

# Third Sunday in Easter

## *Holy Hilarity Sunday*

May 4, 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: Praise God in the sanctuary.

C: **Praise God in the mighty firmament.**

P: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

C: **Praise the Lord!**

P: The day has dawned.

C: **Sing a new song!**

P: Christ is alive.

C: **Rejoice in new life!**

P: With open minds and Easter faith,

C: **come to worship God.**

#### Gathering Hymn ELW # 361 The Day of Resurrection!

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

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

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



his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

**C: Refrain**

L: As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."  
By your favor, O LORD,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.  
To you, O LORD, I cried,  
and to the LORD I made supplication:

**C: Refrain**

L: What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"

**C: Refrain**

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**C: Refrain**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."*

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will

stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 507 O God of Light

### Apostles' 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*

### Offering

### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

you. 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:

*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 # 384 – That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

#### We Come To This Table

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.

Tune: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, 1626 ("We Gather Together")  
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**ELW # 385 - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**

**ELW # 388 - Be Not Afraid (chant)**

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Sending**

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*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.**

**Sending Hymn ELW # 267 Joy to the World**

**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!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4, 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 by Kris Mathiasen in loving memory of Elna Mathiasen.

**Prayers for Filipino and Vancouver Communities:** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) offers our deepest condolences to the families of those killed in the violent car attack at the Lapu-Lapu Filipino Festival on April 26. The BC Synod has also shared the following [request for prayers](#).

**Pastor Away next week:** Pastor Eric is attending the BC Synod Council Meeting next weekend so please note that as a result, our service next week will be lay-led with no communion, and the usual 9:30 am Bible Study will be cancelled for the one week during his absence.

**TONIGHT: Movie Night:** Our next Movie Night is tonight, **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!

**TOMORROW: 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 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Good Shepherd Book Club** will not meet in May, so members can join the CIAG book club studying Pope Francis Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We will meet again on June 5 to discuss "*The Anthropocene Reviewed*" by John Green. The book following will be "*The Morning Bell Brings the Broken Hearted*" by Jennifer Manuel.

**CLWR Job Posting - Administrative Assistant, Westminster, BC Office:** Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is hiring a dedicated and organized Administrative Assistant to join their team! This position will be at CLWR's Westminster, BC office. If you are a youth between 15-30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period and has a genuine desire to support resettled youth in addition to being detail-oriented among others, please apply for this position **before May 22**. For more information on this position including qualification and how to apply, please [click here](#).

**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](#).

**THIS THURSDAY:** Choir practice at 1 pm

**THIS THURSDAY: 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:**

- **Easter Message:** Click [here](#) .
- **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](#).

**PRAYERS REQUESTS:**

# Please pray for Gaza

**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](http://clwr.org/gaza).

Loving God, we pray for all those who have been affected by the deadly attack in Vancouver. Especially we pray for the Filipino community. May all those who have lost loved ones and who suffer trauma be comforted by your gracious love. May we strive to create communities where all people are safe from violence and harm. In Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*



**ELCIC**

Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Canada

**This Week At Church (Note 1)**

- This Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am  
*Third Sunday of Easter / Holy Hilarity* Worship Service with Sunday School and Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it [here](#))  
Movie Night at Peter Schuler’s at 4 pm followed by potluck dinner & discussion.
- Monday ..... Troupe de Poetry’s Mother’s Day Show at 7 pm (doors open 6:45)
- Tuesday ..... Woodworking and Crafters Group at 10 am
- Wednesday ..... Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm
- Thursday ..... Choir Practice at 1 pm
- Next Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am – **CANCELLED**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter* Worship Service (**NO COMMUNION**) at 10:30 am  
(view it [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, unless otherwise noted.

**Last few Weeks at Church**

<b><u>Financial Information for:</u></b>	<b><u>April 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Total Offerings:	\$ 1,970.75
General	\$ 1,950.75
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- CLWR	\$ 20.00

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](mailto:reinhardtcf@gmail.com). The deadline for nominations is Thursday, April 17th. The list of nominees will be published by April 24th.

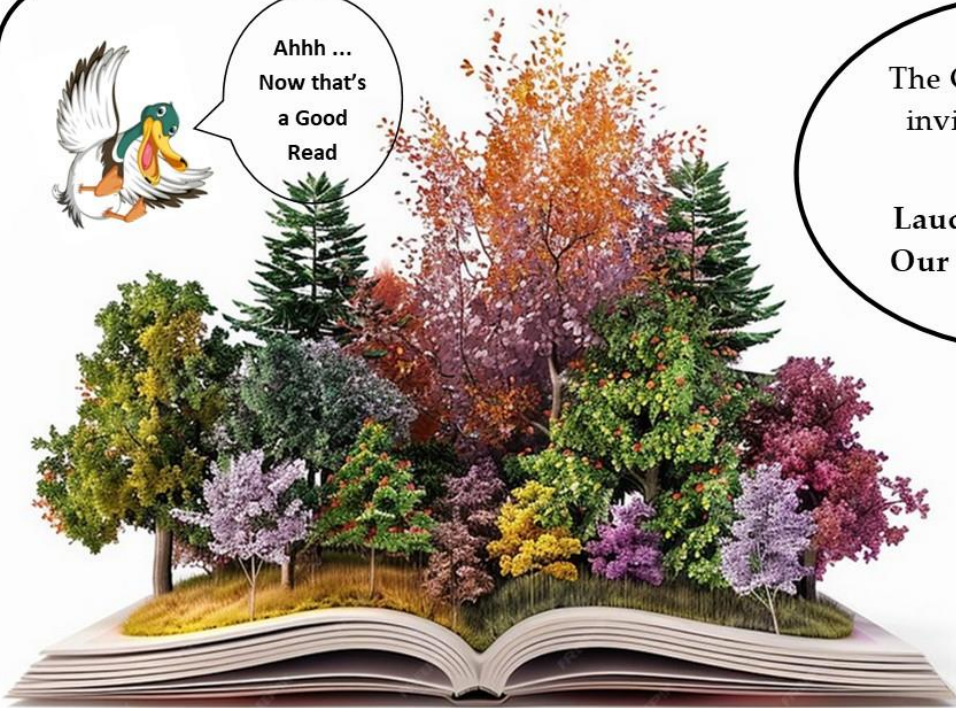
Please watch for more details about the AGM in the coming weeks.

*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

