

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 # 392 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus


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)

Refrain:




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




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


Verses:



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



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-



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 -



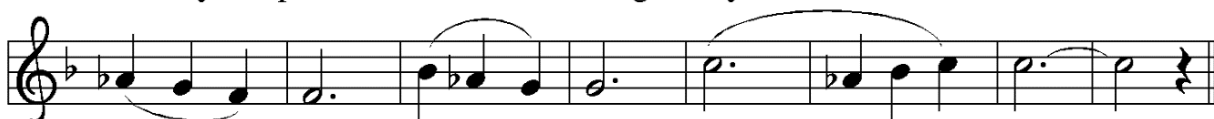
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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 Video

First Reading – Acts 7:55-60


Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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

L: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

C: **Refrain**

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

C: **Refrain**

L: My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living

stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,

and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14th chapter.

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

Gospel – John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Video Sermon

Response and Prayer

We respond to God’s grace with expressions of generosity and thanksgiving

Hymn of the Day ELW # 810 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

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."

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.**

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.

Offering & Offering Prayer

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 # 367 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 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 praise to the risen Christ, who prepares a place in his Father's house for his followers, and to the Holy Spirit who stirs us to bear witness through our words and deeds to the risen Christ - our way, our truth and our life.
Halleluia! Christ is risen!

Pastor Eric Away: Pastor Eric is taking a weekend off for vacation. May God bless you with rest and relaxation while you visit with your friends from out-of-town.

Today: Sunday Morning Bible Study cancelled: But it will resume again on Pastor Eric's return the following week.

Thank you: We extend our sincere thanks to Kris Mathiasen for leading us in worship today in Pastor Eric's absence, and to Pastor Jane Gingrich of our BC Synod, currently serving as Spiritual Health Practitioner with Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops who provided the video sermon for today's service.

Book Club: The book club will meet on Wednesday **May 6 at 7:15 pm** at Lily's and Mogens' place. The book to be discussed is "*A Love Affair with the Unknown*" by Gillain Deacon. All are welcome.

Troupe de Poetry – Thursday, May 7th: The Troupe de Poetry is holding a free Poetry Reading of new 'mother-inspired' poetry on **May 7th from 6-7 pm** at the church. **Kate Wright** is one of the poets who will be reading her poetry. Come out and support all the neighbourhood poets. Doors open at 5:45 pm.

Choir Rehearsal: Calling all singers! Our next choir rehearsal is **Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 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 endeavor to make a joyous noise unto the Lord together! 😊

Mutual Ministry Team Meeting: The Mutual Ministry Team will meet next on **Wednesday, May 13th** in the evening, over Zoom. If anyone has any comments or concerns that you would like to confidentially bring forward for discussion and remediation, please let any one of the Team Members know (Donna Harris & Kris Mathiasen).

Outreach Toiletry Drive: We will be collecting toiletry items **during the month of May** until Sunday, May 31st. These items will then be distributed to the unhoused and precariously housed, through various agencies. Items to consider donating: combs, deodorant, bar soap, feminine products, adult diapers {high need}, new men's and women's socks...think hygiene & items for personal cleanliness. There is a bin in the narthex for your donations. Thank you for your consideration to this worthwhile endeavour.

ELCIC Day of Action: Sunday, May 31st is the ELCIC Day of Action to celebrate the 40th Anniversary Year of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Churches have been encouraged to 'show up' through an act of kindness; to live out God's Grace in the community. To that end, we will be collecting toiletry items during the month of May until Sunday May 31st. These items will then be distributed to the unhoused and precariously housed, through various agencies. Items to consider: combs, deodorant, bar soap, feminine products, adult diapers {high need}, new men's and women's socks...think hygiene and items for personal cleanliness. Also, our Annual Garage Sale profits all go to charities that GSLC supports. We consider this day as a Day of Action as well. Thankyou faithful servants. *From the Outreach Team (P.S. There will be cake to celebrate the 40th anniversary)*

VBS Meeting at the Church: There will be a VBS volunteers meeting on **May 7 at 7:30 PM** at the church. We'll be looking at our curriculum and discussing various volunteer roles. Anyone who has an interest in helping out this year is welcome to attend.

Communion Assistants Workshop: Your Worship Team is sponsoring a Communion Assistant's Workshop, scheduled for after the service on **Sunday, May 17th**. It is open to everyone who may be curious about possibly getting involved in volunteering as a Communion Assistant, and will be a quick refresher for those already volunteering in this capacity. All are welcome, so please plan on staying.

Tuesday, May 5 is Red Dress Day: May 5 marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S), also known as "Red Dress Day". It's a day to honour lives lost, hold space for grieving families and stand alongside Indigenous communities who continue to call for justice, safety and recognition. Please take note of the following available resources:

[The Anglican Church of Canada](#) / [The United Church of Canada](#) / [Moose Hide Campaign](#) / [KAIROS Canada](#)

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.

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.



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**.

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

- **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 read this resource, please [click here](#).
- **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.

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**
Fifth Sunday in Easter Service at 10:30 am (view live-stream [here](#))
- Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
- Wednesday *Prayer Gathering* over Zoom at 1:30 pm
Book Club at the home of Lily & Mogens at 7:15 discussing *A Love Affair with the Unknown* by Gillain Deacon
- Thursday *Troupe de Poetry's Mother's Day Show* from 6 to 7 pm
Choir Practice at 7 pm
VBS Volunteers Meeting at 7:30 pm in Fireside Room
- Next Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am
Sixth Sunday in Easter Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School and
Baptism of Sofia My Quyên Taagholt Hansen 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 26th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 12,815.00
General	\$ 6,465.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Property Fund	\$ 6,350.00

WORSHIP & MUSIC - SYMPOSIUM - 2026

MAY 7-9
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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:
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*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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