

First Sunday of Christmas

Favourite Carols by Request

December 28, 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 and Land Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin
and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

C: **Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

C: **Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

C: **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

P: With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring
you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ
the Lord."

In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven.
May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens.
Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

C: **Amen.**

Favourite Carol

Greeting and Prayer

P: To you who are being protected by the power of God
through faith:
Rejoice! Grace and peace 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.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

Salutation



Presider:

Congregation:

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

INNOCENTS LOST. INNOCENTS REMEMBERED. INNOCENCE REDEEMED.

The Welcome

Reading: Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.



P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection & Prayer

Favourite Carol

The Warning

Reading: Matthew 2:1-15

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection & Prayer

Favourite Carol

The Wilderness

Reading: Matthew 2:16-18

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection & Prayer

Favourite Carol

The Way To Home

Reading: Matthew 2:19-23

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection & Prayer

Favourite Carol

The Hope

Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection & Prayer

Favourite Carol

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the pastor will say "God of grace upon grace" and the congregation will respond "hear our prayer."

Sharing of the Peace

L: 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 and Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff shows the Presider's melody for "The Lord be with you. And also with" and the Congregation's response "you." The second staff shows the Presider's melody for "Lift up your hearts." and the Congregation's response "We".

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We

Presider:



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:



thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and joy...

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

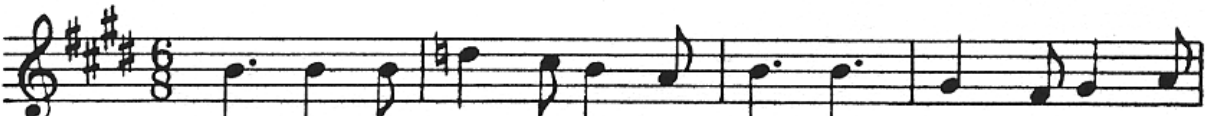
Congregation:




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

The pastor prays... and concludes with:

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

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

The pastor prays... and concludes with:

P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

The pastor prays... and concludes with:

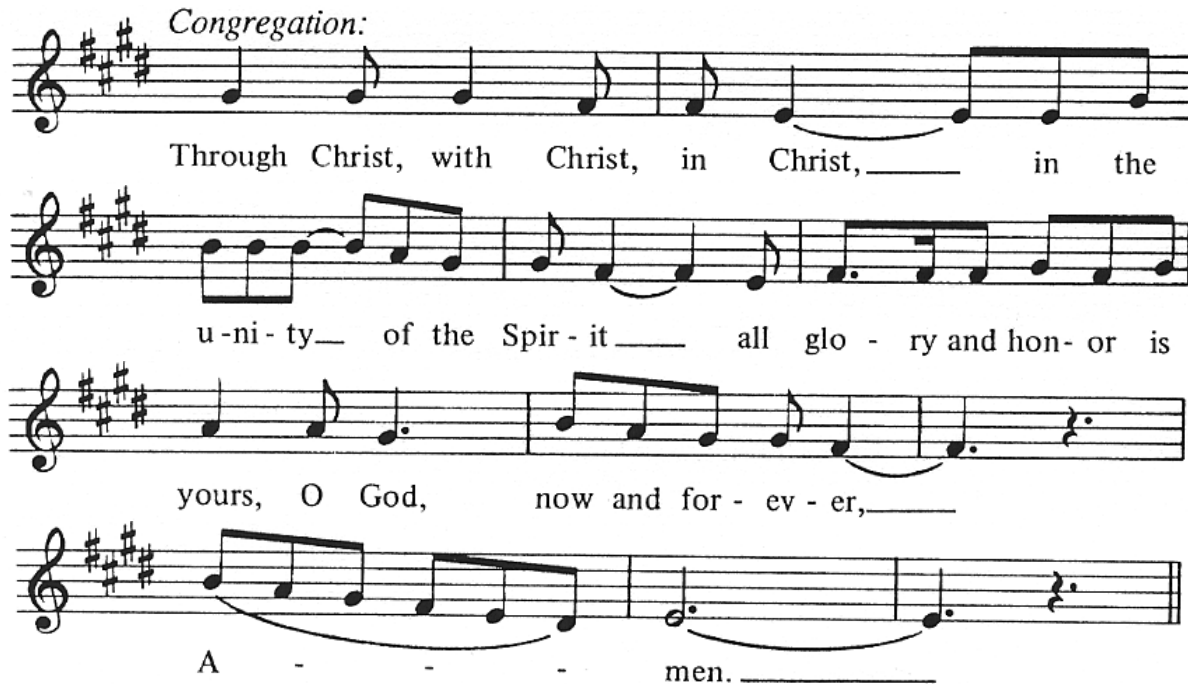
P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

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

Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ

Congregation:



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the
u-ni-ty _____ of the Spir-it _____ all glo-ry and hon-or is
yours, O God, now and for-ev-er, _____
A - - - - men. _____

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

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

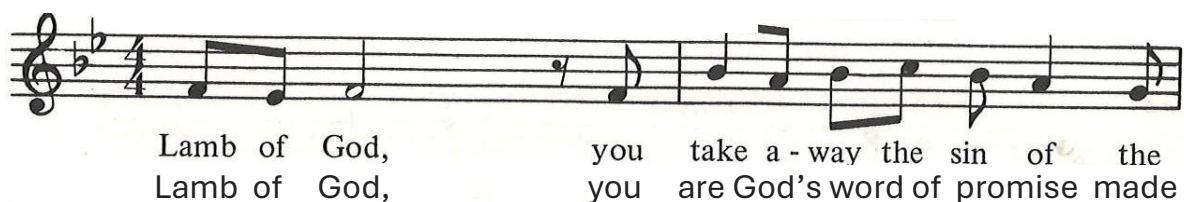
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**


Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
Lamb of God, you are God's word of promise made

Congregation:




world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
flesh:

Final time:




mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.


Communion is distributed

Directions for Communion: 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 and then 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. Please note that grape juice is offered in the three centre rings of the tray, and serving of the common cup of wine follows the serving tray. A common cup is also available if you prefer, and a gluten-free option is also available in lieu of bread. Just make your preferences known at the time of service. 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 assistants with individual glasses of wine and grape juice.


Hymns Sung During Communion (By Request)

Communion Blessing

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:

3rd time to Coda ☩ 1 2

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 triune God,
 glorious Mystery,
 holy Incarnate One,
 abiding Comforter,
 ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

Favourite Carol

Dismissal

P: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

P: Go in joy. Share God's redeeming grace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 28, 2025

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Flowers have been placed on the altar in honour and praise to God's blessings received in 2025, and in humble prayer for his continued guidance and grace upon us all in 2026.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

All are invited to join us as we continue to gather and celebrate the good news of our Saviour's birth with the following services over the remainder of the Advent and Christmas seasons:

January 4th:	10:30 am:	Celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord with Holy
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		Communion followed by a special coffee hour gathering (including our traditional a "leftover Christmas baking" potluck!)

GROUPS ON BREAK IN DECEMBER

Sunday School: Now on break, **resuming Sunday, January 11, 2026.**

Sunday Morning Hybrid Bible Study: Last gathering on December 21, **resuming on January 4, 2026.**

Woodworking & Crafters group: Now on break, **resuming Tuesday, January 6, 2026.**

Prayer Group over Zoom: Now on break, **resuming Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 1:30 pm.**

Happy Hour: Now on break, **resuming Thursday, January 29, 2026.**

Christmas Movie Afternoon: Our annual Christmas Movie Afternoon will be on Monday, December 29 at 2 pm, at Peter and Zoé's home. We will be watching "The Holdovers", a 2023 comedy drama about a strict classics teacher at a New England boarding school in 1970 who is forced to chaperone a handful of students who have nowhere to go during the school's Christmas holiday break. There won't be a dinner afterwards, but feel free to bring along any Christmas baking holdovers that you'd like to share. All are welcome!

2026 Donation Envelopes: Boxes of Donation Envelopes for 2026 are now in your mail slots. If you didn't get a box but would like one, or if you received a box but no longer require one, please let the office know your preference and it will be done. Thank you!

'Burying the Old Year': New Orleans Jazz Funeral: King of Life Lutheran Church has resurrected (pun intended) their New Orleans Jazz Funeral event where all attending are invited to 'lay their burdens down' in a miniature casket and reflect on the year just past while a New Orleans Jazz band swings some old-time hymns. The event is on **Thursday, January 1st from 2 to 3 pm** – followed by tea – and is based on the New Orleans funeral tradition in which a band would march from the family's house to the cemetery playing slow dirges as they mourned the loss of the loved one, and then when returning home they played bright, upbeat hymns celebrating that the deceased 'was free at last'. Come enjoy this musical extravaganza that can also offer reflection & hope for a good year ahead.

Next Sunday, Jan 4th: If you have any leftover Christmas Baking to contribute to our "Leftover Christmas Baking Potluck", please bring it with you next Sunday to be put out during our coffee hour when we'll enjoy an extended time of fellowship and feasting.

Blanket Exercise at Como Lake United: Como Lake United Church will be hosting the *Blanket Exercise* on **Saturday morning, January 17 and Sunday afternoon, January 25**. They are holding open six spots for registrants from our congregation for each day. The Blanket Exercise is a powerful way of engaging in education around the history of Settler/Indigenous relations in Canada. Several of us have experienced it in different forums and have been affected deeply. Please see the poster that follows for further information. Sign up on the sign-up sheet to secure a spot on your preferred day.

BE THE CHANGE: Songs of Reflection and Empowerment: THE SANCTUARY ON 6TH is hosting the Rainbow Chorus's (Anita McDonnell and Kris Mathiasen are members) concert on **January 26 at 7 pm** in New Westminster. Tickets purchases can be made online or at the door. See the poster that follows for all the details.

Christmas Messages:

- Video Message from ELCIC National Bishop Larry Korkendorfer
- Messages from the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation

Note from BC Synod Bishop Kathy Martin: See the message that follows.

Ending Soon – Our Christmas Food Drive: The Christmas Tree is up in the Sanctuary, so you can place your non-perishable food donations directly under the tree or in the bin in the Narthex to help restock the shelves of the SHARE Food Bank. Our food drive collection goes until Epiphany (January 6th). Know that whatever you can provide is greatly appreciated by those in our community who find themselves food insecure during this time of year. See the suggestion list above the bin for their most urgent requests.

CLAY is coming to Nanaimo!: CLAY (national youth gathering) will take place in Nanaimo from August 19-22, 2027. 2027 will be taking place in Nanaimo, BC on August 19 - 22, 2027! This gathering takes a bunch of volunteers to make happen. Please consider how you might be able to help out. An info session will be hosted at our church on **Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7 pm**. See poster that follows for more details.

Singing in the Lutheran Tradition: A LTS Course: Our Saskatoon Seminary is hosting a Zoom Based Course exploring Lutheran Hymnody and its role in shaping faith. It will run Mondays, 5:00–8:00 pm | Jan 5–Feb 13 & Mar 9–Apr 20. This course is open to everyone. For more information and to register contact Colleen Walker, Registrar at colleen.walker@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca

2026 LWF Peace Messengers Training: If you are an ELCIC member between the ages of 18 and 30 years, consider applying for the LWF Peace Messengers Training offered by Lutheran World Federation to empower and equip young people to act as peace multipliers and create more peaceful and just societies. For information click [here](#).

'Every Square Foot Counts' - Educational Opportunities for Congregations:

- How can our church buildings be welcoming, secure, and life-giving for all who enter? This month's blog, "**Safe by Design: Caring for Our Church Buildings and Community,**" introduces CPTED principles and shows how thoughtful design supports hospitality, stewardship & community well-being. Read post [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:

- **9th LWF International Seminar for Lay Leaders**: The 9th International Lay Leaders Seminar in Wittenberg and Geneva from 7th to 15th May 2026. You can find the invitation [here](#). If you are interested, please email the synod office (BCSynod@ELCIC.ca) **before 10 am on December 30, 2025** to receive a nomination form.
- **Invitation to join ELCIC Task Forces**: The ELCIC is seeking passionate, committed members from across Canada to join one of three task forces shaping our church's ongoing work in justice, inclusion, and faithful witness. For more information see the most recent congregational newsletter.
- **ELCIC Volunteer Opportunities:- Ecumenical Justice Committees**: The ELCIC is seeking representatives for two ecumenical committees: Project Ploughshares Management Board & The Commission on Justice and Peace of the Canadian Council of Churches. For more information, please contact Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop at pgehrs@elcic.ca.

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **Justice Updates**: The following are updates on some significant issues of our time:
 - **16 Days: United in the Fight Against Digital violence**
 - **Anglicans and Lutherans Reaffirm Support for Refugees**
 - **A Decade of Strengthening Communities Through a Rights-Based Approach**
- **Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory Calculator**: The ELCIC has developed a Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory Calculator for congregations to assist faith communities in monitoring GHG emissions. To learn more contact Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop at pgehrs@elcic.ca.

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This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday *First Sunday in Christmas* worship service with ‘Favourite Carols by Request’ and Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)

Monday Christmas Movie Afternoon at Peter Schuler’s viewing *The Holdovers* at 2 pm

Saturday Memorial Service for Merv Kirk at 11 am

Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person)
Second Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here), followed by an extended time of coffee & fellowship including a ‘leftover Christmas baking’ potluck!

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>December 21th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,763.00
General	\$ 8,488.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Property Fund	\$ 675.00
- Administration	\$ 400.00
- Jason Wood Fund	\$ 100.00
- Food Bank	\$ 50.00
- CLWR	\$ 25.00
- GS Women’s Group	\$ 25.00

**Ruth Robert’s Silent Auction & Bake Sale
proceeds to pay directly on flooring debt:**

\$ 668.00!!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

A message from Bishop Larry Kockendorfer

The ELCIC is horrified and saddened to learn about the attack against a Jewish community during their Hanukkah celebration at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia. Together with The Lutheran World Federation LWF, we condemn this violent attack, unequivocally reject antisemitism, and grieve with those mourning their loved ones and with those injured.

As the LWF has named in its recent statement, "During this sacred season, as Jewish communities worldwide observe Hanukkah and Christians prepare for Christmas, we are reminded that both traditions call us to gather as communities, kindle lights in the darkness, and work for peace."

We offer the following prayer to guide you in your own prayers for God's presence and peace in the aftermath of this tragedy:

*God most mighty, God most merciful,
our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people.*

You are our hope: console all who mourn.

You are our healer: restore all who are injured.

You are our shelter: embrace all who are fearful.

*You are our peace: guide all in the way of building peace built on justice,
equality, and recognition of every human life as sacred.*

*You are our strength: empower us to stand in solidarity as we work together to
turn hearts away from violence.*

*God most mighty, God most merciful,
during this sacred season, we kindle lights in the darkness,
seeking to reflect more boldly your peace and love. Amen.*

- ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

A note from Bishop Kathy Martin



British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Upcoming Sabbatical

A Message from Bishop Kathy

For the past few months, I have been sharing in meetings that I will be taking a sabbatical in the new year. I wanted to ensure this is also communicated more widely and well in advance, so that anyone who may need to connect with me personally or professionally has time to do so before the end of the year.

This sabbatical was originally intended to begin the Monday following the BC Synod Convention in 2021. My election that weekend changed those plans, and despite my best efforts to reschedule in the years since, the timing never quite aligned—until now. Synod Council has graciously approved new dates, and I will begin my time away on **January 1**, with a return anticipated in **mid to late May**, depending on what work may need my attention during that period.

There are several significant projects taking place over the coming month that will require a few weeks of my focused time before I step away. During the sabbatical itself, leadership will be shared by a dedicated team: **Rev. Matthew Senf**, who will serve as my commissary; **Rev. Elina Singh**, **Rev. Eric Krushel**, and **Rev. Aneeta Saroop**. They will be well supported by our excellent office administration team, **Rachel Genge** and **Durga Pandithurai**, as well as Synod Council Treasurer **Jerry Nieman**. Pastor Elina and Pastor Eric will take the lead on matters related to call processes. A common email address will be in place for the leadership team to ensure clear communication, and the office will ensure that inquiries are directed appropriately.

I am deeply grateful for this time that has been granted—for reflection, study, prayer, continued cardiac rehabilitation, time with family and friends, and yes... for rest. Thank you for your encouragement and support of this season of renewal. Please be in touch before the end of the year if there is something you hope to connect about before January.

With great thanksgiving

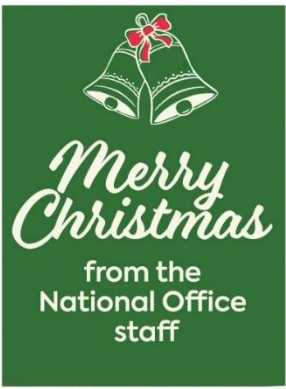
Blessings to you all in this season of Advent joy!

Bishop Kathy Martin

From the National Office

Staff Greetings

As our staff get ready for Christmas and a short time of rest, we pause with gratitude—for the work we share, for the communities we serve, and for the many ways we are connected as church. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. May this holy season bring you rest, hope, and joy.



New Orleans Jazz Funeral For the Year 2025

Thursday January 1, 2026

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

King of Life Lutheran Church

1198 Falcon Dr.

Coquitlam, BC



All are welcome at this free, family-friendly event
Enjoy singing along as a New Orleans-style jazz band
swings those old-time hymns.

10-23-11 AM

CLAY 2027

Youth gathering

Info sessions

**Come and learn how you might get
involved in the planning for
CLAY 2027, in Nanaimo, BC!**

Three different info sessions available:

Monday, January 19, 2026

7 pm PST

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1504 Spruce Ave.

Coquitlam, BC

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

7 pm PST

St. Paul's Anglican Church

29 Church Street

Nanaimo, BC

Sunday, January 25, 2026

4 pm PST

Lutheran Church of the Cross

3787 Cedar Hill Rd

Victoria, BC

**for more information please contact
Deacon Gretchen Peterson
at gpeterson@elcic.ca**

Blanket Exercise Workshop

Cecelia Reekie is a proud member of the Haisla First Nation. She believes deeply in the power of personal storytelling to raise awareness and foster understanding of Indigenous cultures and the history of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Speaking from the heart, Cecelia thoughtfully weaves together her diverse life experiences to create meaningful and engaging cultural workshops. She currently serves as a Cultural Presenter with the Langley School District, where she shares her knowledge and perspectives with students, educators, and the wider community.

Join us for this special Blanket Exercise Workshop with facilitator, Cecelia Reekie.

There are currently two dates available, and seating is limited.

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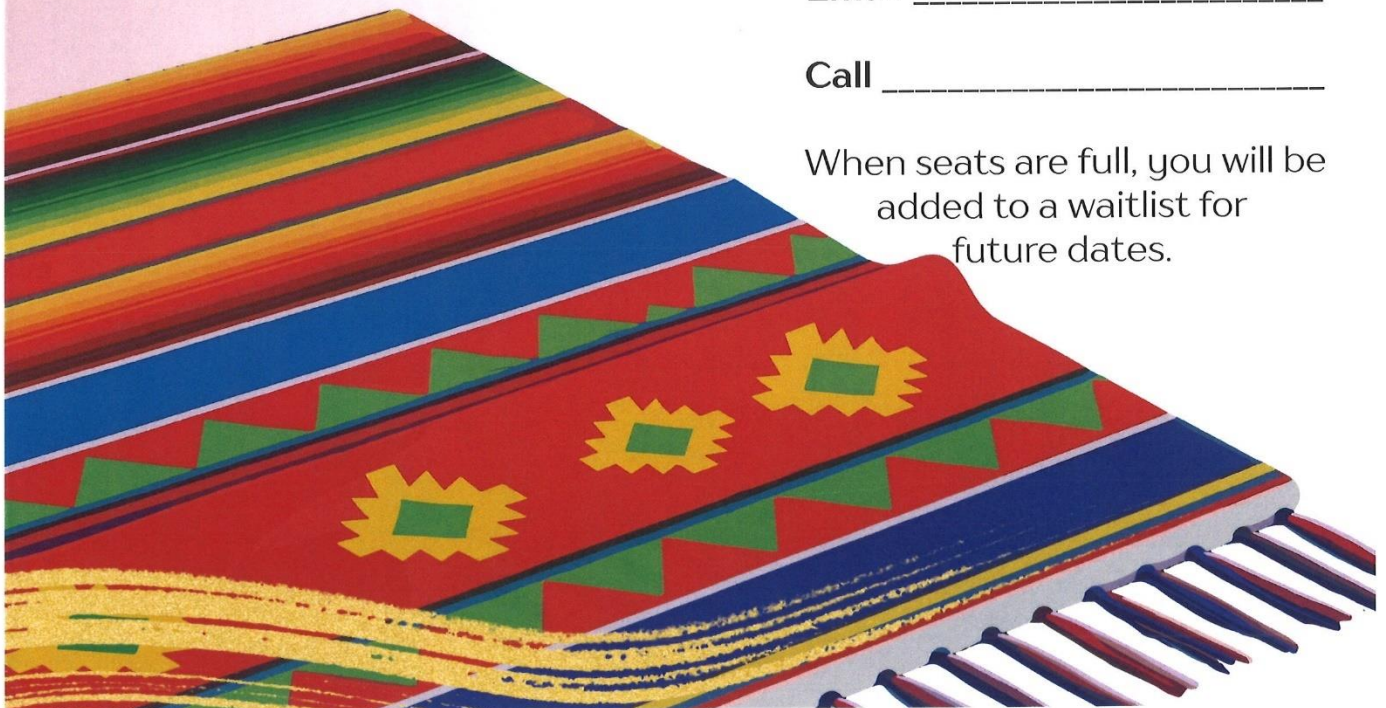
January 17, 2026 at 10 am
January 25, 2026 at 1 pm

To RSVP contact:

Email _____

Call _____

When seats are full, you will be added to a waitlist for future dates.



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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We always recommend phoning before stopping by.



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