

Second Sunday in Easter

April 12, 2026

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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn # 384 – That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Children’s Time – Video with Pastor Eric

2026 World Day of Prayer Service Video

BACKGROUND: *The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer. Its roots began in the 19th century when Christian women of Canada and the United States became involved in missions at home and worldwide. Since then, women have encouraged one another to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission groups.*



*This year’s service and prayers come from the WDP Committee in Nigeria based on the theme “I Will Give You Rest: Come” (MATTHEW 11:28-30). Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs. And as we pray together - with and for them - we join in solidarity and enrich our own faith as it broadens in an international & ecumenical expression. The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is **INFORMED PRAYER AND PRAYERFUL ACTION**. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable, and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.*

Sending

Hymn # 375 – Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(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 prayer for the people of Nigeria, whose faith sustains them in times of trial. Be with them as they walk in their struggles, and bless your beloved people everywhere with the hope and joy of new life through the resurrection.

Thank you! Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today while Pastor Eric is away. We will enjoy a video recording of this year's World Day of Prayer Service which features our sisters in Christ living in Nigeria. Those who viewed it last month enjoyed it thoroughly. We trust you will as well.

New Church Directory: As you are aware, a new church directory is in the works, but previous proof pages where corrections were noted cannot be located! Please contact the office by phone or email to provide know updates to your information. One final proof copy will be provided shortly. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Movie Night – April 19: Our next Movie Night will be Sunday, April 19th to view “**Jesus Revolution**”, a 2023 drama about the start of the Jesus movement in Southern California in the late '60s. We will meet at 4 pm at Peter Schuler's home to watch the movie, followed by a potluck dinner and discussion. All are welcome.

Easter Messages: Please find below links to several Easter messages.

- **ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.** View it [here](#).
- **Jerusalem Patriarchs and Heads of Churches.** View it [here](#).
- **World Council of Churches.** View it [here](#).
- **Lutheran World Federation.** View it [here](#).

We are One Body – Part 2: Our BC Synod is continuing a journey that began last year, of connecting, reflecting and growing together as a community of congregations. All congregations are invited to send a team of 4 individuals (including their Pastor) for a weekend gathering led by an outside facilitator. It will happen at King of Life Lutheran Church from **June 5-7**. If you are interested in joining our team, or would like more information, please speak to Pastor Eric, and see the article in our latest newsletter.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2026: Planning is underway for VBS Summer 2026. It will be held August 24-28, 9:00-12:00, hosted by Saint Laurence and Good Shepherd. VBS is for kids ages 4-11. Our program is filled with learning and fun through games, crafts, storytelling, science experiments and music. More details and registration information coming soon. Mark your calendars! And If you would like to help out in any way - behind the scenes or "on the scene" - please contact Amy MacLeod our VBS co-coordinator, or Pastor Eric.

Seeking Accommodation: Yvon Malenfant and Michelle Ryu are seeking temporary housing. If you have any, or know of any, please let them know. Yvon writes:

We are looking for temporary housing for the interim. 1 bedroom with a bathroom would be great!

Something not too expensive. Let us know if you have anything.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yvon & Michelle: 778-862-5240 Y / 778-863-5240 M

Middle East Emergency Appeal: In response to the events in the Middle East, the ELCIC and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) has launched an Emergency Appeal for the Middle East to provide emergency relief to

children and families that have had to flee their homes. You can donate through your regular offering method designated for “Middle East Appeal” or online at CLWR [here](#).

Luther Manor Society of Vancouver – Notice of AGM: The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls the Annual General Meeting for **Thursday, May 12th, 2026, at 7:00 PM**. See the poster on the bulletin boards for all the details.

In Response to the Situation in the Middle East: Please note the following letters and statements written by Church Leaders:

- **Our National and Synod Bishops** have published a letter to all members of the ELCIC following the recent events in Iran. [Read the full letter here](#). They have also written to Bishop Haddad and members of the ELCJHL, expressing support and solidarity for them. You can read the letter [here](#).
- **The World Council of Churches (WCC)** has expressed grave concern over the attack against Iran and subsequent escalation. Read their statement [here](#). They have also launched a campaign calling for Israel to be held accountable for ending the illegal occupation of Palestine. Learn more about the campaign [here](#) and watch the video of the launch event [here](#).

Protect the progress around Lake Chad: Funding for nature-based solutions, including CLWR's Friends of Creation project around Lake Chad, is at risk with the next federal budget. Use your voice now to let the government know you care about this work and want to see it protected. Use CLWR's letter-writing tool to send an email to your MP in just three minutes. Find the tool online at clwr.org/advocate.

Youth Justice Camp: BC Synod is hosting a Youth Camp later this year from August 10-14 at Loon Lake Lodge in Maple Ridge. It is open to all youth ages 11 to 18. If you are interested in helping in any capacity with this event, please contact the synod office at bcynod@elcic.ca.

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

- This month's blog post is “**A Quiet Practice of Care**” which invites congregations to reflect on how their buildings and land they sit on are seen and understood by their neighbourhoods. Read [the full blog 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.



Karren Stinson Bursary: This bursary, offered by Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria, offers financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. The bursary amount is \$1,500.00. The deadline to apply is April 30th. For more information and to download the application please click [here](#).

Partner Impact Grant Applications: *Charitus* is offering grants to ELCIC congregations for projects addressing the elimination of poverty, reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, or sustainable environmental practices. Grants of up to \$3,000 covering up to 75 percent of project costs, are available. If you have an idea for such a project, please speak to any member of council before May 15th.

Blanket Exercise Workshop: Como Lake United Church is once again hosting an opportunity to share in the Blanket Exercise Workshop on **Sunday May 3, 2026 at 1:00PM**. Register early to ensure a spot! We highly recommend this workshop, it is very well run, educational, and a personal opportunity to understand and feel the strong need for Truth and Reconciliation in today's world. The \$10 registration fee can be sent,

upon registration, by e-transfer as listed in the poster below. To register, please phone the Church at 604-931-8555 or email office@comolakeunited.ca

Save the Date - Installation of Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker: On Saturday, May 23rd Rev. Courtenay Reedman Parker will be installed at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in New Westminster at 3:30pm. More details, and an invitation, will be sent out a closer date.

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **Peace and Healing in a Time of Conflict: A Call for Reconciliation:** The [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) Commission of the Churches on Health and Healing has issued a Pastoral message on Peace and Healing in a Time of Conflict. To view this message, please [click here](#).
- **Bishop Larry Speaks out:** ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer shares a statement to the church following several incidents of Synagogues being attacked in Canada and the United States including several involving gun violence. [Read the full statement here](#).

ELCIC Day of Action – Sunday, May 31!

In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our ELCIC, the congregations of our church are being invited to participate in a day of action on Sunday, May 31. It's an opportunity for congregations to step beyond their walls and serve their communities – in big or small ways.

Members of our church council have been reflecting on how we can participate, but if you have ideas feel free to share them with any member of council. You are also welcome to attend any of the scheduled online information sessions to help us get started. Each session will share resources and encouragement. You can attend by signing up [here](#). As a bit of information, take the time to view the following short [video](#).

COMPASSIONATE JUSTICE AND CREATION CARE:

- **Online Workshop: Practical Climate Action for Church Buildings:** The ELCIC is offering a 90-minute online workshop on **April 16 at 7:30 pm** that will offer congregations practical steps for energy stewardship. More information and registration are available when you [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 Cancelled
Second Sunday in Easter Service with Sunday School at 10:30 am
(view live-stream here)
- Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
GSW Circle Meeting at 1 pm
- Wednesday *Prayer Gathering* over Zoom at 1:30 pm
- Thursday *Confirmation* at 4 pm
Council Meeting at 6 pm
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am
Third Sunday in Easter Service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am
(view live-stream here)
Movie Night at the home of Peter & Zoe Schuler viewing “**Jesus Revolution**”
at 4 pm followed by discussion over a Potluck Dinner.

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>April 5th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,021.46
General	\$ 4,001.46
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Special Initiatives Fund	\$ 20.00

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**.

Como Lake United Church
535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam

May 3, 2026 at 1 pm
\$10 Registration Fee to
finance@comolakeunited.ca
(For fee assist please contact us)

Seating is limited so please
RSVP as soon as possible.
office@comolakeunited.ca
604-931-8555

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



WORSHIP & MUSIC - SYMPOSIUM - 2026

MAY 7-9
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
REGINA, SK

DR. JOY BERG
REV. KRISTIAN WOLD
DR. REV. DENNIS HENDRICKSEN
REV. DR. LARRY KOCHENDORFER
BEN JOHNSTON-UREY
NEIL COCKBURN

Register for the whole event (includes meals)
Early Bird \$199 (before April 15)
\$275 (after April 15)
or \$30/workshop



To register SCAN HERE
OR e-mail clcregina@sasktel.net



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FREE Community Events

May 7, 7pm - Hymn Festival - Come and See

May 8, 7pm - Mysterium Service

For more information visit www.clcregina.ca

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.



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