

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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:LŦ 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: ELW Setting 10

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 compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess to you all our sins.**

We feel the burdens of life,

**and so turn to things for relief that leave us feeling ashamed
and even more burdened.**

We justify our failure to love our neighbours

by telling ourselves someone else will care.

We are full of good intentions around deepening our faith

**but always find other things to do
instead of giving you our time.**

In all these ways and more we are trapped in sin

and cannot free ourselves.

Please, in your mercy, call us back to you.

Give us a vision of what life can be

in loving relationship with you, each other, and all creation.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by your Holy Spirit

to walk in your ways

and find our peace in you.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

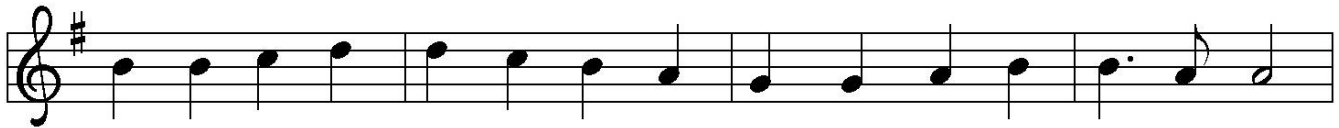
Gathering Song ELW # 533 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise – Glory to God in Heaven



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

C: Thanks be to God.

Refrain:

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

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L: You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

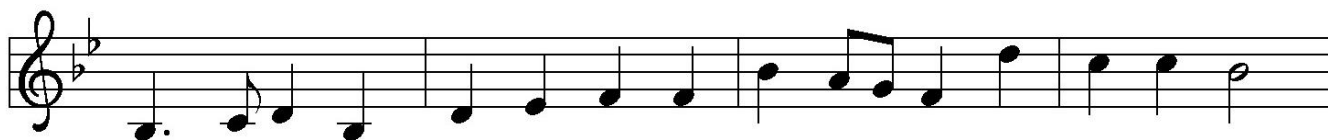
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 512 – Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (sing twice)

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 "God of grace" 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 and Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The 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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song – O Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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:

ACS # 1063 – God of the Fertile Fields

WOV # 753 – You Are the Seed

ELW # 479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast

ACS # 978 – God Welcomes All (Chant)

Communion Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Blessing of Cooling Kits

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn ELW # 547 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 12, 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 awesome wonder of God's promise that a harvest will come from what is sown, even when the expressions of our lives and faith sometimes seem too small. At our Lord's table we are fed the bread of life - so we may bear fruit to a hungry world.

Pastor Eric holidays: Pastor Eric will be away from July 14 to August 3. In his absence, Pastor Marlys Moen will be leading us in worship next week, and the following 2 Sundays after that will be lay-led.

May God bless you and Heather with a time of fun, relaxation & recreation - and keep you both safe.

Summer Foodbank Drive: Please don't forget Foodbank Donations over the summer. Food insecurity doesn't stop because of summer holidays. Please check out the items NEEDED, on the sign in the Narthex. (where the bin is) Donations will be delivered to the SHARE Food Bank periodically over the summer. Thankyou for your continued generosity.
~ From Your Outreach Team

Emergency Appeal for Venezuela: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada joins with partners around the world in prayer and support following the earthquakes that struck Venezuela on Wednesday, June 24. Through its partnership with Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), the ELCIC is encouraging members to accompany those affected through prayer and support. To read the full news article and to know how to make a donation, please click here. **Until July 14, the Government of Canada is matching all donations.**

Our Next Big Community Event!: Plans are taking shape for our next big fall community celebration. It will be a music festival on our parking lot featuring folk, jazz and rock music acts. There will be free food and ice cream, kids activities, contributions from the Kwikwetlem First Nation and some quieter indoor activities. We are looking for volunteers to help out with various tasks, and you can sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Ushers Table. As well, please see the poster that follows and plan to attend.

Favourite Hymn Sing: As is our usual practice over the summer months, we gather ten minutes before the service starts (at 10:20 am) to sing a couple of our favourite hymns before our regular service begins. The songs sung are selected by those attending, so come early and nominate your favourite hymn!

Vacation Bible School 2026: Plans are well underway for VBS Summer 2026. It will be held at our church **August 24-28, 9:00-12:00**, hosted by Saint Laurence and Good Shepherd Lutheran. VBS is for kids ages 4-11 and this year's program "Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God" is filled with learning and fun through games, crafts, storytelling, science experiments and music. See the poster that follows for all the details and to register you can click here. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Amy MacLeod our VBS co-coordinator, or Pastor Eric.

Campfire in the City: You are invited to come and join us at Dunbar Lutheran's garden (3491 West 31st Ave) for evenings of family-friendly campfire fun – songs, stories, and s'mores. Stop by for the evening, or just for a while. Bring a lawn chair if you have one – if not, we'll find a seat for you. Light drizzle won't stop us, but in case of heavy rain, the event will be cancelled. We gather once a month on **Friday evenings, next on August 14th**, then on **September 11th, 7:30 pm – 9 pm**. See the poster that follows 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.

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

Sacred Cuisine: Food, Love, and Resistance: Izzeldin Bukhari is a Palestinian chef. This summer, he is touring in Canada, bringing us his love of food and cooking and his stories of life under occupation. Chef Izzeldin will be touring around BC until August, hosting talks, presentations, and cooking classes. You can find the various events [here](#).

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

- This month's blog post is "**What the Quiet Season Is Asking of Us**" 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.



GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **Synod Council Highlights:** Our BC Synod council (which Pastor Eric chairs) publishes highlights of each of its meetings. You can access highlights of its last meeting [here](#).
- **Ministry with the Sick and Dying in the Context of MAID:** You may be interested in the ELCIC's 2019 [Call to Faithfully Journey with the Dying](#) and/or the Anglican Church of Canada's [liturgical prayer resource](#) in the context of Medically Assisted Dying.
- **ELCJHL Update on Natalie Abudayyeh:** Read the full letter [here](#).
- **25th Anniversary of Waterloo Declaration:** 25 years ago, on July 6, 2001, the ELCIC and the Anglican church or Canada entered into the full communion relationship as expressed in the Waterloo Declaration. We are grateful for this bold move, which has drawn us closer together with our Anglican siblings and which we have been living out with our friends from St. Laurence. To read a joint statement from Primate Share Parker and National Bishop Larry Korchendorfer, [click here](#).
- **ELCIC Day of Action Wrap-up Celebration:** To watch a video of the online celebration of the recent ELCIC Day of Action, click [here](#).

JUSTICE UPDATES

- **Canada is Better and Stronger with Refugees and Migrants:** Ask your MP to join us and so many others in supporting and celebrating the ways in which welcoming refugees enriches our community. Please join our call to protect Canada's legacy as a welcoming country by [writing a letter to your MP](#) and sharing this call to action in your networks.
- **Apply for the "Faith and Genetics" Training Program:** An 11-week "*Faith and Genetics*" course jointly offered from September to December by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and Christian Medical College will share and discuss ethical concerns to ensure that progress in genetics serves humanity holistically and builds public trust. For more information and to apply for this course, please [click here](#).

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday *Favourite Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time worship service with Holy Communion
at 10:30 am (view live-stream [here](#))

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am

Next Sunday *Favourite Hymn Sing* at 10:20 am
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at 10:30 am with Pastor Marlys Moen presiding. (view live-stream [here](#))

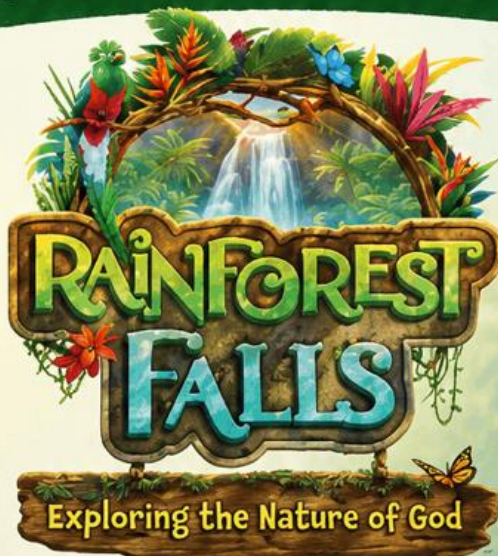
Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted “on Zoom” or “Online”. The links to these online events are accessible through our website [here](#). Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over, unless otherwise noted.

Last Week at Church

Bob and Linda are currently away for the next three Sundays,
so weekly reporting of financial data will be delayed during
this time span, and provided upon Bob's return.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!



AUGUST 24-28
9AM - 12PM



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Corner of Schoolhouse St. & Sprice Ave.



KIDS AGES 4-11



**BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS,
SCIENCE & GAMES!**

**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



**FUN, FAITH &
FRIENDS!**



MUSIC IN THE

PARK(ING LOT)

FEATURING

ROCK - Gift Shop - The Ultimate Tribute to the Tragically Hip

FOLK - Yvon Malenfant & Friends

JAZZ - The Nikolaj Hansen Quartet

DETAILS



12:00 - 4:00 PM Sept 12



1504 Spruce Ave, Coquitlam

FREE Admission

Food, Kids activities,
kwikwəłəm First Nation,
and much more.

(please bring your lawn chair)

More Info:





Come join us for

Campfire *in the City*

Summer Fridays 7:30 – 9 pm

June 12

August 14

July 10

September 11

Songs, stories, and s'mores

Bring a lawn chair if you have one

Dunbar Lutheran Church garden
3491 West 31st Avenue
dunbarlutheran.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.



Good Shepherd
Website

