

# The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Healing Service

November 16, 2025

WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY OUR RESPECT TO THE INDIGENOUS KEEPERS OF THE TRADITIONAL, ANCESTRAL AND UNCEDED LANDS OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓL:LŌ NATIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO WORSHIP, LIVE, PLAY AND SHARE THIS LAND. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND, AND WATER, AND ALL THAT IS ABOVE AND BELOW, SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. THROUGH HONORING, LISTENING AND LEARNING, WE CONTINUE TO JOURNEY TOWARDS MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.<sup>22</sup>

Liturgy: ELW Setting 7

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

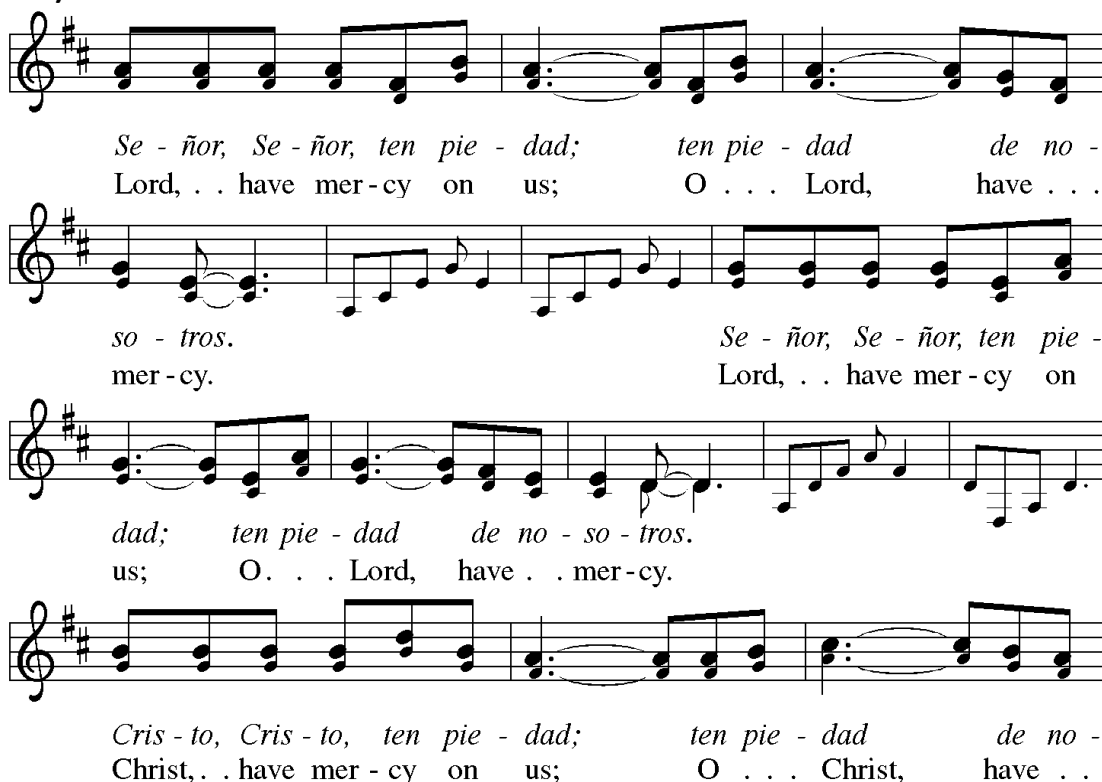
#### Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

#### Gathering Hymn ELW # 632 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: And also with you.

#### Kyrie – (p.175)



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -  
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros.  
mer - cy.

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Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
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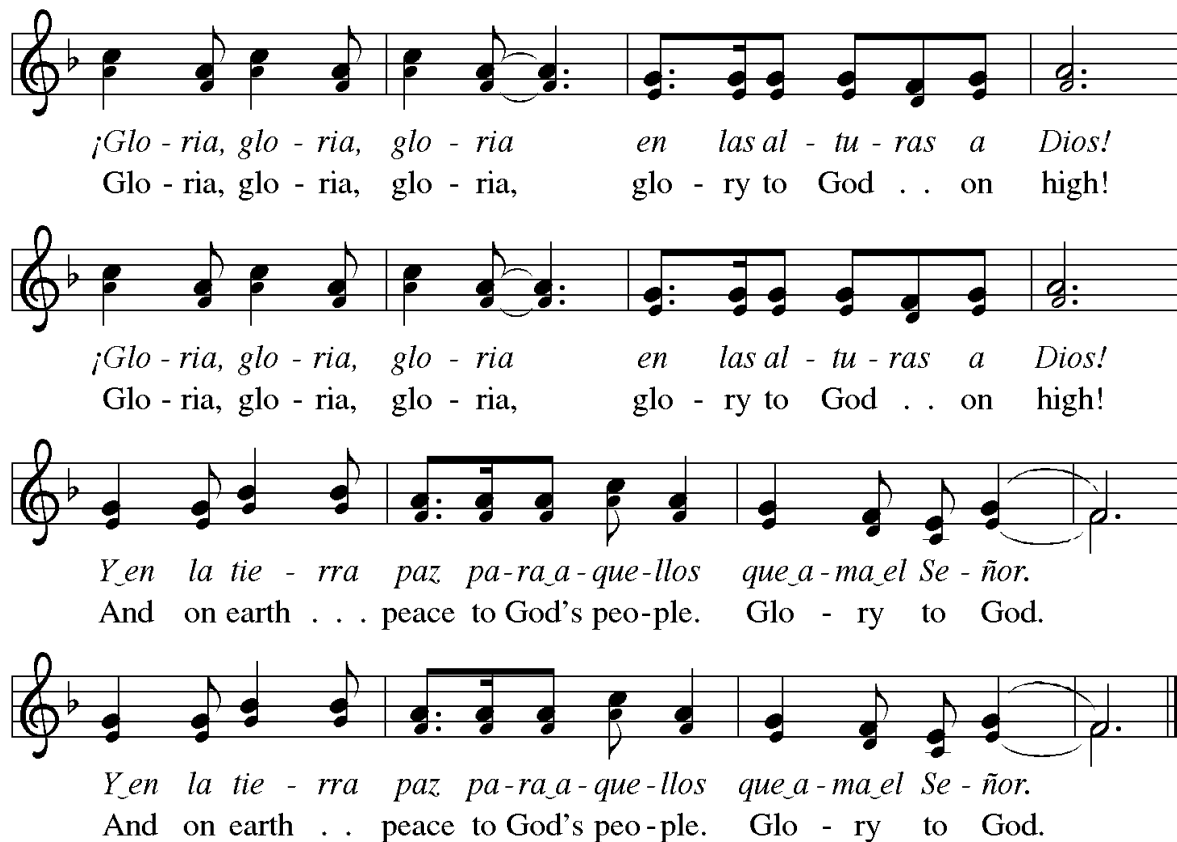
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dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

### Canticle of Praise – Gloria (p.176)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

## Prayer of the Day

### Word

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

### Children's Time

#### First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.*

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm: Psalm 98

Refrain:



L: O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gained him victory.

C: **Refrain**

L: The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

C: **Refrain**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

C: **Refrain**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**C: Refrain**

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation (p.179a)**

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are identical and feature a melody with eighth and quarter notes. The third and fourth staves feature a different melody with dotted half notes and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves in two lines: a Latin line and an English line.

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

**L:** The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

### Liturgy for Healing p. 276

*The liturgy begins with the Prayers of the People. The pastor will end each prayer with "Compassionate God", and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer".*

*At the pastor's invitation, those who wish to receive healing prayer may come forward and either kneel or stand at the altar rail. During this time, the congregation will sing the following hymns:*

ELW # 612 - Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW # 742 - What A Friend We Have in Jesus

ACS #1009 - Come, Bring Your Burdens To God



thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -  
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.  
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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ELW # 790 - Day by Day

ACS # 1021 - O God, To You I Cry In Pain

1 O God, to you I cry in pain when  
2 Give me the strength to face my ill, to  
3 With - in the com - fort and the love that  
4 Al - low my mind to rest in you, and

sick - ness makes me weak, when mind and bod - y  
trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that  
hu - man touch can give, re - store in me a  
let your peace per - vade to hold me in your

out of tune bring fears I can - not speak.  
help me heal and find your spir - it there.  
larg - er sense of what it is to live.  
great - er pow'r and not to be a - fraid.

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ELW # 767 - Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW # 616 – Jesus, Remember Me (chant)

## 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

### The 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,

*The pastor continues, concluding...*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy (p.181)

San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to es el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
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high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

di - to es el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### The Lord's Prayer

- 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 (p.182)

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,      ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer - cy up - on us,      have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,      ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz,      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,      grant us your 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. We also have a gluten-free option for bread, and the option of a common cup for wine. Just make your preference known at the time of serving.

### Hymns Sung during Communion

**Special Music – Yvon Malenfant – *River of Love* by T-Bone Bennett**

**ELW # 483 - Here Is Bread**

## ACS # 1041 - God Is Love (chant)

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

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## Blessing and Prayer After Communion

### 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,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn ELW # 785 – When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

#### Dismissal

P: Go in the peace, healing, and joy of God  
to love and serve all.

C: Thanks be to God.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16, 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 praise and thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit, who keeps us encouraged, refreshed, strengthened and moving forward in living as the baptized people of God, doing good things in and for the world around us.

**Healing Service today:** During today's service we will be offering a healing liturgy with prayer within the worship service, and an opportunity after the service for individual one-on-one prayer with Pastor Eric in the Fireside Room.

**From Bricks to Branches: Growing God's Mission:** 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.

**Building a More Affordable, Green & Climate-Ready City:** 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 on the poster that follows.

**Conversations Across the Church:** National Bishop Larry Kockendorfer invites us all to join him for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation on **Sunday, November 30**. See details on poster that follows.

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES:**

- **Sumud: For Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel:** The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has prepared a series of Advent Resources that connect us with our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).
- **Advent-Christmas '25-26 Devotionals – 'Humble and Holy':** Cost is \$5. Sign up to receive your copy.
- **Christmas Craft Sales:**
  - **Heather House** – November 22 & 23 from 10 am to 3 pm (1133 Dansey Avenue @ Claire & David's)
  - **King of Life Lutheran Church** – November 29 from 10 am to 2 pm (1198 Falcon Drive, Coquitlam)
- **Christmas Crafts in Support of Palestine:** Kat Harris, a member of Living Faith Lutheran in Sechelt is selling Palestinian crafts at a series of upcoming craft fairs. All proceeds go directly to artists in the occupied West Bank. You can find Kat at the following Craft Fairs:
  - **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**, 2-5 PM at *Living Faith Lutheran* in Davis Bay (SUNSHINE COAST)
  - **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**, 2-4:30 PM at *Peninsula United* in South Surrey
  - **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**, 2-5:30 PM at *St. Andrews United* in North Vancouver
- **CLWR's Gifts from the Heart Catalogue:** Available now. Click here.

**BC Synod AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod will take place on **Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. See poster that follows for more details.

**CLWR's Call for Advocacy:** Read the letter that follows.

**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](mailto:greenappledaycare@hotmail.com) or 604 –318 –3417 for information and to set up a tour. Or visit their [website](#).

#### **WIDER CHURCH NEWS:**

- **Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order:** The Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches has concluded by issuing a Call to All Christians.
- **CPJ Job Opportunity: Financial Development Officer:** Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) is looking for candidates to fill in the position of Financial Development Officer. If you're interested and would like to find out more, please [click here](#). Deadline for applications is **on November 30**.

#### **COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:**

- **Beginning this Week: Prayers for COP30:** From Monday, November 10-Friday, November 21, the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties, COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil. The motto is Global Mutirão meaning collective efforts. Please hold this important event in your prayers, for a fruitful and meaningful result.
- **LWF Resource on reducing Carbon Emissions:** The [Lutheran World Federation](#) (LWF) published a resource titled "Advocating for Climate Justice: To access this resource click [here](#)."
- **Recording Available:** The recording of a webinar sponsored by the World Council of Churches on "**AI and Our Information Society: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly**" is now available. Watch it [here](#).
- **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism:** The United Church of Canada, is hosting 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism from October 14-November 28. Click [here](#) for resources.
- **Calling for Advocacy in Gaza:** Read what you can do [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)  
*Healing and 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)  
*Confirmation Class* at 1 pm in the Fireside Room
- Tuesday ..... *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am  
*GSW Circle Meeting* at 1 pm
- Wednesday ..... *Mid-Week Bible Study* at 10:30 am followed by bagged lunch together  
*Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm over Zoom
- Thursday ..... *Council Meeting* at 6 pm
- Saturday ..... Synod Event at GSLC church from 9:30 to 12:30: ***From Bricks to Branches: Growing God's Mission*** featuring Guest Speaker Katja Brittain
- Next Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)  
*Christ the King Sunday* worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School 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 [here](#). 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**

<b><u>Financial Information for:</u></b>	<b><u>November 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>
Total Offerings:	\$ 3,885.00
General	\$ 2,885.00
<b><u>Designated Gifts:</u></b>	
- Administration	\$ 400.00
- Property Fund	\$ 400.00
- Jason Wood Fund	\$ 100.00
- SHARE Food Bank	\$ 100.00



# British Columbia Synod

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

### 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.”



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**A Message from Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse, Interim Executive Director, CLWR**

Dear friends,

We don't speak often on political issues, but I need to share my concern with you after yesterday's federal budget announcement. The budget sees Canada stepping back significantly from its long-held commitments to providing international assistance — the kind of work CLWR does. This work represents a fraction of Canada's spending — less than 0.3% — but to people in places like Ethiopia, Haiti and Gaza, that support is life-saving.

Yesterday, I joined the leaders of more than 100 Canadian organizations in expressing concern about these cuts. You can read the letter [here](#). But I wanted to say a bit more to you directly.

I don't envy the job of political leaders who must make difficult decisions about important and competing priorities, but I will say two things:


First, budgets are moral documents, and they shape the world in dramatic ways. They reveal what — and who — will matter to us, and sometimes, who lives and dies while others maintain their comfort. When the U.S. government slashed its own spending on aid earlier this year, humanitarian organizations around the world — including our partners in LWF — laid off staff, cancelled programs, and watched people die. Canada's shirking of its commitments (which have been made as recently as this year) will mean more of the same.

Second, budgets are political documents, which probably seems obvious, but here's what I mean. A budget like this one sets the bar for what Canadians will accept. When the government proposes a cut and nobody objects, it tells them that issue isn't a priority for Canadians. Big business will have its lobby in full gear, as will the mining sector, oil and gas, the tech sector, the defense industry and more. If the axe comes anywhere near those interests — they will hear from people who care. But the people we serve have no one to speak for them unless it is you and me. I'm thinking of people like Akoi Riak Akech in South Sudan, who told us the support he received has kept his five kids alive since his wife passed away.

The Church's call is steady and simple: love God, and love your neighbour. Or as the Epistle of James put it, "look after orphans and widows in their distress, and keep yourself from being polluted by the world."

I want to ask you to pray for our partners, and to pray for our leaders. And I encourage you to do one step more than that — perhaps you'd consider writing or calling your local MP to let them know: if they thought nobody would care, they're wrong. Canadian Lutherans care. Deeply. You can find your MP by postal code here: [ourcommons.ca/members/en](http://ourcommons.ca/members/en).

Thank you for standing with us in this work. Rest assured that CLWR is strong and with your support, we will be there for our global neighbours, sharing tangible hope in the name of Christ.

Blessings, + 



# Conversations Across the Church

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

**5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST**

As we enter the season of Advent, you are invited to join **National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer** for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation.



**REGISTER HERE: [bit.ly/4otMfZB](https://bit.ly/4otMfZB)**



Join us for **Conversations Across the Church** on **Sunday, November 30, 2025** from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. PST** for what we hope will become a regular churchwide online gathering.

Be a part of the conversation! Make sure you complete the following question on the registration form: *If you could ask Bishop Larry one thing as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop, what would it be?* You might hear your question asked during the gathering!

We encourage you to have a candle ready to light before the start of the event. We'll take time at the beginning to light the candle together.

\*This event will be recorded. Not able to attend? Sign up so you can receive a link to the recording.

TriCities Urban Forest Working Group presents:

## Building an Affordable, Green & Climate-Ready City: what our elected representatives & residents can do



Sat, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Registration 8:30 am

Event 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

St Laurence Anglican Church,

825 St. Laurence Street, Coq.

Event is free – all welcome!

Come early – space is limited!

### *Guest speakers:*

*Why we need our city to be ‘climate-ready’ & actions our elected representatives need to take to get us there*

**Dr. Kathleen Ross** (Coquitlam physician & past-President of the Canadian Medical Association ) The Health and Climate Crisis – The Walrus Nov, 2023

### *Building Homes for People, Not for Profit*

**Thom Armstrong** (Chief Executive Officer, Community Land Trust & Co-operative Housing Federation of BC ) Interview by Thom – CBC’s Early Edition Oct, 2025

### *Livable cities need shade & a healthy tree canopy: what is needed to achieve this*

**Catherine Berris** (Urban Planner & Past President of the Canadian Society for Landscape Architects) What about the trees in B.C. communities as density increases? Dec, 2023

### *What our elected representatives can do to protect our urban forest*

**David Quigg** (Sierra Club BC & Project Leader) Sierra Club’s Climate-Ready Communities Toolkit for Local Governments

### **Proudly sponsored by:**

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## Invitation to the Installation of Rev. Derek Solberg



*You are cordially invited to  
attend the Installation*

*of*

*Rev. Derek Solberg*

*Saturday, December 6, 2025  
11:00 am*

*Hope Lutheran Church*

*2174 Departure Bay Road  
Nanaimo, BC V9S 3V6*

*Luncheon celebration to follow*

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

# 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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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

