

Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 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:LÓ 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: Bread of Life (With One Voice, Setting 5)

Please note that all page references to liturgical pieces are to the blue *With One Voice* hymnal.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God for whom we wait,

C: we confess that we have failed to walk in your ways.
We look to ourselves for the security
only you can provide.

We are convinced that peace

is only achievable through strength,
and so are reluctant to abandon ways of war.

We judge your faithfulness by how you answer our prayers,

and become impatient when those answers

don't come.

Free us from self-reliance,

and teach us to trust in your promises.

Help us to live in harmony with our neighbours.

And strengthen our hope that we may be ready

to receive you according to your timing.

Amen.

P: God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace.

Let the good news open you to welcome the Savior.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song ELW # 239 Hark, the Glad Sound!

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.28

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓒ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

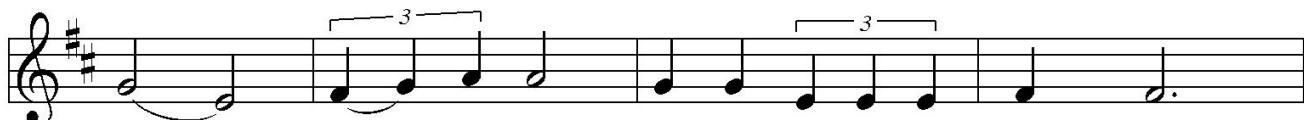
Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.

Glory to God p.29

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

ⓐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

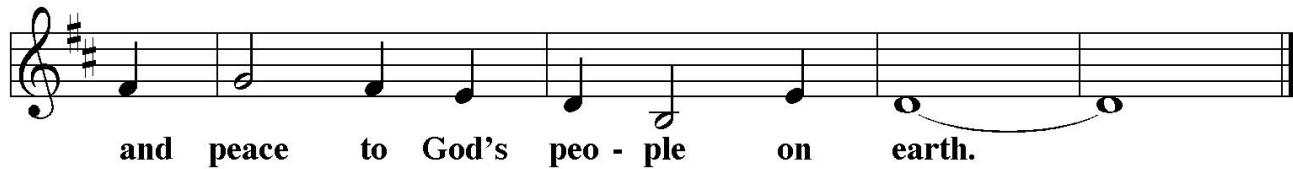
I II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir- it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time and Lighting of the Advent Wreath ELW # 253 – He Came Down

All sing the second verse only while the Candles are being lit.

2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 He came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

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First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Refrain:



L: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

C: **Refrain**

L: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish

and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C: Refrain

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family..

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name';

and again he says,

'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

and again,

'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him';

and again Isaiah says,

'The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p.31





L: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 249 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

L: 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.

Special Music – Yvon Malenfant & Michelle Ryu – Come Jesus Come

by Stephen McWhirter, Tara McWhirter,
Hank Bentley, Bryan Fowler

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Prayer

Dialogue p.36

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 our duty and joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great Thanksgiving

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.39



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you give us hope as we wait for you; have
mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion is distributed

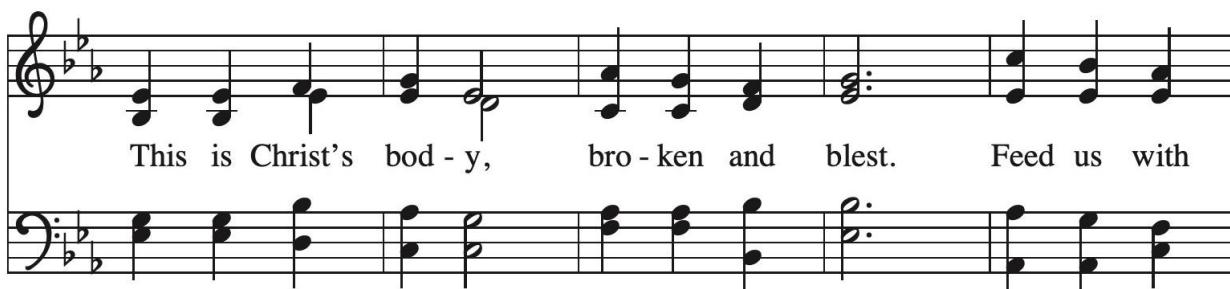
Directions for Communion: All are invited to this meal of grace, including children. At the Usher's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used wine/juice vessel in 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 the option of the Common Cup for wine, as well as a gluten-free option for bread. 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 # 255 – There's a Voice In the Wilderness

ELW # 266 – All Earth Is Hopeful

ACS # 967 – This Is Christ's Body (sung 3 times)



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

ELW # 262 - Wait for the Lord

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

L: May God who comes among us,
Father, \ddagger Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song ELW # 252 Each Winter As the Year Grows Older

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 7, 2025

(To open hyperlinks, try right-clicking your mouse while on the link and select Open Hyperlink or Control-Click)

Flowers: Flowers today are placed on the altar in praise and thankfulness to God for all those 'voices in the darkness' that have called each of us to turn toward the approaching light of Christ.

Today After Service: Candy & Crispy Pie Sale: After Worship today David & Claire will be selling some of their homemade candy, and Sammy Sun will be selling of her homemade Crispy pies. **All proceeds from the sale will go to help pay off our flooring debt.** Stock up on some yummy delicacies for your Christmas celebrations – all while helping the church to pay down its line of credit.

Tonight: 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 tonight, 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.

Next Sunday: We will be joining our friends from **St. Laurence Anglican Church** (825 St. Laurence Avenue, Coquitlam) **next Sunday, December 14th** for worship and our joint Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am. **There will be no church service at Good Shepherd on that day, and Sunday morning Bible Study has also been cancelled for that one Sunday as well.** All are welcome to join us there as we worship together as one body of Christ. **Please contact Pastor Eric directly for car-pooling options if you need a ride over to St. Laurence.**

Rainbow Chorus Holiday Sing-Along: Anita McDonnell & Kris Mathiasen are members of the Rainbow Chorus. They are holding their 4th annual Holiday Sing-Along on **Saturday, December 13th at 1 pm** at the Sanctuary on 6th (Queens Avenue & 6th Street, New Westminster). The event includes a silent auction and treats for sale. You are also invited to bring a pair of new socks for the Purpose Society Sock drive. See poster that follows.

Come Help Decorate Our Christmas Tree: Everyone is invited on **Tuesday, December 16 at 10 am** to gather at the church and help decorate our Sanctuary Tree. This has always been an enjoyable time of fellowship. So please, if you have some time to spare, come and join the fun.

Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas!: Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new Gifts from the Heart catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world! Pick up a copy on the Usher's Table, or you can shop online [here](#) or at clwr.org/GFTH.

Winter Coat Drive: GSLC is 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.

Christmas Food Drive: We are once again holding a food drive for the shelves of the SHARE Food Bank. The need now is even greater than ever! The bins are in the Narthex to receive your donations now, and once our Christmas Tree is up in the Sanctuary, you can place your donations directly under the tree. Our food drive collection goes until Epiphany (January 11th). 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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES:

- **Advent-Christmas '25-26 Devotionals – 'Humble and Holy'**: Help yourself!
- **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.
- **St. Mark's Lutheran in Vancouver has created an Advent calendar**. Each door of the calendar hides a song, a poem, or another surprise created by members and friends of the congregation. You can find it [here](#).
- **Carols in the Garden**: **Saturday, December 20th, 4pm** at Dunbar Lutheran Church, (3491 West 31st Avenue, Vancouver) All are invited to come and join them for Christmas carols in the church garden (or in the church sanctuary if the weather doesn't co-operate.)
- **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).
- **Rainbow Chorus Holiday Sing-Along**: Anita McDonnell & Kris Mathiasen are members of the Rainbow Chorus. They are holding their 4th annual Holiday Sing-Along on **Saturday, December 13th at 1 pm**. See poster.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Preparing for Christmas with Prayer**: Pr. Bruce Ehlert (ELCIC, Saskatchewan Synod) prepares daily prayers during Advent. [You can subscribe to his prayer emails here](#).

ELCJHL Appeal: The ELCIC is launching an appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise \$50,000. To read a letter about the appeal from National Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop-elect Larry Kochendorfer and Eastern Synod Bishop Carla Blakley, please click [here](#).

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.



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

WIDER CHURCH NEWS:

- **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.
- **LTS Survey for Congregations**: Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon is conducting a series of short

surveys to assess the presence of lay leadership in ministries and congregations and to determine how we might support lay leaders. Click the link [here](#).

- **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.

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE & CREATION CARE:

- **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.
- **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](#).

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)
Second Sunday in Advent worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am
at 10:30 am (view it [here](#))
Candy & Pie Fundraiser after the service. (All proceeds to pay down flooring
debt)
Sunday School Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at St. Laurence at 12:30 pm
Confirmation at 1 pm
Christmas Sing-Along & Dessert Potluck at 6:30 pm

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
GSW Christmas Potluck Lunch and Circle Meeting at noon

Wednesday *Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm over Zoom

Thursday Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm

Next Sunday **Bible Study at 9:30 am (Zoom or in-person) - CANCELLED**
NOTE: No Service at Good Shepherd this day!
Third Sunday in Advent and Children's Christmas Pageant worship service
at St. Laurence Anglican Church with Holy Communion **at 10:30 am**

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 30th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 2,373.00
General	\$ 2,243.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Jason Wood Fund	\$ 100.00
- CLWR	\$ 30.00



TRI-CITIES

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](#)

PSSST... Our own Anita McDonnell and Kris Mathiasen are in the Chorus.... so come for the fun and bring a pair of new socks to support the sock drive too!

RAINBOW CHORUS
OF NEW WESTMINSTER • BLENDING VOICES, CHANGING HEARTS

FREE ADMISSION!

4TH ANNUAL

HOLIDAY

sing-along

December 13

1:00pm

ACTIVITIES:

- Silent Auction!
- Treats for sale!
- Bring a pair of new socks for the Purpose Society sock drive!

SANCTUARY ON 6TH
beheld. belong. believe.

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Carols in the Garden

DUNBAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 4 PM

Join us for carols and Christmas treats
in the church garden

In case of rain, the event will move indoors

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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

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