

Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

September 20, 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 STOL:LO 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: Matins

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements & Land Acknowledgement

Thanksgiving, Lament and Absolution

- P: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.
- C: Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.**
- P: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.
- C: Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.**
- P: Jesus cried out,
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me...
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”
- C: Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.**
- P: Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation,
and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life.
But we also lament that we have neglected this gift, and taken the
waters for granted.
- P: Rivers run polluted.
- C: Oceans choke with plastic.
Marine life disappears from warming seas.
Coral reefs fade and fisheries collapse.**
- P: The seas rise and swallow coasts.
- C: Storms grow stronger.
Floods destroy homes.
Drought cracks the Earth and children thirst.**
- P: We confess that we have not guarded your waters.
- C: We have consumed water without restraint.
We have polluted what you called good.
We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.**
- P: Forgive us and convert our hearts O God.
- C: Forgive us and convert our hearts O God.**
- P: Where we have treated water as a commodity,
- C: teach us to receive it as a sacred gift.**

P: Where we have consumed without thought,
C: teach us simplicity.

P: Where we have used water without reverence,
C: teach us to protect it as a gift entrusted to every generation.

P: Where we have been silent and tolerant of injustice
C: make us courageous protectors and advocates of all waters.

P: God's mercy flows like living water. So hear the good news:
 God knows you,
 forgives you by the self-giving of † Jesus Christ,
 and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – Where There Is Smoke, O God, We Pray (Tune: ELW # 644 – Though I May Speak)

Where there is smoke, O God, we pray:
 Please bless the folk in danger's way.
 When skies of blue turn grey and sour,
 God, help us through this trying hour.

Here smoke rolls forth and hides the dawn —
 but to the North, a town is gone.
 God, tune our hearts to neighbors' pain.
 First Nations grieve for lands now changed.

Our planet cries; our forests burn.
 We realize it's now our turn
 to breathe the pain, to pay the cost,
 to feel earth strain, to suffer loss.

O Lord, we pray: from smoke and fire
 will come the day when we're inspired
 to work as one, to take a stand,
 to seek the dawn, to heal your land.

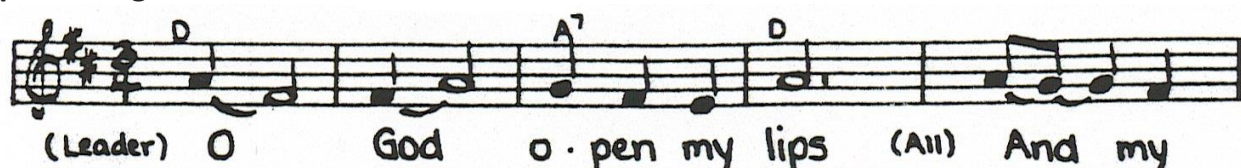
Tune: Traditional melody ("Though I May Speak") Text: Copyright © 2026 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.
 Permission is granted. "Where There is Smoke" is a prayer for the people of Canada whose towns are being burned by wildfires,
 and for the people in Canada and the United States who are being affected by wildfire smoke leading to unhealthy air quality.

Greeting

P: God, maker of the day, be with us;
 God, raiser of Jesus, raise a new day among us.
 God, giver of the Spirit, light our lives!

C: Amen

Rise Up and Sing



mouth will de · clare your praise

Rise up and sing Bring in the morn · ing Dawn is a born · ing

Day has be · gun Raise the glad sound A · round us is

break · ing Skies that are wak · ing Light of the sun

Rise up good friends now is the hour
 Sunlight will shower hope for the day
 Rise from your sleep and keep your dreams with you
 Let the light kiss you soft' on your way.

Rise with the world curled up awaiting
 End to the hating, day full of grace
 Rise up in song, the long night is ending
 Now God is sending peace to this place.

Al · le · lu · ia Al · le · lu · ia Al · le · lu · ia Al · le · lu · ia

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: Jonah 3:10—4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8



L: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

C: **Refrain**

L: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendour of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: **Refrain**

L: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **Refrain**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ELW # 172 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and '8' (octave).

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

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

Gospel Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 588 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, seen in the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one,
the climate refugee - who loves and cares for this world
and suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death
and all destructive forces.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ that encompasses the whole creation 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.

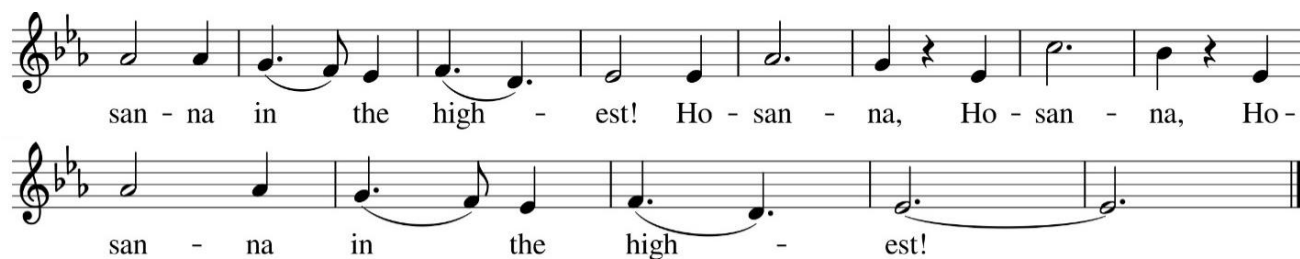
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

The pastor continues, concluding...

we praise your name and join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav-en and earth of Your glo-ry are full, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho-san-na in the high - est! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav-en and earth of Your glo-ry are full, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho-



Thanksgiving at the Table

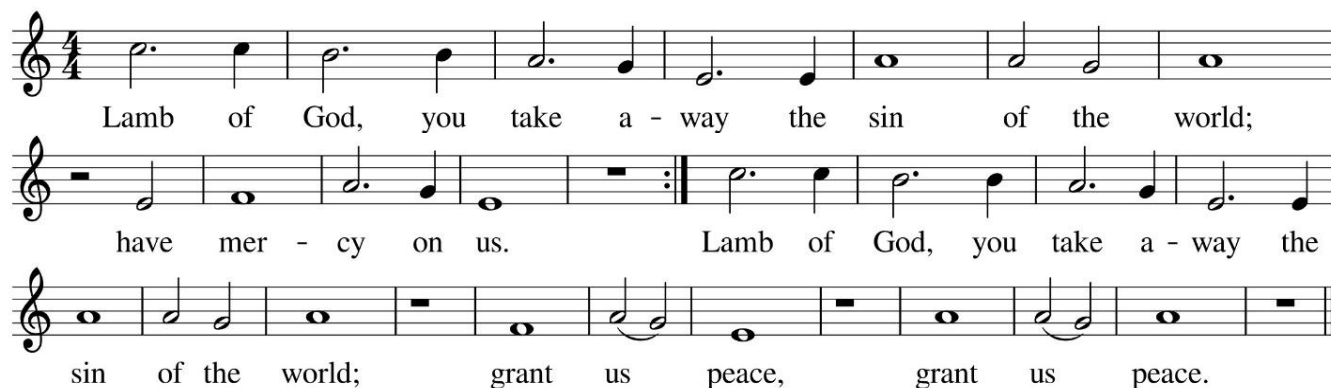
The Lord's Prayer

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



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 rings. 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 # 765 - Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW # 466 - In The Singing

ELW # 772 - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ACS # 993 - God Is Here Today (chant)

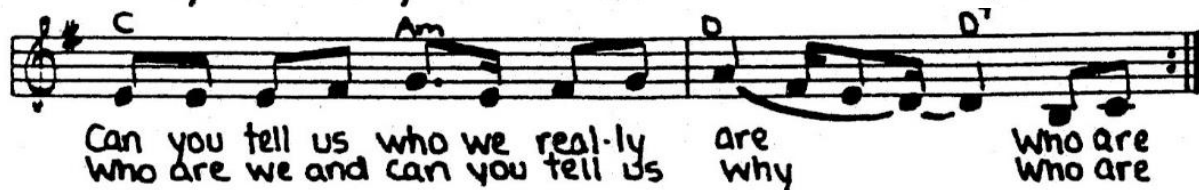
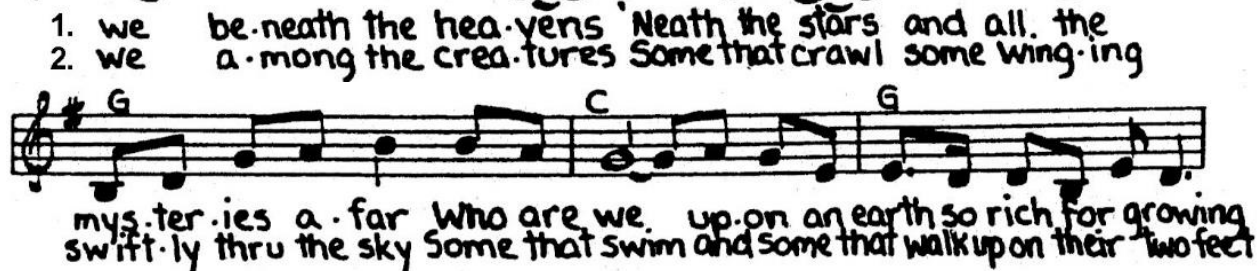
Prayer after Communion

Who Are We

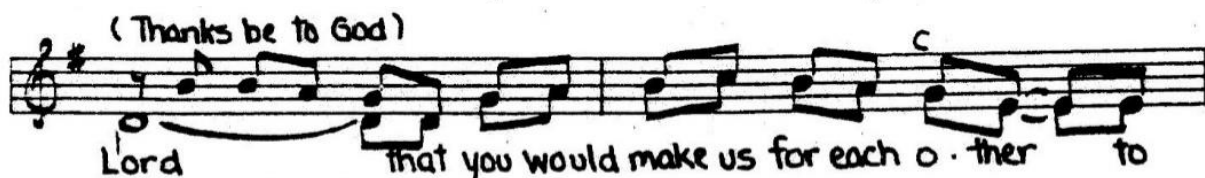
Refrain:

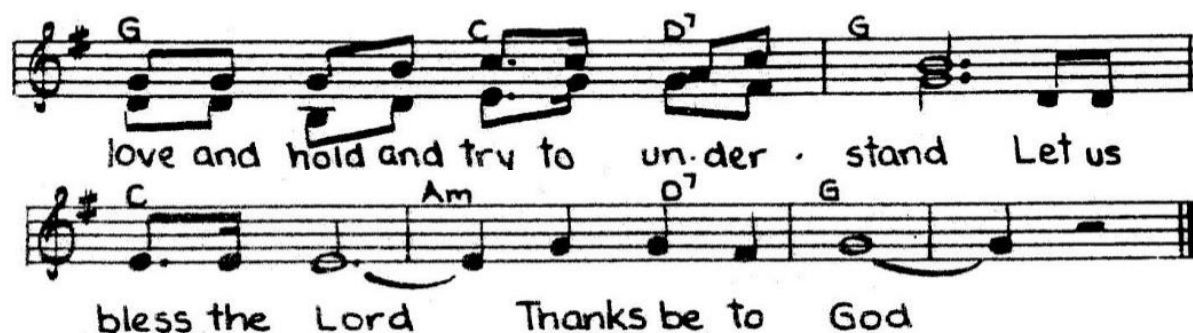


Verse 1 & 2:



Verse 3:





Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing

- P: Go now as people entrusted with God's good creation.
- C: **We go in gratitude for the gift of creation,
and in humility for the ways we have harmed it.**
- P: Care for the soil beneath your feet,
the water that gives life,
the air you breathe,
and every creature with whom you share this world.
- C: **We will seek to live gently,
to use wisely,
to restore what has been damaged,
and to protect those most affected by environmental injustice.**
- P: Let your choices reflect God's love.
- C: **With God's help, we will work for healing,
justice, and renewal throughout the earth.**
- P: Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ ✠ shine through you
with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
- C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn -- ELW # 824 This Is My Father's World

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace, as people of God made new
through the waters of baptism.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements
September 20, 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 repentance for our human-made climate crisis through which all earthbound beings are suffering. We have taken your gift of clean water for granted and by greed, apathy and indifference we watch our water become choked with plastic and our forests burn. Transform us, Lord, into Living Water that we may truly care for our earthly home.

RESCHEDULED - Creation Movie, Dinner & Discussion: This event has now been rescheduled to next **Wednesday, September 23rd** when we will gather **from 6-8 pm** in the Fireside Room to watch 3 short films while we eat and discuss them over dinner courses of salad, pizza and dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet on the usher's table if you plan on joining us**, so the correct amount of food can be provided for this event.

Reader's Workshop next Sunday: We will be offering a Reader's Workshop about 10-15 minutes following the service next **Sunday, September 27th**, for those who read our scripture texts on Sunday morning. All current volunteer readers and those interested in participating are invited to attend. It is anticipated this will be a short time commitment (approximately 30 minutes).

Fall Clean-up: All are invited to **Save the Date** and come and help **'shine up the church'** on **Saturday, September 26th from 9 am to noon-ish**. As in the past, we hope to clean both the inside of the church and our outside yard, so bring your energy and stay as long (or as little) as you are able. There are several tasks that need attention, so even if you can only stay for 30 minutes and tackle one job thoroughly, that would help out a great deal. Task lists are out on the Ushers Table, so if you can't make it that Saturday but still want to take on a task when it is convenient for you, just sign your name beside the task and it will be left for you to do at a different time of your choosing. Thank you for your consideration! *Your Property Team*

CALLING ALL LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD! Once again, we are planning another luncheon, for **Tuesday, September 29th, at 12:00**. It will be held at the Coquitlam Grill, at 2635 Barnet Highway. Please let Linda Berry know if you are able to come or if you need a ride (604-937-7349). We always have a great time and it is a good chance to visit with each other. We hope you will join us!

SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Please take note of the following ways to participate in the year's Season of Creation:

- Creation is our Theme for Worship Sundays from September 6 to October 4
- Plan an earth-friendly way to get to church, like walking, biking, car-pooling, transit etc.
- **You are invited to Creation Movie, Dinner & Discussion Evening – Wednesday September 23rd at 6 pm.** See announcement above.
- Help us meet our Friends of Creation goal, by donating here to our Lake Chad Challenge page.
- We'll be holding a Prayer Walk around Como Lake after worship on Sunday, October 4th.
- Consider signing the Global Plastics Treaty here: <https://action.earthday.org/global-plastics-treaty>

Wonderous Tree Festival: Wonderous Tree Fellowship, an environmental stewardship group in our community, invites everyone to their free festival on **Saturday, September 26th** at Lions Park in Port Coquitlam from 1 pm to 4 pm. The afternoon includes music, speakers, displays, and art and nature activities. See the poster on the bulletin board.

Talitha Koum Fundraising Gala: All are invited to attend Talitha Koum's annual fundraising Gala on **Saturday, October 3 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish Hall at 6:30 pm.** See the poster that follows for all the details, including ticket price.

Free Movie: The Road Forward: Como Lake United Church is showing the film "*The Road Forward*" on **Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 pm.** It is described as a powerful, musical documentary tracing the history of First Nations Activism and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous Rights. Free admission. All are welcome. See the poster that follows.

National Worship Service to Celebrate the ELCIC's 40th Anniversary: All members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are invited to gather for a special national worship service on Sunday, October 25 led by Nation Bishop Larry Kochendorfer. The service will be livestreamed. To read the full news article, please [click here](#).

'Seriously Cereal': With school beginning, kids need a good start to the day with food in their bellies. Please consider dropping off a box of cereal (or instant oatmeal packets) to help fill this need for children, families, and also for seniors. Statistics show that today, one in three Foodbank visitors is a child--- hungry for nourishment, hope and a better future. There is a bin in the Narthex for this purpose.

With Gratitude, from Your Outreach Team

Something of note: The SHARE Foodbank is now accredited through Foodbanks Canada's *Standard of Excellence Program!*

CLWR Nepal Appeal: On August 26th, a sudden and devastating flood swept through communities in northern Nepal, destroying homes, roads and bridges, and leaving families in urgent need of help. The disaster began when a suspected glacial lake outburst flood surged into Nepal's Bhote Koshi River before rushing downstream through six districts. Please keep the people of Nepal and the rescue teams in your prayers and consider making an emergency gift today through CLWR to help families affected by the floods in Nepal.

Job Opportunity – Youth Minister: ignyte, the joint youth ministry of Good Shepherd and St. Laurence Anglican, is looking to hire a new leader. This is a role for someone who loves working with young people, thrives on genuine relationships, and is ready to build something meaningful in partnership with a community poised for growth. To see more details, click on the ignYte page on our website [here](#).

Lutheran Manor Society – Notice of Special General Meeting: The Board of Lutheran Manor Society has called a Special General Meeting for **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM** over Zoom. See the notice that follows for all the details.

Liberating Lutherans: Theology & Organizing for the Church Today: *Spirit of Life* and *Church of the Cross* (2 churches in our Synod) are collaborating on an on-line education offering consisting of 1 hour classes on **Thursdays**, from September 17 to November 5. This is a brief survey of Liberation Theology and its application to ministry today in our context. This is not an academic course, but rather a reading group open to anyone who wants to join. For more information, contact either of the church offices who will forward your email on.

spiritoflifelutheranoffice@gmail.com

lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.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

'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.



ITEMS FROM THE ELCIC NATIONAL OFFICE:

- **Bishop Larry's Prayer for Nepal:** As we receive the news of the devastating landslide and flash flooding in Nepal, we offer the following prayer... "Gracious God, strengthen and embrace all touched by the landslide and flash flooding in Nepal. Accompany all who grieve, who suffer, who are in pain. Be near to those who watch and wait. Support all who seek to provide care, who sit with the grieving, who search for the living. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."
- **Grace At The Table...Two Stories, Two Journeys - October 4:** You are invited to an online event organized by the ELCIC on Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm. Through our guests' individual journeys, we will hear about living with chronic illness, navigating blindness, discovering purpose, and allowing for greater inclusion and accessibility. To register for this event, please [click here](#).
- **Luther League Legacy Fund – Call for Applications:** If you are 30 years of age or under, and looking to be involved in a leadership development opportunity or looking to plan a project that would benefit people 30 years of age and under, please check out our application guidelines when you click [here](#). Deadline for applications is fast approaching on October 1, 2026.
- **Bishop Larry's Pastoral Letter on Season of Creation**
- **Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)'s Message**
- **Messages and Statements from the National Bishop:** Stay informed and connection when you click [here](#).
- **Resources from the National Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA):** Click [here](#) for resources

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel:** The World Council of Churches (WCC) has designated September 20-26 as World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. Read the full article when you [click here](#).
- **CCC Invitation to join a Reading & Discussion Group this fall:** The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) invites you to join a small-group reading experience of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)*. To join a BC Reading Group over Zoom or to learn more, click [here](#).
- **Monthly Reflections on Climate Justice:** The Task Force on Carbon Neutrality provides monthly reflections on climate justice to encourage engagement, share resources and call for prayer, reflection and learning. *Biblical Passages Related to Climate Change and Carbon Neutrality* and *Community Focused Environmental Stewardship* are monthly reflections that you can read today by [clicking here](#).

JUSTICE UPDATES

- **Free Resources for Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 21-26:** To learn more and to access and prepared by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) 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.



A Prayer for the Start of a New School Year

As backpacks are packed, classrooms prepared, and a new school year begins, we hold in prayer all who are stepping into this season of learning, growing, teaching, and becoming.

God of wisdom, wonder, and boundless love,

Be with every child and young person beginning a new school year. May they enter their classrooms knowing they are beloved exactly as they are. Give them curiosity to learn, courage to ask questions, friendships that bring joy, and communities where they feel safe, seen, celebrated, and valued.

Bless the teachers, educators, counselors, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, coaches, and school staff who care for students each day. Give them patience, creativity, compassion, and the resources they need to nurture every learner.

Be with parents, guardians, caregivers, and families as they encourage, support, worry, celebrate, pack lunches, navigate schedules, and walk alongside their young people.

May our schools be places where every student—of every race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ethnic identity and language—knows they belong.

When the year feels overwhelming, grant rest.
When someone feels alone, bring connection.
When injustice appears, give us courage to speak and act.
When there is joy, help us celebrate abundantly.

Holy One, go with all who begin this new school year. Surround them with love, guide them with wisdom, and remind them each day:

You are beloved. You are seen. You belong.

Amen.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

- This Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Third Sunday in the Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School at 10:30 am. ([View live-stream here](#))
Church Council Retreat from 1 pm to 4 pm at the home of Lily & Mogens
- Tuesday *Woodworking and Crafters Group* at 10 am
- Wednesday *Lectio Divina Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm
Creation Movie, Dinner & Discussion at 6 pm.
- Thursday *Happy Hour* over Zoom at 4 pm
- Saturday Fall Clean-up from 9 am to Noon
- Next Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am. ([View live-stream here](#)), followed by...
Reader's Workshop (10 minutes after the service ends)

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>September 13</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 1,500.00
General	\$ 1,300.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Friends of Creation-Lake Chad	\$ 100.00
- Property Fund	\$ 100.00

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LUTHERANS

FALL - 2020

**THEOLOGY &
ORGANIZING FOR THE
CHURCH TODAY**

**SEPTEMBER 17 -
NOVEMBER 5
8 THURSDAYS
7:15 - 8:15 PM
MEET OVER ZOOM**

**FREE & OPEN TO
EVERYONE IN THE BC
SYNOD & FRIENDS**

**WEEKLY READINGS &
SPECIAL GUESTS
LEADERS: AUDREY
GUAY, PR. ANEETA
SAROOP, PR. LYNDON
SAYERS**

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Friends of Creation *Milestones*

Stay tuned each week,
and watch our donations
grow here!!

Our Friends of Creation journey so far

- ☒ Climate + Water
- ☐ Climate + Food
- ☐ Climate + Economy
- ☐ Climate + Peace
- ☒ Put faith in action *yes!*
- ☐ Reached goal
towards _____ acres!

\$ 5,000.00 !

\$3,750.00

\$2,500.00

\$1,250.00

At Sept 21
\$2,300!



Canadian Lutheran
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CHURCH

Anniversary

1891 - 2026

celebrating 135 years

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

ANNIVERSARY

WORSHIP @ 10AM

WITH RECEPTION TO

FOLLOW IN THE

LOWER HALL



**REV. COURTENAY
REEDMAN PARKER**

Pastor



BISHOP KATHY MARTIN

Guest Preacher



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Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC

Notice of Special General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls a Special General Meeting for **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 PM**. The mode of meeting will be hybrid: both in-person at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, and by Zoom.

Per the Society's Bylaws, all members of ELCIC-BC Synod congregations and all members of parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in British Columbia are eligible to become members of the Society by registering for and attending the AGM.

The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to approve the Society's Audited Financial Statements for the 2025 Fiscal Year and appoint the auditor for the 2026 Fiscal Year.

The Board welcomes everyone to attend in person in the facilities located at 375 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver, or by Zoom. To attend by Zoom and to obtain the link, please register by contacting Chair Stephanie Oldford, at stephanie.oldford@gmail.com no later than Noon on Monday, September 28, 2026.

On behalf of the Board,
Stephanie Oldford, Chair

Invitation from Talitha Koum

Talitha Koum now operates four addiction recovery homes for women in Coquitlam, providing a safe, nurturing environment for up to 30 women, or women and their children, as they journey toward healing. Our spiritually rich, 12step recovery model emphasizes connection—with self, family, and community—and offers women the stability they need to rebuild their lives.

While government funding covers only half of our operating expenses, generous donors like you make the rest possible. Your support of the Gala directly helps provide safe housing, compassionate programming, and hope to women who need it most.

Whether you choose to attend, donate, or support the event in another way, your involvement makes a meaningful difference in the lives of women and families in our community.

Tickets can be purchased by clicking on [TK Gala 2026](#). We look forward to see you there!



Talitha Koum Society's Journey of Hope

FUNDRAISING GALA 2026

6:30pm, Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Clare of Assisi Parish Hall

\$85 per person (\$25 tax receipt), or
\$640 for a Table of 8 (\$160 tax receipt)

Enjoy a delicious dinner by Pasta Polo, live performance by the talented Dani Black, a carefully curated silent auction, an entertaining game of chance, and be inspired by Voices of Recovery, a panel discussion featuring residents and graduates of Talitha Koum Society.



THE ROAD FORWARD

A film by Marie Clements

2017 • 101 min

*A powerful musical documentary tracing the history of
First Nations activism and the ongoing struggle for Indigenous rights.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 7:30 PM



COMO LAKE UNITED CHURCH

535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam

FREE ADMISSION • EVERYONE WELCOME

Free parking available

PRESENTED BY



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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 as times subject to change.



Good Shepherd
Website

