify the purpose of two of our funds. An example of the Use of the Property Fund would be the replacement of a hot water tank. An example of the Special Initiative Fund would be redoing the parking lot, hiring an intern, a major mission project.

- 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.

7 Weeks for Seven Sacred Teachings - Resources Now Available: The Circle for Reconciliation and Justice of the Eastern Synod invites congregations to "**Save the Dates**" for 7 Sundays, **from May 19 to June 30** as a time in the church year to walk with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. We encourage you to learn about and reflect upon the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Anishinaabe, also known as the Seven Grandmothers or the Seven Grandfathers. A series of resources are now available to accompany you as you lean into these teachings as we celebrate National Indigenous History Month in June. To access and download these resources including a video message from Bishop Michael Pryse, please [click here](#).

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. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Sincerely, Yvon and Michelle (Jaesook)

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.

Coquitlam Chorale Concert: A concert by the Coquitlam Chorale (of which Jim and Karen Matthews are choir members) are holding a jazz concert on **Saturday, May 11th at 2 pm** at King of Life Lutheran. See the poster on page 21 for all the details.

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

FROM THE ELCIC NATIONAL OFFICE:

- **LWF Annual Leadership Conference of the Americas:** ELCIC Bishop Susan Johnson attended the LWF's Conference of the America's as a delegate from North America, joining others from the Caribbean and Latin America in São Leopoldo, Brazil from April 15-19,. View event summaries here: [LWF / ELCIC](#)

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **The Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) share recordings of Webinars:** Discover the lessons on eco-spirituality and climate justice when you listen to these recordings:
 - **Laudate Deum: Eco-Spirituality in Action:** Dive into Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Laudete Deum."
 - **The Climate Virus: Lessons from COVID-19 Towards Urgent Climate Action in Canada:** Julia Sterling leads a workshop on the cross-crisis lessons between the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis.
- **Earth Day Message:** You can read the joint Earth Day message from the leaders of the Lutheran and Anglican Church, including their calls to action [here](#).
- **Earth Day Resources from BC Synod Climate Justice Action Group:** This year's theme for Earth Day is "Planet vs Plastics". Take action against plastic pollution by consulting [The Earth Day Toolkit](#), where you will learn that "recycling is not the answer". Earthday.org also highlights the [UN Global Plastic Treaty on Plastic Pollution](#) for which you can sign [a petition](#). It is advocating for innovation aiming at finding sustainable alternatives to plastics. Anyday is an opportunity to pray for the Earth and for creation, to encourage congregants to say no to plastics, to join a local beach clean-up project, to recycle electronics, or to host a community clean-up.
- The [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) has published online new materials related to the 2024 WCC-EAPPI Easter Initiative "**Out of the darkness - Easter solidarity with the Holy Land**". For more information and to download these materials, please [click here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN LEARNING:

- **Online Racial Justice Workshop:** If you're looking for a way to start conversations on addressing racism in the church and Canadian society, you can join our online **Racial Justice Workshop**. ELCIC's Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the Bishop for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion will hold two workshops on racial justice. These workshops are intended to be taken together. **Session 1 is on May 9th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. (ET) and Session 2 is also on May 9th from noon to 2:30 p.m.** To register for Session 1, please [click here](#). For Session 2, please [click here](#). See the poster on page 19 for details.

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)
Fifth Sunday in Easter with Holy Communion live-streamed at 10:30 am
(View [here](#))
Cultural Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10:00 am
- Wednesday Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (in person & over Zoom)
Sixth Sunday in Easter with Holy Communion and Sunday School
live-streamed at 10:30 am (View [here](#))
Movie Night at Peter Schuler’s at 4 pm to view “*Satan Wants You*”
followed by a discussion over a potluck dinner.
Young Adults Games Night at St. Laurence Anglican at 6 pm

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 April 21st

Total Offerings:	\$ 2,827.25
General:	\$ 1,754.25
Designated Gifts:	
- Property Fund	\$ 803.00
- Snow Blower Fund	\$ 100.00
- GSW	\$ 100.00
- Refugee Fund	\$ 70.00



Racial Justice WORKSHOP

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REGISTRATION

ELCIC members Free
Presbyterian members \$50

Sign up early as each session will be capped at 50 participants.

SESSION 1 — MAY 9, 2024

11:30 am EST to 2:00 pm EST

[Click here to register](#)

SESSION 2 — MAY 9, 2024

3:00pm EST to 5:30pm EST

[Click here to register](#)

"Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"

On May 11, Gloria Dei in North Vancouver is hosting "Hearts United for Ukraine: A Celebration of Culture and Compassion"; fundraising dinner from 6-9pm for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

The evening was conceived by the newcomer Ukrainian women of Gloria Dei. The menu will feature authentic Ukrainian cuisine, bandura music and folk songs by vocal ensemble Družba, Canadian actor and activist, Andrew Petriew will be our guest speaker. He will bring us a fresh perspective on the situation in Ukraine from his recent trip where he led a therapeutic Spring camp for children victims of the war.

Your presence at this special event will not only be an evening of cultural celebration but also a powerful demonstration of solidarity and support for those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Together, we can make a difference and provide much-needed aid and assistance to those in need.

All proceeds will go to support [The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program](#) – CUSAP providing post-trauma reconstruction to both civilian and military casualties of war in Ukraine, and [Help to Help summer camp programs](#) for Ukrainian orphaned children.

Join us as we come together to show our compassion and generosity for the people of Ukraine. For more info call 604-988-5838. For tickets, go to:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/gloria-dei-lutheran-church/events/hearts-united-for-ukraine-dinner/>



*Hearts United
for
Ukraine Dinner*

Humanitarian Aid
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Tickets - \$45
May 11 - 6-9pm



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THE COQUITLAM CHORALE SOCIETY PRESENTS



HOW HIGH THE MOON

MAY 11
2PM

Conductor Justin Maller
Pianist Lorna Yeates
With Guests
Bassist CJ Kumar
Drummer Mike Horntvedt

Admission:
\$25 Adult (19-65)
\$20 Senior (65+)
\$20 Student
(13+with student card)
\$10 Child (2-12)
Under 2 is free

Tickets at
www.coquitlamchorale.com

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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

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.



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