

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Joy Sunday

April 26, 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.

Liturgy: Setting 8

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
We thank you for the water you send and the water you give:
morning dew, gentle rain, flowing rivers.
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
We thank you for meeting us wherever we are on the road of life,
for walking with us through easy places and rough places,
and for joining us in our joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit,
you open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the joy of friendship.
Melt away whatever keeps us frozen
in patterns of fear and distrust of each other.
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One,
we thank you for the gift of baptism,
and for renewing us, through this water,
in the new life won for us
in the resurrection of your Son, our Lord,
to whom we give honour and praise,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW # 789 – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Greeting

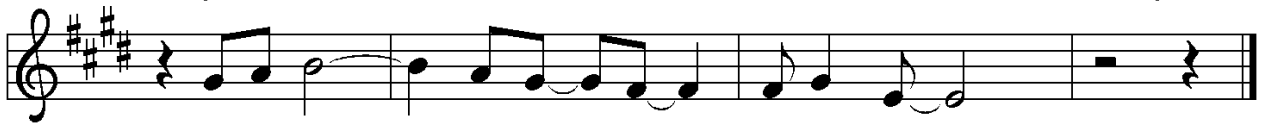
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the life-giving love of God,
and the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie (p. 184)



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



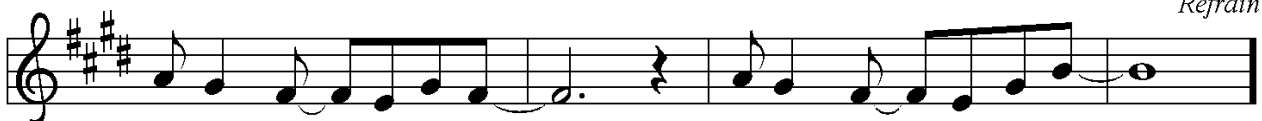
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Glory to God in the Highest (p.185)

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



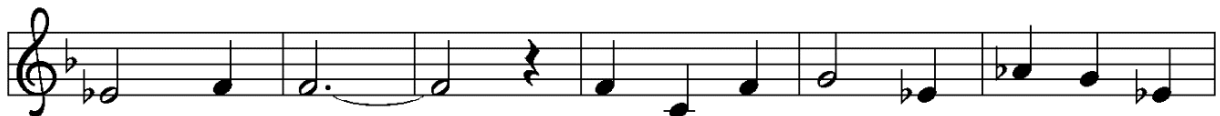
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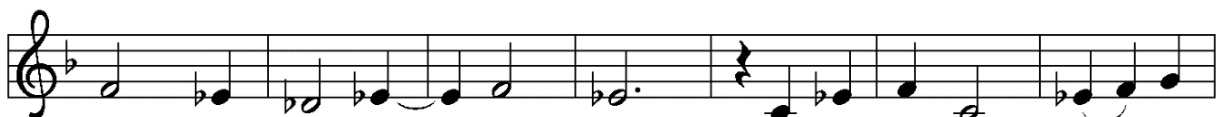
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



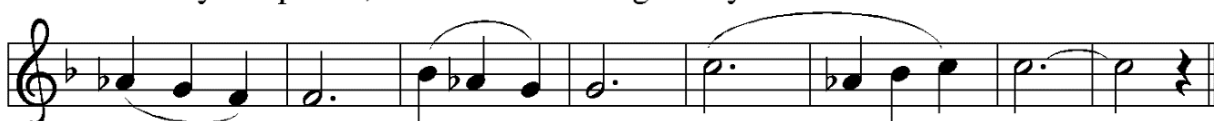
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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

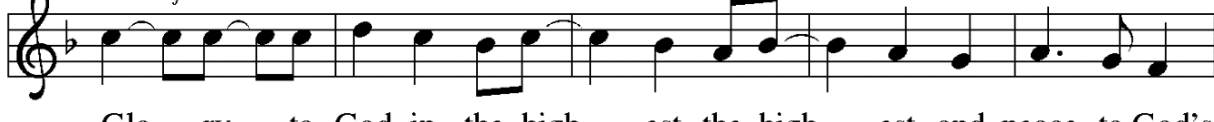


Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, 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

First Reading – Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.


They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Refrain: 
I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

C: **Refrain**

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

C: **Refrain**

L: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

C: **Refrain**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (p. 188)

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

P: The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

Gospel – John 10:1-10

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They

will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 778 – The Lord's My Shepherd

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 Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them, as we recognize the image of God in each other.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Life up your hearts.

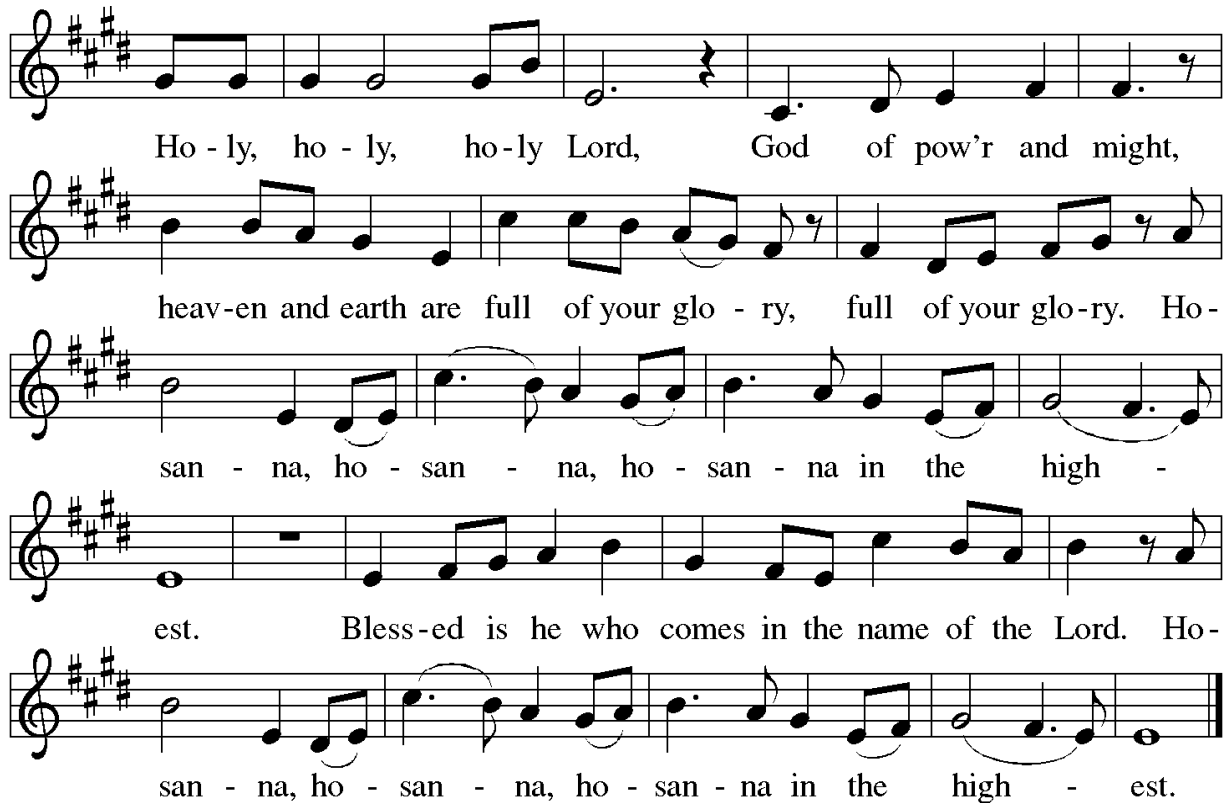
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places ...
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (p. 190)



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

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

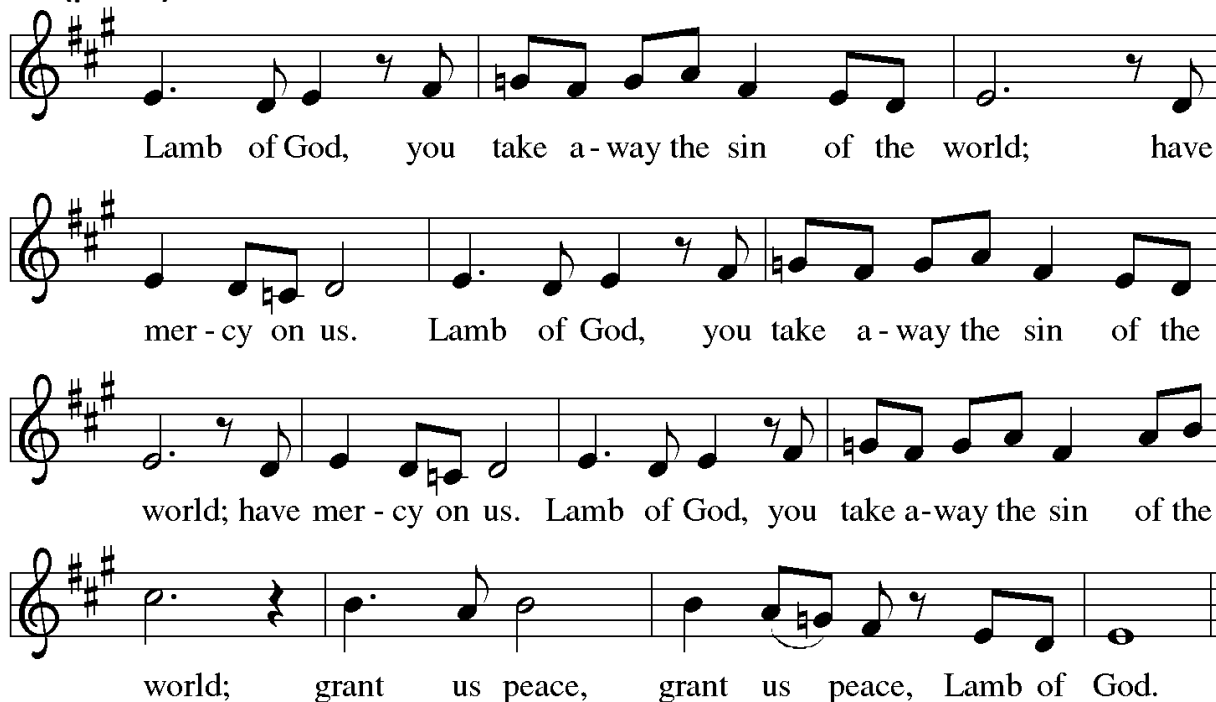
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 (p. 191)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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 common cup for wine. Please 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.

Songs Sung During Communion:

ELW # 482 – I Come with Joy

ELW # 267 – Joy to the World

ELW # 836 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW # 388 – Be Not Afraid (Chant)

Prayer after Communion

A Word from Your Stewardship Team

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

P: Now may God Almighty, the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW # 376 – Thine Is the Glory

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26, 2026

(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 thanksgiving for the risen Christ, who each Sunday spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war, ever inspiring us to become God's tender care to all. *Halleluia! Christ is risen!*

Today: Holy Joy Sunday & Earth Week Celebration: We hope you enjoy our reimagined tradition of Holy Hilarity Sunday, followed by our Earth Week displays and fun hands-on stuff for the kids. And of course CARROT CAKE to commemorate the occasion.

Sip with the Spirit: Our next *Sip with the Spirit* gathering will take place this coming **Wednesday, April 29th** at 7 pm. We'll gather at the home of Lily and Mogens (7255 Hewitt Street, Burnaby). Bring your favorite beverage and come and see just where the Spirit may leading our conversation on this night. All are welcome.

Choir Rehearsal: Calling all singers! Our next choir rehearsal is **Thursday, April 30th at 7 pm. All are welcome** – newbies included. If you have a love of singing, come and check us out. You are welcome to join us as we endeavour to make *a joyous noise unto the Lord!* 😊

CLWR Emergency Appeal- Sudan: As the crisis in Sudan enters its fourth year, it remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. The conflict has forced an estimated 14 million people from their homes. Approximately 4.4 million have fled to neighbouring countries, particularly Chad and South Sudan — countries already grappling with hunger and insecurity. The Government of Canada has announced funding for a joint humanitarian response in partnership with CARE Canada and Oxfam Canada. You can contribute to this important cause by donating [here](#).

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.

Cross Border Friendship Gathering: Our BC Synod and the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA have planned a gathering to share fellowship and food with our Lutheran siblings beyond our border. We will meet at Old Orchard Picnic Area in Canada on **Sunday, June 14**. If you are interested in joining Pastor Eric, please register [here](#). See the poster that follows for details.

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](#).

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.

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.

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 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 bcsynod@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: A \$1,500 bursary, is being offered by Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria for Lutherans and Anglicans attending post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. Apply by April 30th by clicking [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. 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**. See poster that follows for details.

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.

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **A Message of Hope from ELCJHL Schools:** In a recent Easter video message, students from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) schools share a powerful witness of hope - lifting their voices in faith amid ongoing uncertainty. To watch this Easter video, please [click here](#).
- **LTS Course on Queer Theologies:** Our Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon is offering a course in Queer Theologies. This course offers space to engage voices that have reshaped theology over the last forty years and continue to call the church toward deeper compassion and truth. Classes are hosted online. Email colleen.walker@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca if you would like to enroll.

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](#).

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
Third Sunday in Easter Service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am
(view live-stream [here](#))
- Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
- Wednesday *Special Prayer Gathering* over Zoom at 1:30 pm
Sip with the Spirit at 7 pm at the home of Mogens and Lily.
- Thursday *Confirmation Class* at 4 pm
Choir Practice at 7 pm
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday in Easter Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
at 10:30 am (view live-stream [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>April 19th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 3,663.00
General	\$ 2,288.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Administration	\$ 550.00
- Property Fund	\$ 500.00
- Youth Group	\$ 100.00
- Sunday School	\$ 100.00
- CLWR	\$ 100.00
- Good Shepherd Women	\$ 25.00

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
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Register for the whole event (includes meals)
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May 7, 7pm - Hymn Festival - Come and See

May 8, 7pm - Mysterium Service

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**NW WA Synod
& BC Synod**

gathering in faith for
fellowship & food

14 June 26
2pm-5pm

**Campbell Valley
Regional Park**
in Langley, BC

Register here:
bcsynod.org/events



*You are cordially invited to
attend the Installation*

of

Rev. Elisia Deifeld

*Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
10:00 am*

*Lutheran Church of the Cross
3787 Cedar Hill Road
Victoria, BC V8P 3Z4*

Reception to follow

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

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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