Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Praise Appeal Sunday and* 65th Anniversary Celebration

October 19, 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 STÓL:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Liturgy: Now the Feast

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude - Majestic Praise! - Played by Lily Yen and Peter Schuler

Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P: We praise you, O God, for water.
- C: We praise you, O God, for water.
- P: We need water to drink.
- C: We need water to drink.
- P: We need water to wash.
- C: We need water to wash.
- P: We need water to grow.
- C: We need water to grow.
- P: We praise you, O God, for water.
- C: We praise you, O God, for water.
- P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.
- C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.
- P: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.
- C: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.
- P: And for the gifts of your Spirit.
- C: And for the gifts of your Spirit.
- P: Like our church.
- C: Like our church.
- P: The good things it has done.
- C: The good things it has done.
- P: And the good things it will do.
- C: And the good things it will do.

Children stretch their hands out over the font as water is poured over their hands into the font.

- P: We praise you, O God, for water.
- C: We praise you, O God, for water.
- P: Amen, with water.
- C: Amen, with water.

Children to mark their own or one another's foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.

Gathering Hymn Our God, We Sing and Celebrate (Tune #722 – O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate)

Our God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear! For we recall your faithful love for all your people here. We've worked together, yet we know it's not the things we've done, But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.

Lord Jesus, in this broken world, you teach us how to heal, And in a world where pride abounds, you call your church to kneel. Amid the hate, we're called to love; amid the fear, to pray. You call us to live differently; transform us every day!

You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call. Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all. Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead; Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!

How easy to look back and see your graceful, constant care, And yet we're called to look ahead, to grow, to serve, to dare! What is your will in this new day? God, help us pray and search, For as we seek to walk with you, we are your faithful church.

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Greeting

P: The precious grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the abundant love of God, and the Holy Spirit who inspires all gratitude be with you all.

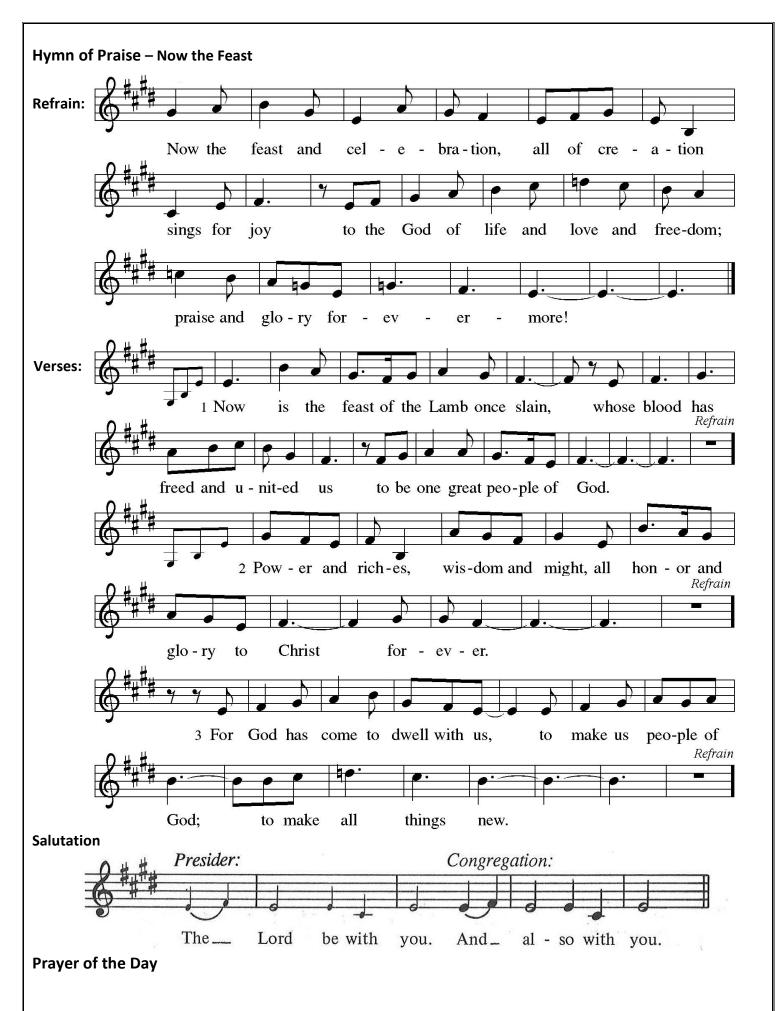
C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have





Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.'

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn - You Stop Me in the Darkness



- 5. I need no longer flee from myself or you but dwell securely in the knowledge I met my Penuel.
- 6. Now I have seen your face, Lord, and fought in your embrace.
 So let me limp on, wounded, relying on your grace.

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Psalm 121

Refrain:



L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

C: Refrain

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

C: Refrain

L: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

C: Refrain

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.
 The Lord will keep
 your going out and your coming in
 from this time on and for evermore.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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 "God of grace" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

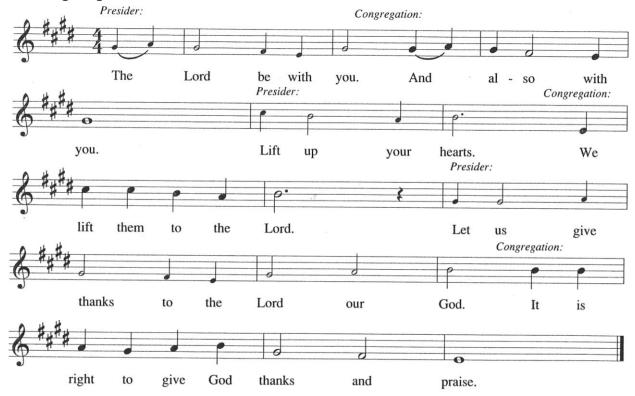
Special Music - Choir - Canticle of Thanksgiving by Dale Wood

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

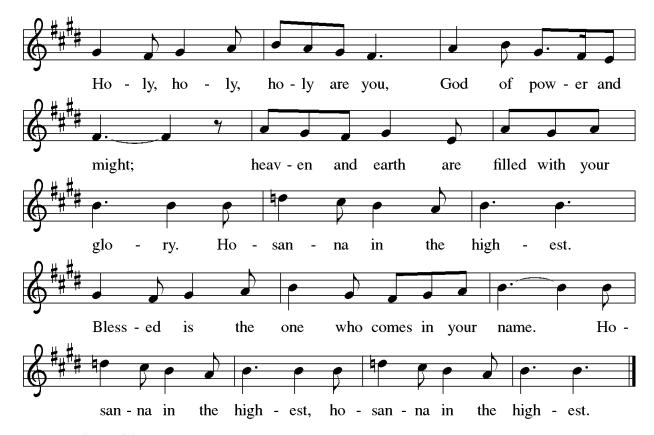


P: It is our duty and delight...

the pastor continues, concluding...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor prays and concludes...

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

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

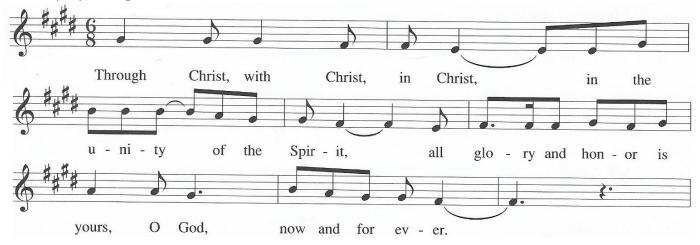
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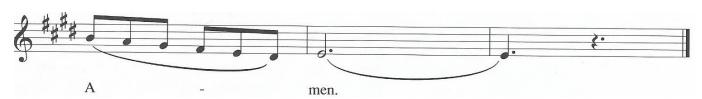
P: Amen. come, Holy Spirit. Amen. come, Holy Spirit.

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

Pastor prays and concludes...

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

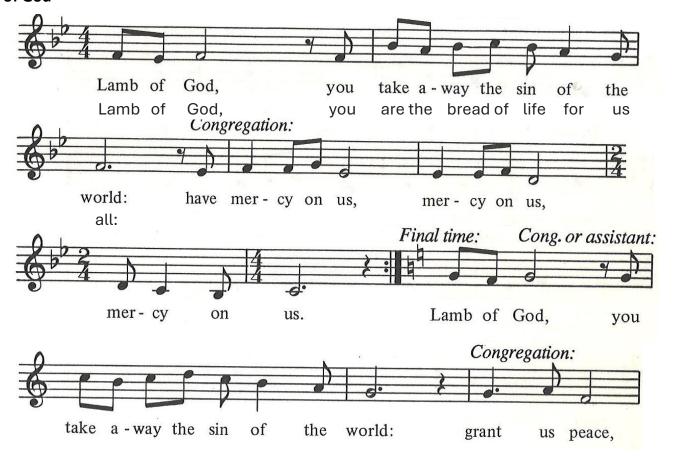




- P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the 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





Communion is distributed

<u>Directions for Communion</u>: Any adult or child who believes that Christ is present in this meal is welcome to participate. At the Pastor'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 silver bowl at the head of each window aisle. If you choose to remain in your pew to take communion once all group communing at the rail has ended, please raise your hand to make yourself known and the pastor will come around with bread, followed by the communion assistant with individual glasses of wine and grape juice. Lighter red grape juice is located in the centre ring of the tray.

Hymns Sung during Communion

ELW # 641 All Are Welcome

ELW # 498 United At The Table

ELW # 656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ACS # 1041 God Is Love (Chant)



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Blessing after Communion

Thanks be to You



Anniversary Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Special Music – Peter Schuler – Even Now (Songs of Faithfulness) by Peter Schuler

Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who formed us in grace, who sustains us in love, who leads us with courage,

⊕ be upon you now and forever. C: Amen.						
Sending Hymn ELW # 866 We Are Marching in the Light						
Dism						
P:	Go in the peace, light, and joy of God to love and serve all.					
C:	Thanks be to God.					
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ANNOUNCEMENTS October 19, 2025

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

<u>Flowers</u> are placed on the altar in praise and thankfulness to God for our congregation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the good and fruitful ministry of our Good Shepherd Women.

<u>Today is our 65th Anniversary Celebration</u>: Our church is celebrating its 65th anniversary today! We hope you can stay after the service for a special birthday cake and a continued time of celebration during our fellowship coffee time.

<u>Welcome and Thank you!</u> It is our privilege to welcome Bishop Kathy Martin, Bishop of our BC Synod, as our special guest on this special day, and we thank her for preaching and helping us celebrate our milestone.

<u>Make a Praise Appeal Offering!</u>: We are also taking a special collection today for the ELCIC's Praise Appeal in honour of the women of our congregation. Designated envelopes are available on the usher's table. If you didn't come prepared today to make a special offering, you can do so anytime before the end of the month, either in a designated envelope or online marked as "Praise Appeal Offering" in the description line.

<u>"Moving Towards a Waste-Free World"</u>: The Climate Justice Action Group of the BC Synod is hosting a webinar on **November 6 at 6:30 pm** on the subject of zero-waste and the actions we can all take towards the goal of a zero-waste world. The Special Presenter will be Jennifer Helman, Program Coordinator at the "Recycling Council of BC". See the poster that follows for all the details, and register here

<u>Free Eco-cinema Event – November 5th at 6 pm</u>: Please see the information on this link to an event happening at the Coquitlam Public library on November 5: https://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/14510499. "The Power of Big Oil" reveals the hidden truths behind the fossil fuel industry and explores how this powerful sector has intentionally misled the public and suppressed crucial climate science for decades, hindering meaningful action on climate change. See the poster that follows for more details.

<u>Thanksgiving Food Drive</u>: Thank you to all who donated food items to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Food Bank was very appreciative when receiving our non-perishable food to help restock their shelves.

<u>All Saints Sunday</u>: We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday this year on **November 2**nd. Starting this Sunday, you are invited to record the name of a loved one that passed away in the book of remembrance (on the podium just outside the Sanctuary entrance), who you wish to be named during the service. <u>Please print legibly</u> to avoid misspelling and mis-pronouncing your loved one's name, or you can call or email the office with the name of your loved one if that is more convenient for you, to have it will be added to the list of names. We also invite you to send a picture of your loved one if you have one, to be displayed during the remembrance time. Please send it to Pastor Eric directly at <u>erickrushel@gmail.com</u> in the largest format available.

ELCIC & CLWR Renew Call for Peace: On the second anniversary of the war between Israel and Hamas, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Canadian Lutheran World Relief Interim Executive Director Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse write to the church with heavy hearts as they, "continue to call urgently for a cessation of all violence in Israel and Palestine, an immediate release of hostages, and unhindered humanitarian access to those in critical need." You can read the full letter here or on the bulletin board.

<u>Indigenous Harvest Dinner:</u> Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in New Westminster invites you to a hearty dinner of venison stew and bannock with donations going to the IRSSS on Saturday, October 25 from 4 pm to 7 pm. See the poster that follows, which is also on the church bulletin board.

<u>Installation of Rev. Elina Singh TODAY!</u>: Rev. Elina Singh will be installed at **Dunbar Evangelical Lutheran Church** (3491 W. 31st Avenue, Vancouver) on **Sunday, October 19th at 2 pm.,** where she will work half time while she continues her half-time work at the Synod Office. Elina interned our church from 2020-2022. See page 16 for details. Maybe you can stay for our 65th Anniversary Celebration and then join in Elina's celebration afterwards.

ELCJHL Appeal: The ELCIC is launching an appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise \$50,000. To read a letter about the appeal from National Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer and Eastern Synod Bishop Carla Blakley, please click here.

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.

<u>Downstairs Daycare</u>: <u>Green Apple Daycare</u> has spaces available for ages 3 – 5 years old. Please contact us at <u>greenappledaycare@hotmail.com</u> or 604 –318 –3417 for information and to set up a tour. Or visit their <u>website</u>.

ELCIC & WIDER CHURCH NEWS:

 <u>Song of Sorrow...Sounds of Hope</u>: Trillium Lutheran Church in Waterloo, ON is hosting a fundraising event for the Holy Land and the ELCHJL on October 26 at 3 pm EST (Noon PST). Click here to view the livestream.

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- <u>Free Climate Justice Webinar</u>: "FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION" is a faith-based ecumenical initiative for climate justice in Canada. They are hosting a webinar on October 23 from 4 pm to 5 pm entitled Voices of the Land: Indigenous perspectives on Climate Justice. Get more information and register <a href="https://example.com/herealth/person-climate-limiting-to-state-limiting-to
- <u>Canadian Council of Churches requests Children's Commissioner</u>: The President of the Council, Rev. Amanda Currie, sent a formal letter to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney, requesting the appointment of a Children's Commissioner. <u>Read the full letter to the Prime Minister here.</u>
- Calling for Advocacy in Gaza: Read what you can do here.
- Report on Climate-Induced Migration: Canada's Obligations & Opportunities: The Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) has released a new report that explores how climate-induced migration when people are forced to leave their homes due to extreme weather events or slow-onset environmental changes is already a pressing reality in Canada. In 2023 alone, 200,000 Canadians were displaced by unprecedented wildfires. To view the report, please click here.

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.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)

Choir Rehearsal at 10 am

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time worship service and a celebration of

our 65th Anniversary with Holy Communion and Sunday School

at 10:30 am (view it here)

Tuesday Woodworking & Crafters Group at 10 am

Wednesday Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom

Thursday Happy Hour at 4 pm

Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)

Reformation Sunday worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

at 10:30 am (view it here)

Confirmation Class at 1 pm

<u>Note</u>: 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 Week at Church

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You are cordially invited to attend the Installation

of

Rev. Elina Singh

Sunday, October 19, 2025 2:00 pm

Dunbar Evangelical Lutheran Church

3491 W 31st Ave Vancouver, BC V6S 1X6

Refreshments to follow

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.

The liturgical color is green.



INDIGENOUS HARVEST DINNER

Saturday, October 25 4pm - 7pm

Join us for a Dinner of Hearty Venison Stew and Bannock. This is a free event with donations going to the IRSSS.

Reconciliation
is a journey,
not a moment
—and certainly
not limited to a
single day.

As part of our commitment to honoring Indigenous culture, we're excited to welcome Steven Seegerts, Indigenous Leader and Director of Urban Aboriginal Ministry in Vancouver. Steven will share the teachings of the Medicine Wheel and lead a Smudging Ceremony—an opportunity for reflection, connection, and healing.

Mount Zion Lutheran Church 930 Cumberland Street New Westminster, BC Enter through Lower Hall off parking lot Register using the QR code or e-mail mountzion930@gmail.com or call 604-521-0120. Leave a message and we'll get back to you.





BC Synod Webinar:

Moving Towards a Waste-Free World



This webinar will be at 6:30 pm (Pacific) on Nov. 6th.

A recording of this Webinar will be made available to all registrants.



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Our presenter
will be
Jennifer Helman,
Program
Coordinator at
the "Recycling
Council of BC"

Want to learn how to apply zero waste concepts within your organization, church, or home?

We will cover the overarching concepts of zero waste, discuss the actions one can take to move towards zero-waste operations, and share ideas and resources for a zero waste Christmas season.

Register here:

https://bit.ly/48emebo

Or... register by clicking: Here

A presentation from the Climate Justice Action Group, a Ministry of the BC Synod



Discover what Big Oil knew about Climate Change more than 40 years ago.

Uncover the Truth, Ignite the

Change!

Place: Poirier Library Nancy Bennett Room

November 5th 2025 6 pm to 8:30 pm



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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 - 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00		

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



Good Shepherd Website

