

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

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 STÓ: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

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who reigns over us,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn ELW # 439 – Soon and Very Soon

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Hymn of Praise – Now the Feast

Refrain:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verses:

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

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



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



God; to make all things new.

Salutation



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 46

Refrain:



I will be ex - alt-ed a - mong the na - tions.

L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: Refrain

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Refrain

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

C: Refrain

L: 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

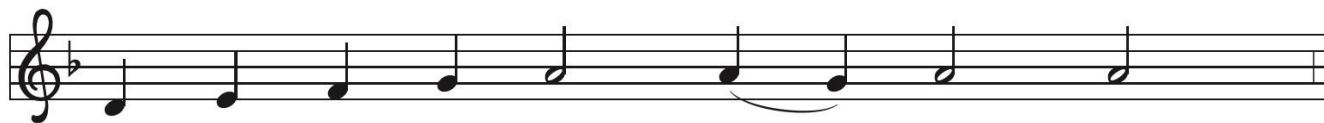
Hymn of the Day ACS # 954

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

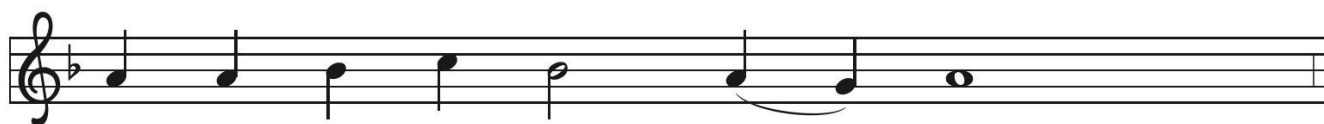
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



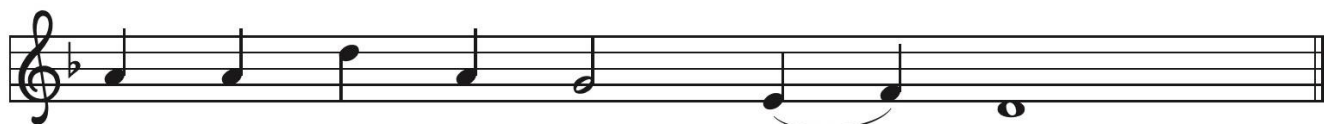
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

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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 leader will say "Holy God" and the congregation will respond "**hear our prayer.**"

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord 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><i>Presider:</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>Congregation:</i></p>  <p>And al - so with</p>
<p>you.</p> 	<p><i>Congregation:</i></p> 
<p>Lift up your hearts.</p> 	<p>We</p> 
<p>lift them to the Lord.</p> 	<p>Let us give</p> 
<p>thanks to the Lord our God.</p> 	<p><i>Congregation:</i></p> 
<p>It is</p> 	
<p>right to give God thanks and praise.</p> 	

P: It is our duty and delight...

the pastor continues, concluding...

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

Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor prays and concludes...

P: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come, come again.

C: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come, come again.**

Pastor prays and concludes...

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

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

Pastor prays and concludes...

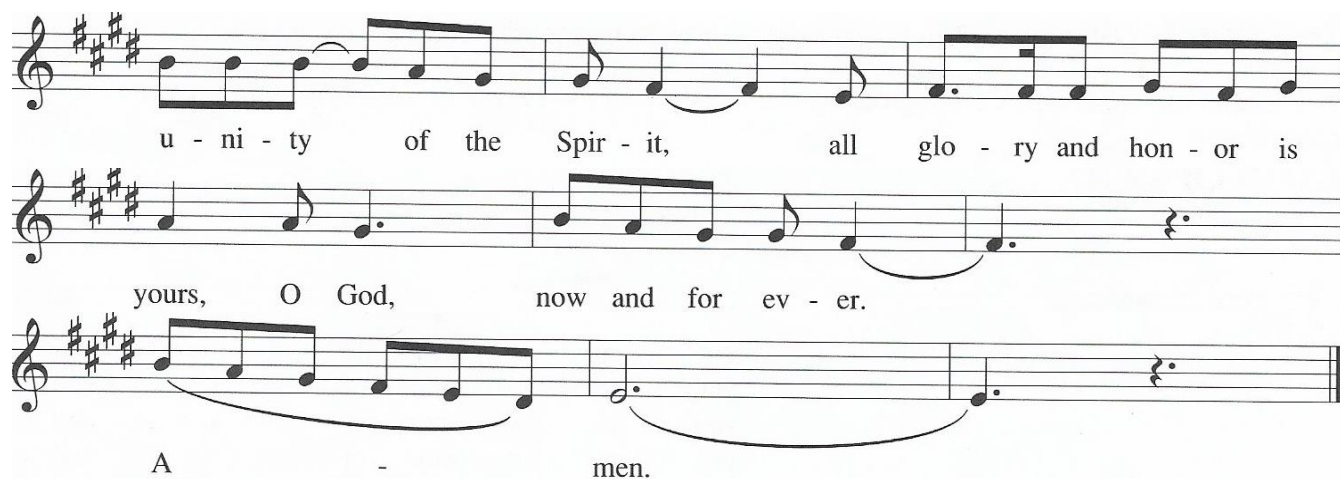
P: Amen. come, Holy Spirit. Amen. come, Holy Spirit.

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

Pastor prays and concludes...

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

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

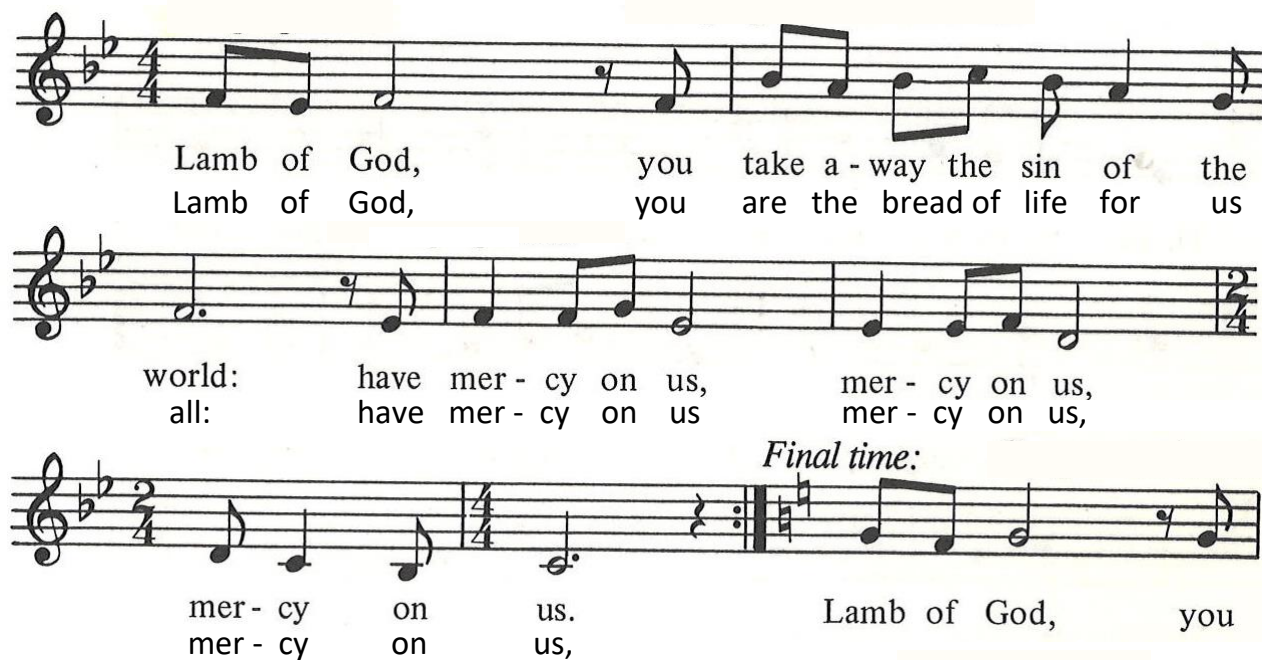


P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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



Congregation:

take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in the repository tray at the head of each window aisle. 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 the Common Cup for wine. Just note your preference at the time of serving. 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

ELW # 760 - O Christ the Same (Tune: WOV # 778)

ELW # 432 – The Head That Once Was Crowned

W&P # 77 - Jesus, Name Above All Names

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,

Em - man - u - el, God is with us,

bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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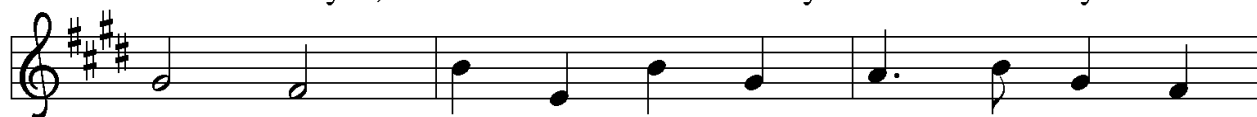
ELW # 616 – Jesus, Remember Me (Chant)

Blessing after Communion

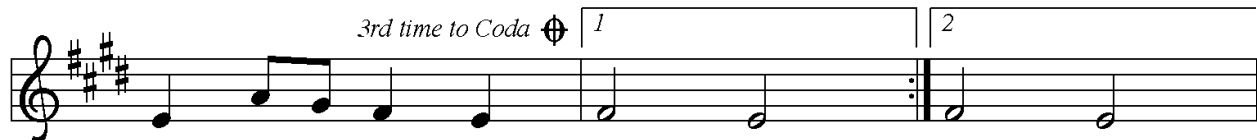
Thanks be to You



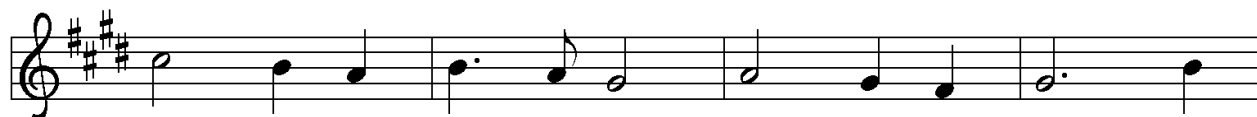
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending 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 # 434 - Jesus Shall Reign

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
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 Jesus, that by his sacrifice we are made children of God.

Thanks be to God for Jesus – our Savior, Lord and King!

This Saturday: Building a More Affordable, Green & Climate-Ready City: This Saturday there is a morning workshop at St. Laurence Anglican Church 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 **Saturday, November 29 from 8:30 am (registration) to 12:30 pm**. For more information, see the poster that follows.

Next Sunday: 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**. This event will be on Zoom but registration will be required. See details on poster that follows.

Next Sunday: November 30: We will welcome new members Sammie, Ike and Eva as they are received into God's family through baptism. We hope you can come and join us for this service and celebration with lunch to follow.

Advent Sing-Along – Sunday, December 7th: Come one! Come All! On **Sunday, December 7th** the GSW Group is hosting another Advent Sing-a-long. This year, we have invited Special Guest Jason Wood to play a few of his songs from his new album '*Always Waiting*' to help us get into a festive Advent spirit. The event is from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, and we ask, if you are able, to bring a platter of dessert finger-food to share with others. As usual, there will be a game, colouring, food & fun as we get into the 'Christmas Spirit' beginning with a spirited Advent Sing-Along. We hope to see you there! Invite a friend, as all are welcome.

Winter Coat Drive: GSLC will be participating in the Tri-Cities Winter Coat Drive. Bins have been set up in our Narthex to receive your donations of any cold weather winter coats you may have hanging in your closets, to help the homeless in our area as our temperatures begin to drop. Donate & give someone the warmth they need this season.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES:

- **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)
 - **Mount Olice Lutheran Church** – **DECEMBER 6TH FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM (2350 148TH STREET, SURREY, BC)**
- **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 on the Ushers Table or click [here](#) for online orders.
- **On Eagle's Wings Advent Devotional**: Available on the Ushers Table on a first come/first serve basis.

- **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).
- **BC Synod Advent Resources:** The BC Synod Website now includes a page of Advent Resources which is updated weekly. You can check it out here.
- **Lutherans Connect: Vigil in Hope:** Lutheran Connect invites participants to join its annual Celtic Advent devotional series, running from November 15 to December 24. To sign up please visit the devotional site here or email lutheransconnect@gmail.com.
- **Christmas Around the World:** Grace Burnaby invites you to an evening of performances and Sing-Along Christmas Carols on **Friday, December 5, at 7 pm**. See the poster that follows for more details.
- **Wintersong & Requiem:** St. Paul's in Maple Ridge is hosting a concert by the Maple Ridge Choral Society featuring the Canadian premiere of Heather Sorenson's *Requiem* on **Sunday, December 21, 2025** at 2:30 pm & 7 pm. See the poster that follows for all the details.

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 Blaklev. 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.

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:

- **COP30:** If you want to learn more about how faith communities have been engaged at COP30, please check-out the following: [WCC](#), [KAIROS](#), and [LWF](#).
- **Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action (2025-2035):** Check out information of this World Council of Churches initiative at its website.
- **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](#).

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This 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](#))
Confirmation Class at 1 pm

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am

Wednesday *Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm over Zoom
Sip with the Spirit at 7 pm at the home of Rob and Bonnie Karhukangas

Thursday *Happy Hour* at 4 pm
Council's Budget Meeting at 6 pm

Saturday *Building a More Affordable, Green & Climate-Ready City* from 8:30 to 12:30 at
St. Laurence Anglican Church (825 St. Laurence Avenue, Coquitlam)

Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)
First Sunday in Advent worship service with Holy Communion,
Sunday School and extended Fellowship 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

<u>Financial Information for:</u>	<u>November 16th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 6,573.00
General	\$ 6,148.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Property Fund	\$ 305.00
- CLWR	\$ 75.00
- GSW	\$ 25.00
- Jason Wood Fund	\$ 20.00

A gentle reminder that in consideration of those who have severe sensitivities and allergies, the church has been designated a **fragrance-free zone**. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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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Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

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.

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,

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Conversations Across the Church



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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



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.

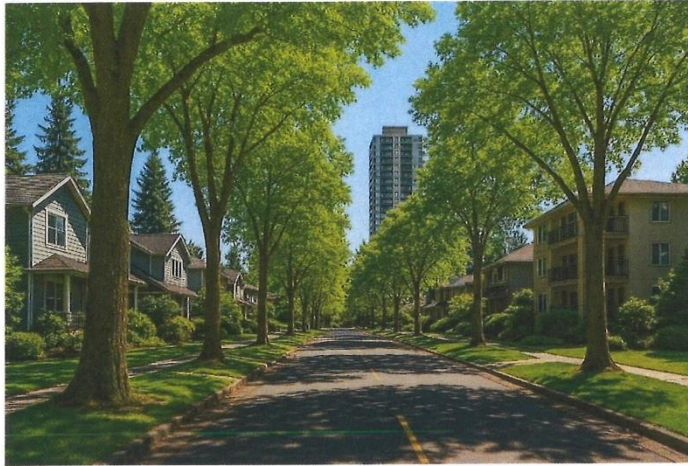
Be a part of the conversation! Make sure you complete the following question on the registration form: *If you could ask Bishop Larry one thing as he begins his new ministry as National Bishop, what would it be?* You might hear your question asked during the gathering!

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. 29th, 2025

Registration 8:30 am

Event 9:am – 12:30 pm

**St. Laurence Anglican Church,
825 St. Laurence Street, Coq.**

Event is free – all welcome!

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

Sponsored by: Burke Mountain Naturalists, Protect Coquitlam’s Urban Trees, & Wondrous Tree Fellowship

Supporting organizations include: All Saints Roman Catholic Church, BC Nature, Como Lake United Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Laudato Si Circle – Port Moody, Metro Vancouver Alliance, Nature Canada, St. Laurence Anglican Church

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.



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Winter Coat Drive 2025

Winter is coming, and many in Port Moody, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam are facing the cold without proper gear.

You can help.

Donate your gently used or new winter coats and give someone the warmth they need this season.

November 18 - December 16

Drop Off Locations:

**477 Lakeview Street, Coquitlam
2986 Forestridge Place Coquitlam**

Questions? Want to help spread the word?
tricityshomelessness@gmail.com
[#coatsforcold2025](https://twitter.com/coatsforcold2025)



MOUNT OLIVE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Craft Fair & Bake Sale

SATURDAY
DEC 6th
10:00A TO 1:00P

2350 148th Street, Surrey, BC
(604) 536-8527



Christmas Around the World



Featuring the all-voice
Barbershop Chorus
PACIFIC SPIRIT VOICES
with special guests "Fluterrific"
and sing-along carols

December 5, 2025 at 7 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
7283 Nelson Ave. Burnaby BC

Suggested \$20 donation - proceeds go to The Canadian Lutheran World
Relief Fund to assist in restoring ecosystems in Lake Chad and Cameroon



Edette Gagné, Chorus Director

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 time may change .



Good Shepherd
Website

