

Second Sunday in Easter

Holy Hilarity Sunday

April 27, 2025

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 & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

- L: The tomb is empty!
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
- P: Only the grave clothes remain.
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
- P: The news is out.
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
- P: Death is crushed.
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
- P: Sins forgiven.
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
- P: Hope, love, and life abound!
C: **Christ Is Risen!**
Christ Is Risen Indeed!

Gathering Hymn ELW # 664 Heaven Is Singing for Joy

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Hymn of Praise – Now the Feast

Refrain:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!


Verses:

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has *Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and


Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.


When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

Refrain:



Let ev-'ry-thing that has breath praise the LORD.

L: Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

C: Refrain

L: Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

C: Refrain

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

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.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day When Thomas Heard from Jesus (Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me,"
He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see.
He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch;
He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say,
"We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?"
He wanted understanding of what he could not see.
Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die."
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;
Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea;
 At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe.
 O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day;
 Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

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Apostles Creed

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

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score alternates between the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves, while the Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves.

P: It is our duty and delight...

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
 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,

Final time:

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 # 373 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

ELW # 482 - I Come with Joy

ELW # 860 – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW # 388 - Be Not Afraid (chant)

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
light your way with love
and fill you with resurrection joy,
now and always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27, 2025

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

Flowers have been placed on the altar in praise of God's love shown by his redeeming sacrifice, and his continual presence through the mystery of prayer and his holy communion.

Easter Message: ELCIC Bishop & ACC Primate share Joint Easter Message: Click [here](#) to view

Pope Francis's Death: [Message regarding Pope Francis's death.](#)

Sip with the Spirit: Our next Sip with the Spirit Gathering is this coming Wednesday at 7 pm at the home of Pastor Eric and Heather (400 Schoolhouse Street). Bring your favourite beverage and join us for a lively evening of conversation and fellowship.

Family Night: Our next family night is this coming **Saturday, May 3rd** at St. Laurence Anglican Church at 4:30 pm. All families with children are invited to join us for an evening of games, crafts, Bible teaching and dinner. As usual we will enjoy a pizza dinner. Families attending are invited to bring a side dish to share.

Movie Night: Our next Movie Night will be next week, **Sunday, May the 4th**. We will be watching (no, not "Star Wars"...) "CODA", a 2021 film about the coming-of-age of a child of deaf adults, the only hearing member of her family, who attempts to help her family's struggling fishing business while pursuing her aspirations to become a singer. As always, we will meet at 4 pm to watch the movie, followed by a potluck dinner and discussion. All are welcome!

Troupe de Poetry Presents "The Mother's Day Show": The Troupe de Poetry is again offering the community a free poetry reading event at the church on **Monday, May 5th**. Doors open at 6:45 pm, with the show going from 7 - 8 pm. (See poster on bulletin board or on page 17 for all the details)

CJAG Book Club for May: Our Synod's Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG) invites us to a book discussion on Pope Francis Encyclical Laudato Si'. See the poster on the bulletin board or on page 16 for all the details.

Wisdom for Times Like These: Pacific Jubilee and Naramata Centre are offering three online Wednesday evening gatherings to seek wisdom and rest in the midst of these divisive times. Come engage in wisdom teachings, spiritual practices, silence, prayer, sound, and image. See more information [here](#).

Luther Manor AGM: See notice on the bulletin board or on page 15.

FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM:

- Thank you for your generous donations during our recent "Simply Soup" campaign. With your help we were able to put over 145 lbs. of soup – both canned and packaged - back onto the shelves of the food bank for distribution to those in our community who are food insecure. Your generosity & care for those in our community is greatly appreciated.
- At this time we are **NO LONGER collecting clothing items.**

LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY NEWS:

- **LTS Board Position Available:** The Board of Governors of the Lutheran Theological Seminary has a position available for a lay person from BC . If you are interested or have a name to suggest, contact the BC Synod office at (bcsynod@elcic.ca).

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **WCC Publishes Resource on Legal Tools for Climate Justice:** Click [here](#).
- **Resources for Earth Week:** Resources are available from the [Love of Creation](#).
- **Organics, Recycling and Soil Health:** Learn about [The 6 Cs of Soil Health](#) and the how-to's of [composting](#).
- **Monthly reflection on Climate Justice from ELCIC members:** Click [here](#).
- **A message from CJAG for Earth Day:** This year's theme "Our Power, Our Planet," invites us to rally behind "renewable energy". We encourage all to pray, to educate, to advocate, and to mobilize for a fruitful transition to renewable energy. Your church may consider conducting an energy audit, sending an advocacy letter to its municipality, or hosting a renewable energy information session. April 27th is also a good opportunity to close Earth's Month by praying for the Earth during Sunday worship. Any day is a good day to praise God for the gift of the Earth. We invite you to ponder this year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet". Does the Earth really belong to us?

KAIROS NEWS:

- **KAIROS leads Jubilee 2025 Campaign to address unjust debt and ecological Harm:** Click [here](#).
- **KAIROS writes letter to Minister of Finance on debt cancellation:** Click [here](#).

ELCIC NEWS:

- **Death of Pope Francis:** Click [here](#).
- **Leaders Speak Out on Al Ahli Hospital Attack:** Click [here](#).
- **Holy Land Solidarity Visit Statement:** Bishops from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land have written a letter following a group solidarity visit to the Holy Land. To read the full letter, [please click here](#).
- **Racial Justice Workshops:** The ELCIC is hosting a series of online workshops around the theme of racial justice beginning on April 29th. To find out the dates, times and links for these webinars, please [click here](#).

PRAYERS FOR GAZA:

Please pray for Gaza

Our hearts are broken today at the news that Gaza is being bombed again as the ceasefire has been broken.

Our partners at LWF Jerusalem and the ACT Alliance have been at work since the start of the war, providing emergency medical care, food and water, blankets and shelter, and trauma support.

Please join us today in fervent prayer for:

- A just peace throughout the region
- Safety, security and the comforts of home for all Palestinians and Israelis
- All those suddenly grieving, gravely injured or traumatized after the new violence
- Our partners in LWF and ACT Alliance, and all the humanitarian workers, health care professionals and others who will risk life and limb today to save lives and bring hope

You can support CLWR's response at clwr.org/gaza.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

- This Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am
Second Sunday of Easter / Holy Hilarity Worship Service with
Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it [here](#))
- Tuesday Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am
- Wednesday *Lectio Divina* Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm
Sip with the Spirit at 7 pm at Pastor Eric & Heather’s home
- Saturday *Family Night* at St Laurence at 4:30 pm
- Next Sunday *Third Sunday of Easter* Worship Service with Sunday School
Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it [here](#))
Movie Night at Peter Schuler’s at 4 pm followed by potluck dinner & discussion.

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, unless otherwise noted.

Last few Weeks at Church

<u>Financial Information for:</u>	<u>April 20th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 2,710.00
General	\$ 1,710.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Property Fund	\$ 425.00
- Administration	\$ 400.00
- Special Initiatives Fund	\$ 125.00
- CLWR	\$ 25.00
- GS Women’s Group	\$ 25.00
- Offering Envelopes	

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a **fragrance-free zone**. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC Notice of AGM and Call for Nominations

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls the Annual General Meeting of the Society for Thursday, May 8th, at 7:00 PM. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom. Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

Call for Nominations

The Board welcomes you to nominate people for election to the Board. As of the 2025 AGM, there will be two positions open to the broader constituency, as specified by the Society's Bylaws:

- 4.1 There will be a Board of Directors made up of a minimum of six, no more than nine, Full Members of the Organization. The Directors of the Society shall consist of:
 - The Pastor of the Church
 - The Council Chair of the Church
 - The Treasurer of the Church
 - Plus up to three other members of Spirit of Life Lutheran Church
 - Plus up to three other Full Members
- 4.2 Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by Full Members of the Organization for a term of three years.

The Board currently comprises the following:

- a. Members of Spirit of Life:
 - By virtue of office: Pastor Aneeta Saroop, Chairperson Susan Kiddie, and Treasurer Mark Johnson.
 - By election from the congregation's membership roster: Sarah Johnson, Rev. Clifford Reinhardt.
- b. Members from the broader constituency:
 - Stephanie Oldford (Mount Olive, Surrey).

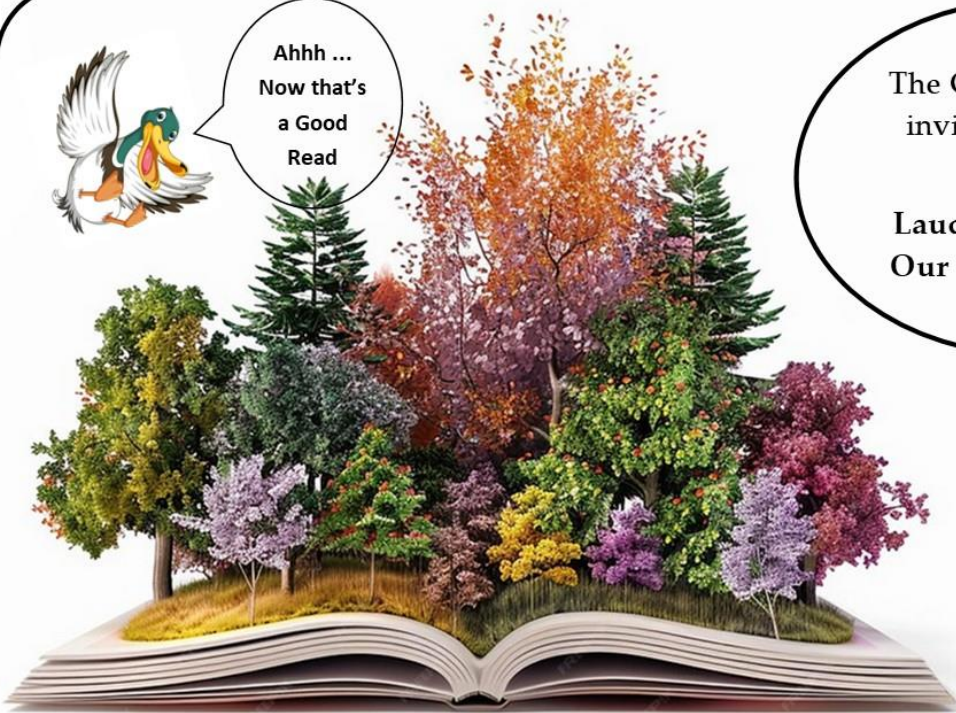
For more information, and to submit nominations, please contact Rev. Clifford Reinhardt by email, reinhardtcf@gmail.com. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 17th. The list of nominees will be published by April 24th.

Please watch for more details about the AGM in the coming weeks.

*On behalf of the Board,
Rev. Clifford Reinhardt, Chair*



Ahhh ...
Now that's
a Good
Read



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The CJAG Book Club
invites you to read
with us:

**Laudato Si, Care for
Our Common Home**



In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis provides a Christian perspective on the ecological crisis that is ravaging planet Earth. He is calling on humanity to move toward an ecological conversion in response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Christians in particular are reminded that their duty towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith, and that because God is with us, we can all strive to change course.

Please make a commitment to read *Laudato Si* this May.

Meet in faith to share your concerns, prayers, and ideas over four 45-minute sessions.

Book Club meetings by Zoom will be May 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 7:00 pm

Register free at <https://bit.ly/CJAGbookclub> or scan the QR code



We will send you the link to *Laudato Si* and a link to the book club sessions.

Credits: Revs. J. Martin & N. Darragh

CJAG (Climate Justice Action Group) is a mission of the BC Synod

Presenting: *The Mother's Day Show 2025*

Featuring:



When: May 5, 2025

Time: Doors open at 6:45pm. Show from 7pm-8pm

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1504 Spruce Ave, Coquitlam, BC V3J 2P6

Free Show! All ages welcome!

Come enjoy some Fresh, New, Original Mom Poetry!



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

