# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Liturgy: Now the Feast

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.

# **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Siblings in Jesus, in the waters of your baptism you have been born again.

Your past, your sin, your failure, your doubt, are drowned, here, at this font.

Your fear, your self-righteousness, your despair, are washed away by grace.

Your pride, your hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of you no longer define you.

Christ lives in you now,

and the Spirit empowers you,

to worship,

to fellowship,

to witness, to serve,

and to strive for justice and peace

wherever you go.

So rejoice that God has claimed you made you friends with Jesus and welcomed you into God's family not by your own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

And as we begin our worship

let us give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

# Gathering Hymn ELW # 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

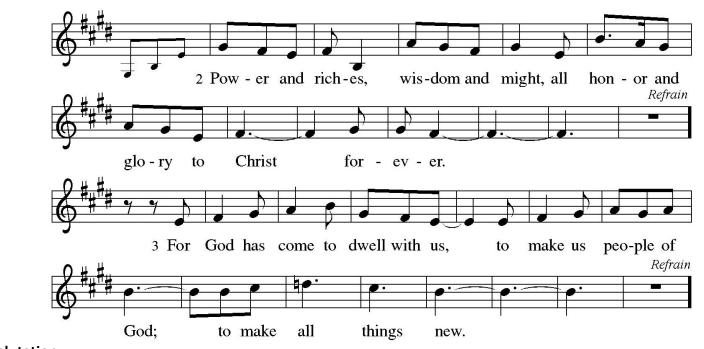
# Greeting

- 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**







#### **Salutation**



# **Prayer of the Day**

#### Word

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

#### Children's Time

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-9, 21-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending lifegiving rain.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;

do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

#### Psalm 84:1-7





L: How lovely is your dwelling place,
 O Lord of hosts!
 My soul longs, indeed it faints
 for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh sing for joy
 to the living God.

#### C: Refrain

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

#### C: Refrain

L: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

#### C: Refrain

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

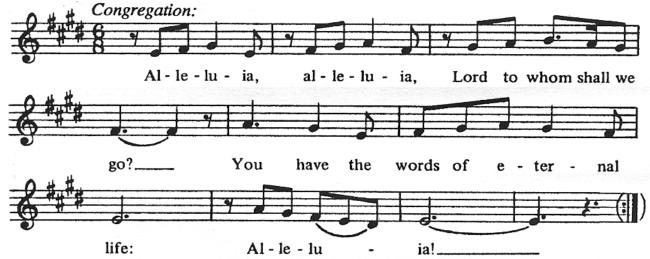
The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

# **Gospel Verse**



- P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### **Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 597 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, the pastor will say "In your image" and the congregation will respond "form us Lord."

# **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

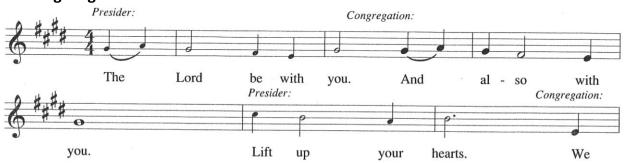
All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

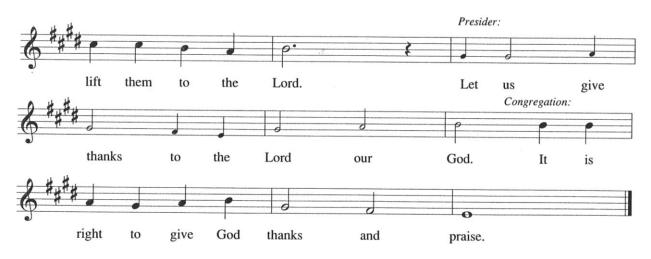
#### Meal

# God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

# **Offering Prayer**

## **Great Thanksgiving**



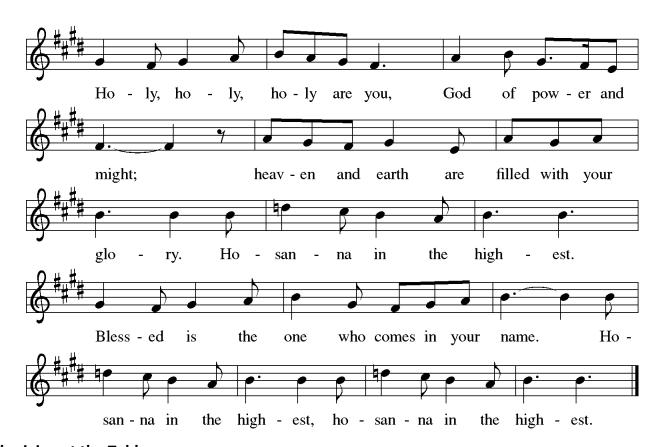


P: It is our duty and delight...

the pastor continues, concluding...

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

#### Holy



# 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.

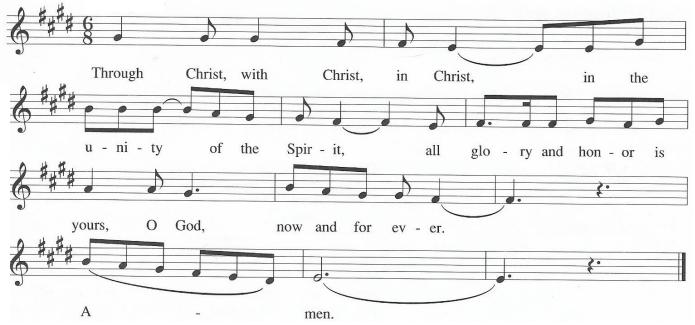
Pastor prays and concludes...

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 Saviour and our friend...

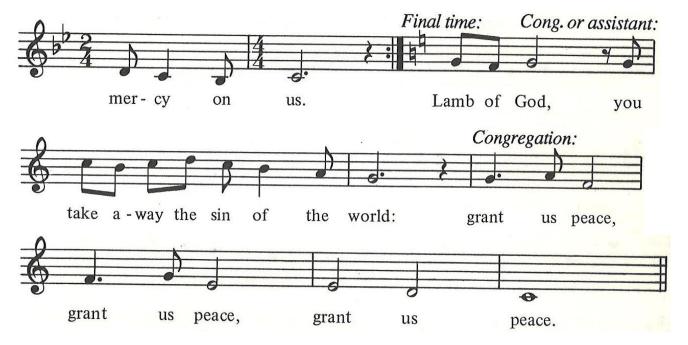


- P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven,
  hallowed be your name,
  your kingdom come,
  your will be done,
  on earth as in heaven.
  Give us today our daily bread.
  Forgive us our sins
  as we forgive those
  who sin against us.
  Save us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

#### **Come To The Table**

#### **VERSE 1**

Come all proud, come all greedy Come all liars, come all shamed Come all wealthy, come receive it To the table, come today

#### VERSE 2

Come all broken, come all needy Come all poor, and come all slaves Come all rulers, come be seated Come all sinners, come all saints

#### **CHORUS 1**

Come to the table, from near and from far Come from the shadows, come out of the dark There's room at the table, we saved you a seat Come to the banquet, come join in the feast

#### VERSE 3

Every race, every nation Come all rebels, come all gay From the fringes, come to Jesus To a table full of grace
To the table come and stay

#### **CHORUS 2**

Come to the table, come eat and drink There's no inner circle, come dine with the king Recline at the table, come let down your guard You're never a stranger, just come as you are

#### **BRIDGE**

Come be whole, come be loved Come accepted, come now come

#### **CHORUS 3**

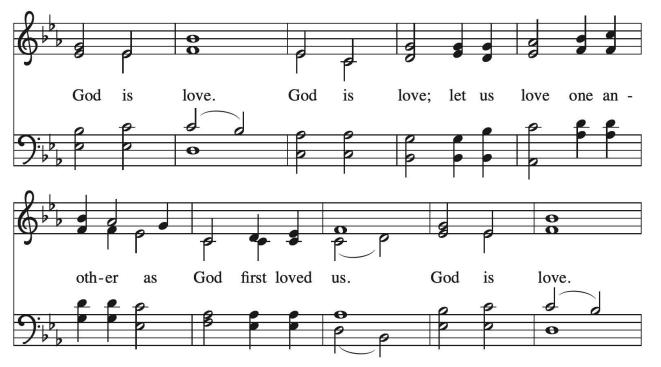
Prepared is the table, we're ready to feast The party is waiting, there's more still to feed The harvest is ready, go fill every seat Go live out the mission as a kingdom of priests

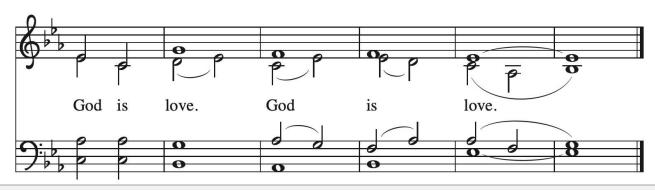
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## 575 - In Christ Called to Baptize

# 729 - The Church of Christ In Every Age

# ACS # 1041 God Is Love (Chant)





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# **Blessing after Communion**

#### Thanks be to You



# **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

# **Blessing**

- P: The blessing of God,
  who formed us in grace,
  who sustains us in love,
  who leads us with courage,
  士 be upon you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# Sending Hymn ACS # 1048 Founded on Faith



#### **Dismissal**

- 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 26, 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 thanksgiving for the Reformers of the Church and God's vision that inspired them, the Holy Spirit who continues to move among us and inspires ongoing reformation of the church, and for our youth (the new batch of saints and reformers that are being raised up in our midst!)

<u>Sip with the Spirit</u>: Our next *Sip with the Spirit* will be this coming **Wednesday, October 29**<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pastor Eric and Heather. As usual, we gather at 7 pm. Please bring your preferred beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and join in on the lively spirit-led conversation that always ensues.

<u>All Saints Sunday</u>: We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday this year on **November 2**<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

<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 <u>"Recycling Council of BC"</u>. See the poster that follows for all the details, and register <u>here</u>

<u>Free Eco-cinema Event – November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm</u>: Please see the information on this link to an event happening at the Coquitlam Public library on November 5: <a href="https://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/14510499">https://coquitlam.libnet.info/event/14510499</a>. "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.

Advent Album Release: The wait is over! You're invited to join The Forest Archive and friends at St. Laurence Anglican Church on November 14th at 7:30 pm, as we take a musical journey through the themes of Advent and celebrate the release of this Jason's new album! Always Waiting features 12 songs that range from the traditional to the contemporary, the communal to the personal, and include works both new and re-imagined for the Season of Advent. In what is so often a busy, frenetic, and distracting season, the music of Always Waiting invites listeners into an authentic posture of deep longing and prayerful expectancy, as we anticipate the Christmas mystery of God-with-us. See the poster that follows.

<u>From Bricks to Branches: Growing God's Mission</u>: Good Shepherd is hosting a Synod Event on November 22 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, with Special Guest Katja Brittain to help the congregations of our Synod explore how our buildings can be assets for our communities. All are welcome. More details to follow.

<u>Building a More Affordable, Green & Climate-Ready City</u>: There will be a morning workshop to help local residents understand what it means to advocate for a more affordable and climate-friendly city in light of proposed development pressures in Coquitlam. It is being presented by the TriCities Urban Forest Working Group, Burke Mountain Naturalists, & Wondrous Tree Fellowship. It will be held at St. Laurence Anglican Church on Saturday, November 29 from 8:30 am (registration) to 12:30 pm. More information to come.

<u>Dear Church</u>: ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer has <u>shared the first video</u> in what he hopes to be a regular feature providing a glimpse into his ministry as National Bishop and that of the work of the National Office.

<u>Pastoral Letter from our ELCIC Bishops</u>: The five Synod Bishops and our National Church Bishop have issued a Pastoral Letter to members of the ELCIC regarding an incident at our most recent National Convention. <u>Read the full letter here.</u>

<u>Make a Praise Appeal Offering – FINAL NOTICE!</u>: Just a reminder that we will continue to collect donations for the ELCIC's Praise Appeal in honour of the women of our congregation until the end of the month. You can do so either by using a designated envelope, or you can donate an online amount by noting "Praise Appeal Offering" in the description line.

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>ELCJHL Appeal</u>: 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 greenappledaycare@hotmail.com or 604 –318 –3417 for information and to set up a tour. Or visit their website.

#### **ELCIC & WIDER CHURCH NEWS:**

- North American Watch Party: The World Council of Churches is convening a conference in Alexandria, Egypt to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the development of the Nicene Creed. To join a Watch Party to view the plenary session, click <a href="here">here</a>. a team is working to develop "watch parties" for the plenary session. If you're interested, please register here.
- <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:**

- Recording Available: The recording of a webinar sponsored by the World Council of Churches on "Al and Our Information Society: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" is now available. Watch it here.
- <u>40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism</u>: The United Church of Canada, is hosting <u>40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism</u> from October 14-November 28. Click <u>here</u> for resources.
- <u>Campaign 2000: End Child & Family Poverty Call to Action</u>: Campaign 2000 invites you to take action: End Poverty. Advance Rights. Improve Well-Being. Learn more about ending poverty when you <u>click here.</u>
- Soul Care for Black Clergy and Laity: Please see the poster that follows for information on this event taking place on October 27.

• <u>Calling for Advocacy in Gaza</u>: Read what you can do <u>here</u>.

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)

Reformation Sunday worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

at 10:30 am (view it <u>here</u>) Confirmation Class at 1 pm

Tuesday ...... Woodworking & Crafters Group at 10 am

Wednesday ........ Special Prayer Gathering at 1:30 pm over Zoom

Sip with the Spirit at 7 pm at the home of Pastor Eric and Heather.

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

All Saints Sunday Sunday worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)

<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.

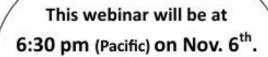
## **Last Week at Church**

Financial Information for:	nation for: October 19 <sup>th</sup>		
Total Offerings:	\$	4,043.00	
General	\$	3,353.00	
Designated Gifts:			
- Property Fund	\$	375.00	
- Praise Appeal	\$	265.00	
- CLWR	\$	25.00	
- GS Women	\$	25.00	



BC Synod Webinar:

# Moving Towards a Waste-Free World



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



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Our presenter Want to within y

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 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 6 pm to 8:30 pm



**NOVEMBER 14, 2025** 

# ALWAYS WAITING

Album Release Concert



Join songwriter Jason Wood (AKA The Forest Archive)
and friends as he releases his new album, a collection of 12
songs both original and re-imagined, inspired by the
season of Advent.

Tickets available at:

St. Laurence Anglican Church 825 St. Laurence St. 7:30 PM <u>Entry by Donation</u>





# Official Notice of the BC Synod AGM

TO: All members of BC Synod Council, all Rostered Ministers, all Congregations

FROM: The Secretary of the BC Synod

DATE: October 23, 2025

# **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025**

As required by the Bylaws (please refer below to the quoted text), the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2025. It will be held on November 24, 2025, at 7:30 pm on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. All congregations are asked to post this notice in a prominent place where each congregation and its members regularly meet.

The meeting will be held over Zoom (Dial by your location: +1 778 907 2071 Canada)

Meeting ID: 848 3353 5066 Passcode: 400798

Agenda (first draft)

- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2024 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2025.

On behalf of the BC Synod Council,

Karen Lee Secretary

Excerpt from the Constitution and Bylaws of the British Columbia Synod, Bylaw 10 Section 3 " ... "For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the B.C. Societies Act, one meeting of the Synod Council annually shall include the annual general meeting of this Synod which meeting shall be held within six months of the end of the fiscal year. For purposes of this annual general meeting a voting member shall be any person who holds membership in a congregation of the Synod and a quorum shall be seven persons. Furthermore, thirty days written notice of this annual general meeting shall be given to every member of the Synod Council and to each congregation of this Synod. In addition members of this Synod will be informed of such meeting by posting notice where each congregation and its members regularly meet."

# 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

