

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 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: ELW Setting 10

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

- P: We are the body of Christ!
C: **The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing,**
P: justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking
C: **Body of Christ!**
P: Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.
C: **Many and varied in gender, gender-identity, colour, race, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.**
P: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."
C: **for only together can we find wholeness.**
P: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."
C: **for we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**
P: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.
C: **Let us worship God!**

Call to Worship from "We Are the Body of Christ" By Rev. Ann B. Day Program Coordinator, Open and Affirming Program of the United Church of Christ Coalition for LGBT Concerns 1987-2007.

Gathering Song There is Room in God's Great Welcome

There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!
There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.

There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.

There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;
For the Christian, Jew and Muslim — there is room for these and more.
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.

There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.

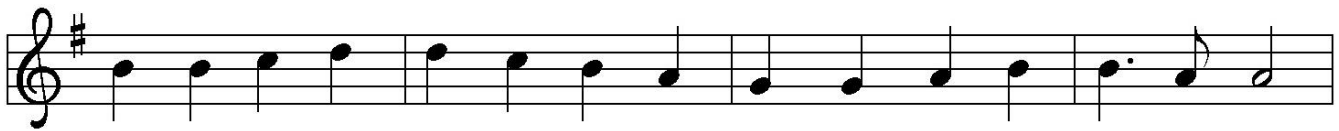
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Greeting

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

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.


As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-14

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

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

C: **Refrain**

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C: **Refrain**

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS # 1038 – God, We Gather as Your People

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,

the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Having been called into one body by our baptism into Christ,
let us come before God acknowledging pain and division in our
stories and praying for healing and unity.

God, our hope,
we confess that many who were baptized into Christ
were rejected by the church and did not experience
the promise that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free, male nor female because of their sexual orientation
or gender identity.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: We confess that same-sex relationships were neither honoured
nor blessed, obscuring God's vision that humans should have
partners fit for them.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: We confess that many who were called to be prophets and
evangelists, pastors and teachers were not allowed to live into
their callings, thereby impoverishing the lives of saints and
weakening the whole body.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: We confess that scripture has been used as a club rather than a
friend, and that we have limited the reforming vision of justification
by grace through faith.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

L: We confess that we did not always listen
with open hearts nor let charity with love prevail.

C: For all this we are sorry.

Forgive us.

Renew us.

Make everything new.

**Reconcile us to one another, even as God
has reconciled Godself to us in Christ Jesus.**

**Make your church a place where the lives and gifts
of people of all sexual orientations
and gender identities are celebrated.**

P: God who knows you
better than you know yourself
loves you with a love
stronger than your shame, your fear, your regret.

In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Made one in our baptism into Christ,

live now as reconciled and reconciling people.

C: Blessed be God forever.

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 # 1017 – Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

ELW # 843 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW # 496 – One Bread, One Body

ACS # 978 – God Welcomes All (Chant)

Communion Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

P: Let us go from here to proclaim the good news:

God takes on flesh in surprising and beautiful ways.

God's love liberates us to love all.

God gives us what we need to live in solidarity with all God's children.

So now may God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

lead us from this place

to work for a world where all can live with pride

in who they've been created to be.

C: Amen

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Sending Hymn ELW # 726 - Light Dawns on a Weary World

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Continue to learn and grow. Welcome all.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 5, 2026

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Flowers are placed on the altar in praise of God's mercy, grace and forgiveness given to all, and the mystery that when gathered around word, water and meal, all can find refreshment and rest for their souls.

Pride Service Today: As Pride month comes to a close and Coquitlam celebrated it's Pride festival yesterday, we lift up the theme of inclusion for all in our service today. May the following prayer guide our minds and our hearts as we reflect on God's call to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Oh God, thank you for the gift of diversity within our church and community. For all the ways that LGBTQ+ people have and continue to contribute to the work and life of the church. Open our eyes to see the human-set limitations that hinder our ability to effectively love all people and your creation well. Grant strength and peace to all who are in need of it. Amen

~ Prayer offered by BC Synod DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group (DEI)).

VBS Decorating Night: Whether you are intending to volunteer with VBS or not, you are invited to join us this coming **Thursday evening at 7 pm**, to help us paint VBS murals and see what other ways you might be able to help our decorating team.

PRAYER CHAIN VOLUNTEER NEEDED

As you know, our congregation has a prayer chain. That is a group of people who commit to praying for specific requests that come in to the church from time to time.

The usual procedure is that when a prayer request comes in, it is sent by email to a designated individual, who then forwards it on to the members of the prayer chain. That role for quite a while now has been shared between Kate Wright and Marjun Blishen, who are both retiring from the role. Accordingly, we are in need of a volunteer to replace them.

This is a task that could easily be done by one person, and it is super simple. All that is involved is being willing to receive prayer requests by email and then, within a short period of time, forwarding the email on to the members of the chain. That's it! There's no requirement to write anything or communicate in any other way. It's a simple operation of receiving an email in your inbox and forwarding it on to the group.

Until someone is in place we have no way of forwarding prayers on to the chain at present. And that is unfortunate since prayer requests are important and can come in at any time. Please let Pastor Eric know if you are willing and able to help out.

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](#).

Cooling Kits: With financial support from a *Charitus Partner Impact Grant*, Good Shepherd is putting together Cooling Kits for unhoused people in our community. Your Outreach Team is seeking help to assemble these bags of personal supplies for protection and relief from extreme heat; we'll gather at church on **Wednesday, July 8th**,

at 7pm. The kits will be blessed during worship on July 14th, then picked up by *Hope for Freedom Society* for distribution. Please keep all who suffer from homelessness in your prayers and on your mind, especially during what can be dangerously-warm weather here in the Lower Mainland.

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.

Starting This Sunday! Favourite Hymn Sing: Beginning today, **Sunday, July 5th**, 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 July 10th, August 14th, and September 11th, 7:30 pm – 9 pm**. See the poster that follows for all the 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

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 bcynod@elcic.ca.

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

- **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](#).

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

Tuesday *Woodworking & Crafters Group at 10 am*

Wednesday *Prayer Gathering over Zoom at 1:30 pm*
Cooling Kit 'Packing Bee' at 7 pm

Thursday *VBS Decorating Night at 7 pm*

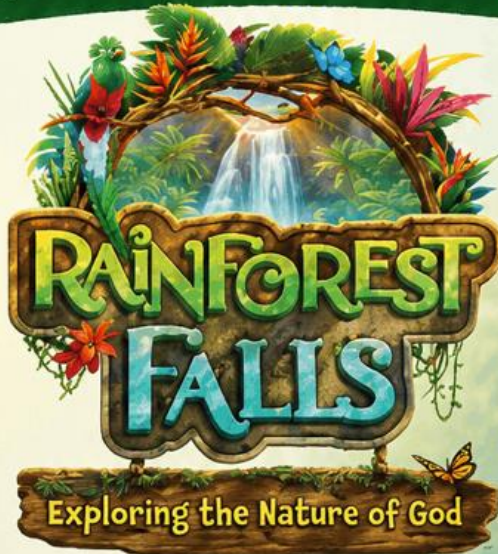
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Note: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website [here](#). Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!



AUGUST 24-28
9AM - 12PM



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Corner of Schoolhouse St. & Spruce 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.



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