

Fifth Sunday in the Season of Creation

October 5, 2025

Liturgy: Matins

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL 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 and Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

- P: Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- C: **Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**
- P: Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- C: **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!**
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- C: **He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
- P: Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
- C: **fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- P: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- C: **Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- P: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C: **Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
- C: **his glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord!**

Gathering Song In the Shadows of the Forest

1. In the sha - dows of the for - est grows a ten - der sprout - ing tree, not a -
 2. While the sap - lings reach - ing high - er will com - pete to find the light, they all
 3. Hid - den deep be - neath the sur - face of the earth - en floor be - low, man - y
 4. Ev' - ry crea - ture of the for - est from the squir - rel to the bear, birds that
 5. Might - y for - ests, wav - ing grass - lands, plants that bear the food we need, each a

lone but in the con - text of a whole com - mun - i - ty, shar - ing
 have a com - mon pur - pose, sib - lings joined to share the fight. In the
 roots in - ter - con - nect - ed all en - sure the trees will grow. Like - wise,
 nest high in the branch - es, fly - ing swift - ly through the air, in the
 won - der of cre - a - tion from a germ - i - na - ting seed. Teem - ing

roots in fer - tile soil and a com - mon his - tor - ry not so
 shade of larg - er branch - es they must sum - mon all their might. For to
 we to - geth - er shar - ing faith un fold ing, part - ially known. May our
 mea - dows and the prair - ies ev' - ry deer and moose and hare is a
 life is all a - round us, flocks and herds with thund' ring speed, spo ken

diff' - rent from the neigh - bor - hood that nur - tures you and me.
 geth - er they are grow ing ev' - ry day and ev' - ry night.
 love, com - pas - sion, flour - ish, blos - som from the seeds we sow.
 gift of God's cre - a - tion and a sign of ho - ly care.
 word be - came in - car - nate, liv - ing mes - sage we will heed.

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Greeting

P: God, maker of the day, be with us; God, raiser of Jesus, raise a new day among us. God, giver of the Spirit, light our lives!

C: Amen

Rise Up and Sing

(Leader) O God o - pen my lips (All) And my
mouth will de - clare your praise
Rise up and sing Bring in the morn - ing Dawn is a born - ing
Day has be - gun Raise the glad sound A - round us is
break - ing Skies that are wak - ing Light of the sun

Rise up good friends now is the hour
Sunlight will shower hope for the day
Rise from your sleep and keep your dreams with you
Let the light kiss you soft' on your way.

Rise with the world curled up awaiting
End to the hating, day full of grace
Rise up in song, the long night is ending
Now God is sending peace to this place.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-9

Refrain: 
Lord, send out your Spirit, and re - new the face of the earth!

L: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

C: **Refrain**

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

C: Refrain

L: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

C: Refrain

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW # 171 - Hallelujah



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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P: The holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

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

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Crowded Table

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done

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Creation Care Creed

**We believe in a bold God, Creator of splendour,
spinning stars into night skies,
warming the planet with life-giving sunshine,
filling the earth with all creatures great and small.**

**We believe in a big God, Creator of 150 billion galaxies,
who is big enough to receive our praise and loving enough to answer our prayers.**

**We believe in the risen Christ,
who meets us in the brokenness of life,
accompanies us on all our wanderings
and forever seeks to welcome us home with open arms.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
guide and companion,
who fills the church with windy hope and fiery compassion.**

**We believe in the church,
where we can taste some of the heavenly banquet
and live as a renewed people for the world. Amen.**

Video Presentation by ignYte

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the pastor will say "God of all goodness" and the congregation is invited to respond "hear our prayer."

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbours, and all creation.

Silence may be kept

P: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
we have forgotten who we are.

C: **We have fooled ourselves into believing that we are separate
from all other living things.**

**We have satisfied our hungers with consumption and
exploited the gifts of the earth.**

**We have filled our days with busyness instead of attunement
to the rhythms of creation.**

P: We have forgotten who we are.

C: **We have sought only our own security.
We have spurned the wisdom of Indigenous earth-keepers.
We have ignored the environmental damage
to communities across the world from our wasteful lifestyles.**

P: We have forgotten who we are.

C: **Now the air is filled with too much carbon.
And the waters are clogged with plastic.
And the soil is depleted from overuse.**

P: We have forgotten who we are.

C: **Now the forests are burning.
And the creatures are disappearing.
And humans are despairing.**

Silence may be kept

P: Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: **Have mercy on us.
Forgive us.
Put a new and right spirit within us.
Give us the strength to change.
Help us to remember that we are stewards,
called to care for all you have made.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you
all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit help you to live
in peace with creation.

C: **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ that encompasses the whole creation 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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is right in all times and in all places...we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav-en and earth of Your glo-ry are full, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho-
san-na in the high - est! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav-en and earth of Your glo-ry are full, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho-
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho-
san - na in the high - est!

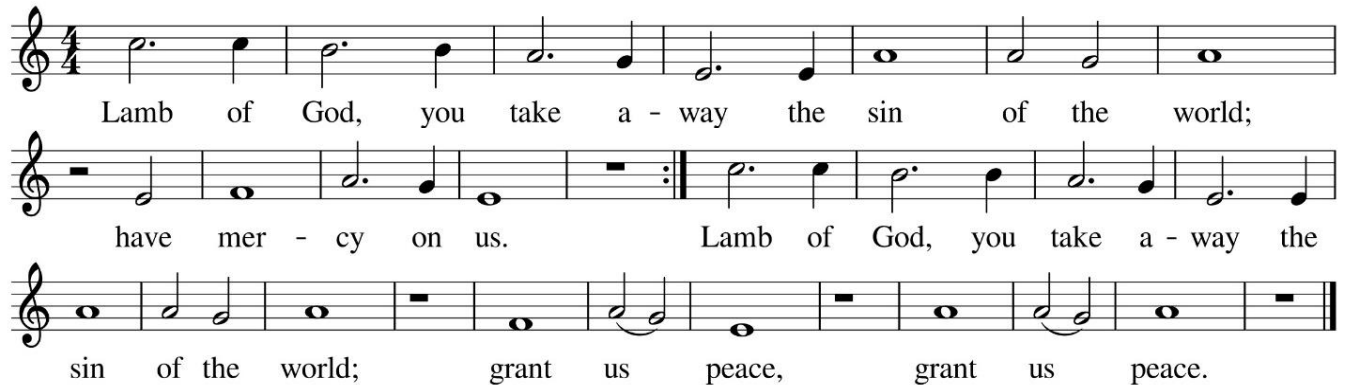
Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Lamb of God



Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited up to the communion rail through the centre aisle, and to exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used cups in the tray at the head of each window aisle. Wine & grape juice is available in individual cups, with wine in the two outer rings of the tray and the grape juice in the centre. Note that wine is also available in a common chalice and a gluten-free option is available for bread. Please indicate your preference when being served. 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.

Hymns Sung during Communion

Open My Hands (CLAY song learned by Youth)

I believe in a blessing I don't understand
I've seen rain fall on wicked and the just
Rain is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us
No good thing from us, no good thing from us

I believe in a peace that flows deeper than pain
That broken find healing in love

Pain is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us
No good thing from us, no good thing from us

I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

I believe in a fountain that will never dry
Though I've thirsted and didn't have enough
Thirst is no measure of his faithfulness
He withholds no good thing from us
No good thing from us, no good thing from us

I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

No good thing from us
No good thing from us
He withholds no good thing from us

I will open my hands, will open my heart
I will open my hands, will open my heart
I am nodding my head an emphatic yes
To all that You have for me

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ELW # 759 – My Faith Looks Up To Thee

ELW # 479 – We Come To The Hungry Feast

ACS # 1018 – Deep Peace

The musical score for 'Deep Peace' is presented in four staves. The first two staves correspond to the lyrics 'Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the', and the next two staves correspond to 'flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to'. The melody is written in treble clef, and the accompaniment is in bass clef. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature.

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

To repeat *Last time*

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Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Who Are We

Refrain:

Who are we that you would love us Who are we that you would
hold us in your hand Who are we that you would make us for each
o - ther to love and hold and try to un - der - stand Who are

Verse 1 & 2:

1. we be - neath the hea - vens 'Neath the stars and all. the
2. we a - mong the crea - tures Some that crawl some wing - ing
mys - ter - ies a - far Who are we. up on an earth so rich for growing
swift - ly thru the sky Some that swim and some that walk up on their two feet
Can you tell us who we real - ly are why Who are
Who are we and can you tell us why Who are

Verse 3:

stand Bless the Lord that you would love us Bless the
Lord that you would hold us in your hand Bless the
Lord that you would make us for each o - ther to
love and hold and try to un - der - stand Let us
bless the Lord Thanks be to God

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing of Animals

- P: Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.
C: **Bless the Lord, in heaven and on earth.**
- P: For all things that breath and move and have life,
C: **We thank you, O Lord.**
- P: That we may love and honour the works of your hand,
C: **We praise you, O Lord.**
- P: That every pet may be treasured with care,
C: **We pray to you, O Lord.**
- P: Let us pray. O God, you have made all living things. We praise you for giving us the animals, birds, and fish which fill your world. We praise you for the pets who give us joy, and the wild things that evoke our wonder. As you take care of us, help us be good stewards of them. May our pets in particular be a source of joy and companionship for us. And may they be happy and healthy in our keeping. Through all animals may we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.
C: **Amen**

P: As God has blessed us with animal companions and all other creatures great and small, so may God bless them with love and care. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be with them and you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Words of Intention and Blessing

P: We join with the earth and with each other,

C: **to bring new life to the land,
to restore the waters,
to refresh the air.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other,

C: **to renew the forests,
to care for the plants,
to protect the creatures.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other,

C: **to celebrate the seas,
to rejoice in the sunlight,
to sing the song of the stars.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other,

C: **to recreate the human community,
to promote justice and peace,
to remember all children.**

P: We join with the earth and with each other,

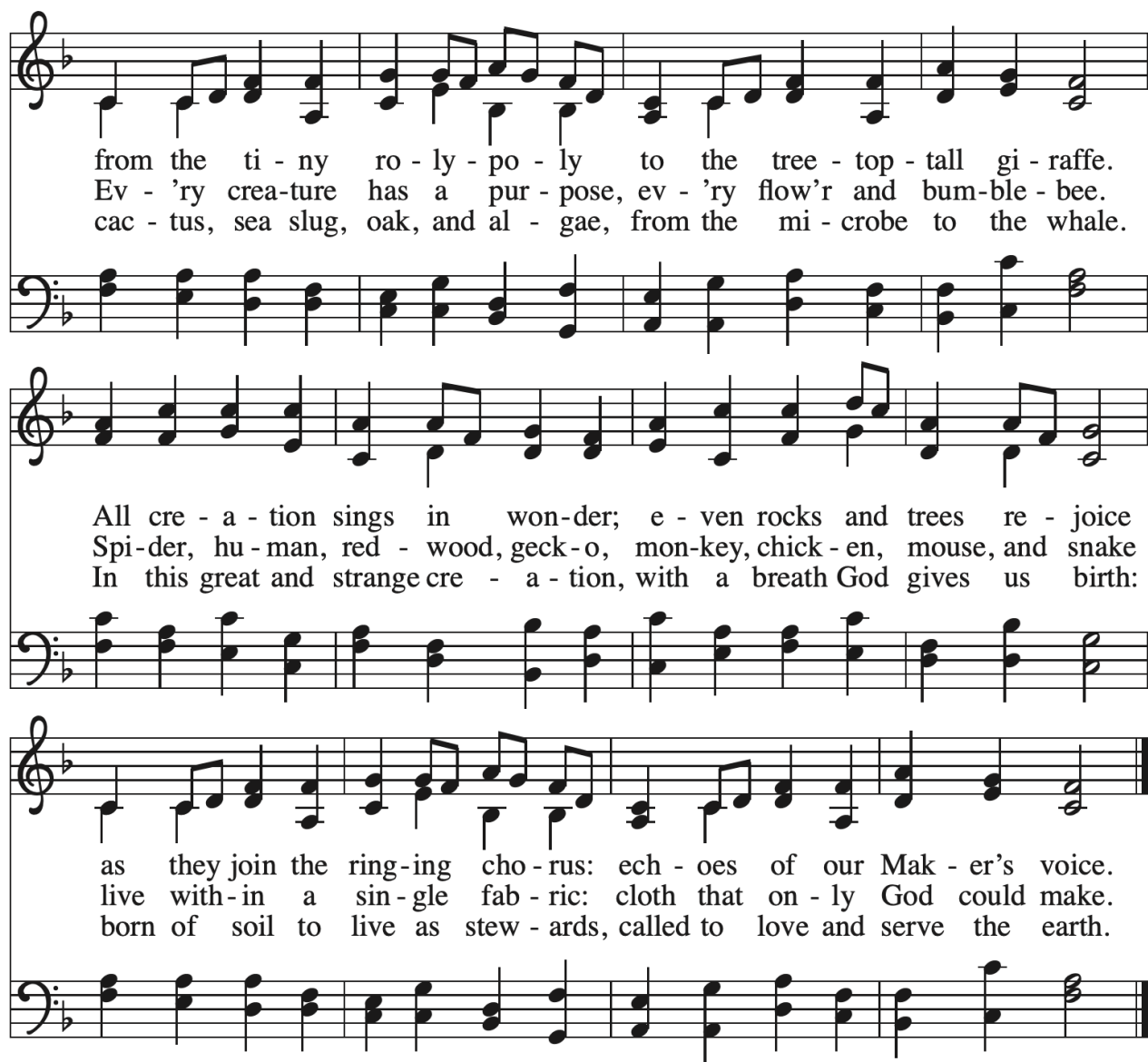
C: **for the healing of the Earth,
and the renewal of all life. Amen.**

P: And as we do,
may God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song ACS # 1064 Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffé.
 Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck-o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Dismissal

P: Go in the love of God to live in peace with creation.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2025

(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 thanksgiving to our Creator God for all his blessings, and for those faithful servants like St. Francis of Assisi and Canada's First Nations peoples who lived in harmony with God's creation - and through their example of caring for creation inspire us to do the same.

Thank you to ignYte: We welcome Jason & some members of our IgnYte Youth Ministry to share with us a little of their experience at their recent CLAY gathering. A prayer was written using the unedited responses of youth participants to the following questions:

1. What is a key message of Jesus that you think the church has forgotten and needs to remember?
2. What is one gift you see in the church that you want to draw the church's attention to?

We will use that prayer in worship today, and you can find a copy on page 20.

Book Club: The book club will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 8 at 7:15** at Lily and Mogens' place. The book to be discussed is *"The Morning Bell Brings the Broken Hearted"* by Jennifer Manuel, the story of a woman going up to teach in an isolated Indigenous village and how it affects her. All are welcome

Calling for Advocacy: ELCIC National Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer has written to the church expressing deep concerns over the escalating military operations in Gaza and the immense suffering being faced by civilians in Palestine and Israel. He joins the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in calling for an urgent global action, and encourages members of the ELCIC to advocate for peace, an end to violence and protection for human life. Please read the full letter by [clicking here](#).

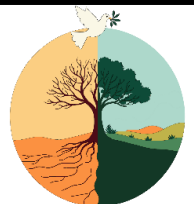
No Sunday School Next Week: Our Sunday School restarts on October 19th, and again on the 26th, and then bi-weekly thereafter.

Season of Creation Events and Activities

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation. We hope that the opportunities that we made available were of help to you in celebrating the season, and deepening your knowledge of and commitment to the care of our planet.

Even though the season is over, we encourage you to take note of the following items:

- We're encouraging you to sign a petition calling for a Global Plastics Treaty. See the article in the September newsletter and sign the petition here: <https://action.earthday.org/global-plastics-treaty>
- A video of the recent webinar, *"Practicing Peace with Creation"* which helped participants reflect on and explore practices that are sustaining and life-giving for the work and ministry of creation care is now available. Please [click here](#).
- Our Synod's Climate Action Justice Group continues to be active in providing educational opportunities around Care of Creation. Keep your eyes and ears open for the announcements of upcoming events.
- "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 [here](#).



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Installation of Rev. Elina Singh: 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 19 for details.

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.



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

ELCIC & WIDER CHURCH NEWS:

- **ELCA Installs New Bishop:** Rev. Yehiel Curry is set to be installed as the presiding bishop of the ELCA on October 4 in Minneapolis. The installation is a public worship service, open to all who wish to attend. The service will also be available via livestream.
- **New Issue of Consensus:** The most recent issue of *Consensus: A Canadian Journal of Public Theology*, jointly produced by Martin Luther University College and Lutheran Theological Seminary, was published last week online: <https://scholars.wlu.ca/consensus/>. The issue commemorates the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and offers Lutheran reflections on the Nicene Creed.

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **Canadian Council of Churches requests Children's Commissioner:** 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. [Read the full letter to the Prime Minister here.](#)
- **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 Message From Pastor Kristen Steele

I would like to say thank you to each of you who have included my family, my congregation and me in your prayers over the past 18 months since I went on medical leave. This week marks the one and a half year anniversary since the doctors found a large tumor in my sinus cavity which was found to be cancerous - thyroid cancer that metastasized to the sinus. I have had five surgeries (as well as one round of two different treatments) to both remove cancer and to address side effects from cancer treatment. I am currently recovering from the fifth surgery and waiting for more test results in the next couple of months. At this point the most recent surgery was successful and the surgeon was very happy with what they were able to accomplish. I have received excellent medical care from a large team of specialists and for that I am very grateful. I am also very grateful for family and friends who have walked with me through this challenging journey which I look forward to having behind me soon. Thank you again for your prayers, they have meant more to me than you know.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)
Fifth Sunday in Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion
at 10:30 am (view it [here](#))
Church Council Retreat at Lily & Mogens from 1 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am

Wednesday *Lection Divina* Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom
Book Club at the home of Lily & Mogens Hansen at 7 pm

Thursday Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm

Saturday Memorial Service for Pastor Ron Bjorgan at 11 am at Deo Lutheran Church
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SouthernInteriorRegionELCIC/InformationForPeopleAttendingRevRonBjorgansMemorialService>

Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)
Thanksgiving Sunday worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am
(view it [here](#)) **Note: Sunday School Cancelled.**

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 Week at Church

Financial Information for: September 28th

Total Offerings: \$ 2,731.00

General \$ 2,456.00

Designated Gifts:

- Snow Blower \$ 200.00

- Memorial Fund \$ 75.00

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.



*You are cordially invited to
attend the Installation*

of

Rev. Elina Singh

*Sunday, October 19, 2025
2:00 pm*

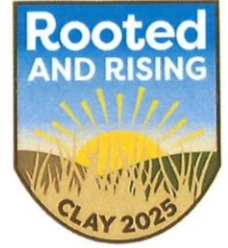
Dunbar Evangelical Lutheran Church
3491 W 31st Ave
Vancouver, BC V6S 1X6

Refreshments to follow

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical color is green.

CLAY 2025

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH



God of all,

The church doesn't always recognize or value young people.
But we are the past, present, and future of this church.

We have talents to offer if there was space for us to share them.
We have building spaces that we aren't using to their full potential.

By giving youth the chance to invest and sow seeds into the church,
we will grow old and reap the benefits of a church we built together on the rock of Christ.

CLAY understands that youth hold the future of the church,
but what work will be done beyond CLAY?

Jesus said, "let the children come to me,"

We pray for a church like Jesus welcoming people from all backgrounds, ages, and status,
because it is through the wideness of that community that the church exists today.

So, God,

We pray to be conscious of the needs of the people around us and our own.
To be a church where we take what we need and no more.

A church that focuses more on keeping the cause alive, not just the building.
We pray for a church shaped by love, humility, forgiveness; a church that gives us purpose.

A Church that knows how to welcome new people, even when it means change.
A Church for everyone.

We long for a church of loving your neighbour. An enthusiastic community.
A church shaped by youth's perspectives. Hospitality. Compassion. Acceptance.

We have a theology of grace that can be an antidote to bad religion,
because we recognize the unconditional love of God.

We pray to be a church that focuses even more on raising up the next generation of youth.

We pray for a church that breaks down barriers. An intergenerational community.

This is the church we pray for, God.

This is the church we hope to be.

Amen.

**From CLAY 2025 Rooted & Rising - This prayer uses the unedited responses of youth participants to the following questions:*

1. What is a key message of Jesus that you think the church has forgotten and needs to remember?
2. What is one gift you see in the church that you want to draw the church's attention to?

<https://claygathering.ca/>

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 as times subject to change.



Good Shepherd
Website

