

Fifth Sunday in the Season of Creation

October 4, 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 Song ACS # 1065 - Can You Feel the Seasons Turning



1 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing, winds and waves grown
 2 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing— lynx and ot - ter,
 3 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Storm clouds gath - er



wild and strange? Can you feel cre - a - tion groan - ing,
 wolf and whale? Can you hear the Spir - it sigh - ing
 in the skies. All a - round us signs of warn - ing



fear - ful of the com - ing change: ice - caps melt - ing,
 as her chil - dren grieve and fail? Na - ture's poor, the
 bid us o - pen fright - ened eyes. Called by God to



o - ceans ris - ing, homes and hab - i - ta - tions lost?
 first to suf - fer, pay the price of hu - man greed.
 serve as stew - ards till earth's gar - den greens and thrives,



Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Can you count the bit - ter cost?
 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing, beg - ging us to stop and heed?
 can we learn in time to lis - ten? Can we turn and change our lives?

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

(Leader) O God o - pen my lips (All) And my
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: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15



L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

C: Refrain

L: You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.

C: Refrain

L: Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation**ELW # 172 - Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

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.

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P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

Gospel Text: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day W&P # 95 - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

loved as to love with all my soul. *D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*

Coda
ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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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 right, and a good thing to thank you, God...

The pastor continues, concluding...

We join in your unending song of praise:

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-
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san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

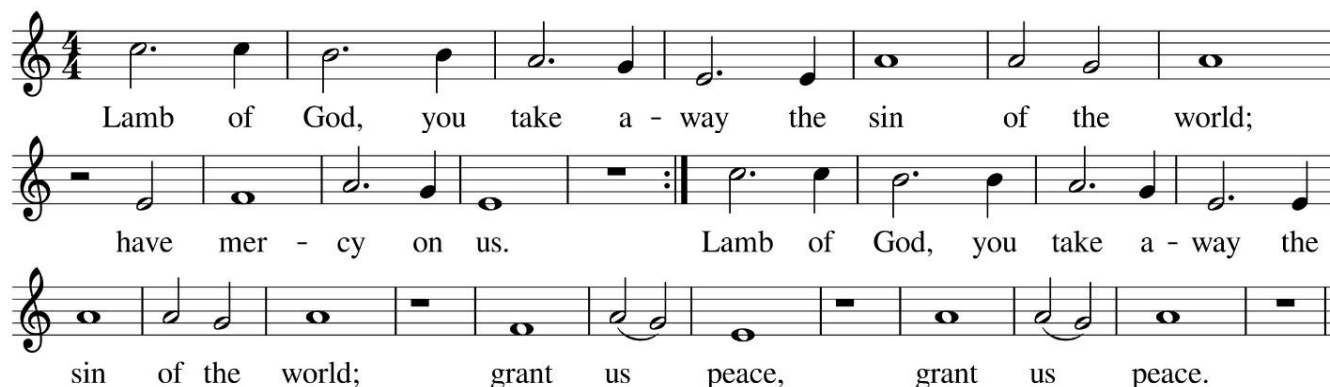
The Lord's Prayer

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

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



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 two 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 # 849 - Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

ELW # 790 - Day by Day

ELW # 467 - We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

ACS # 993 - God Is Here Today (chant)

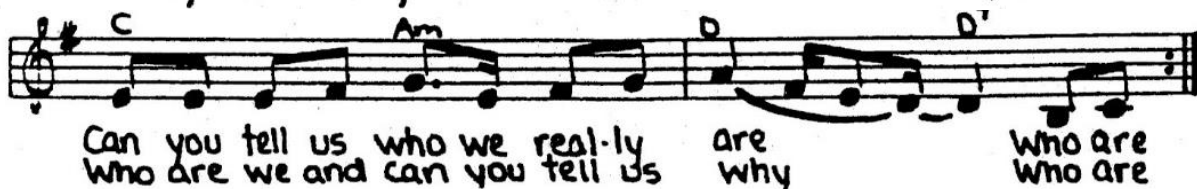
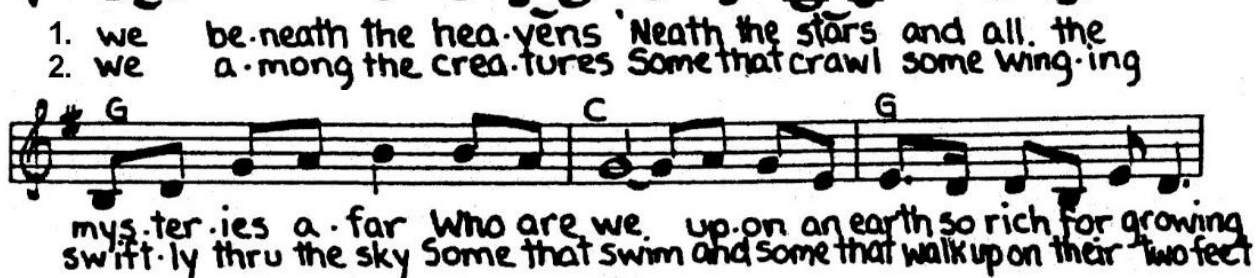
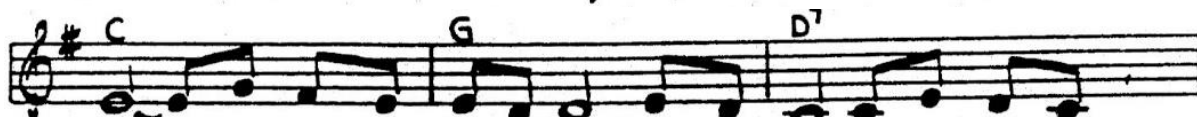
Prayer after Communion

Who Are We

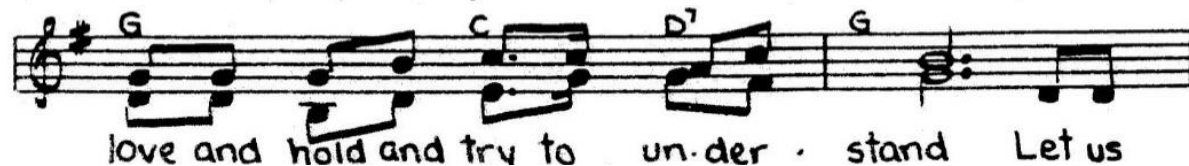
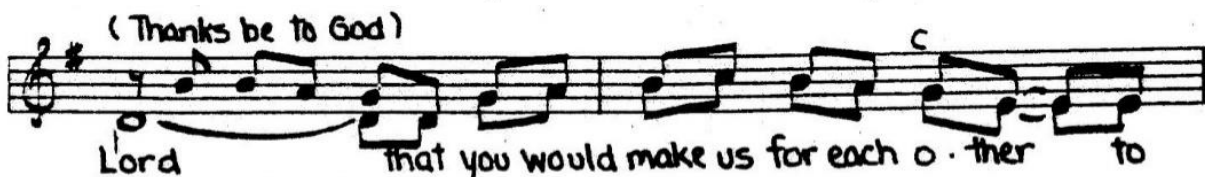
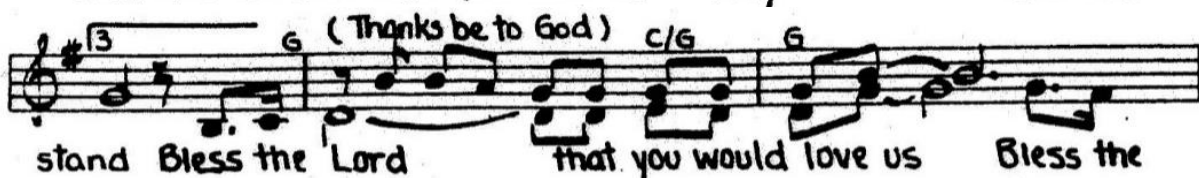
Refrain:

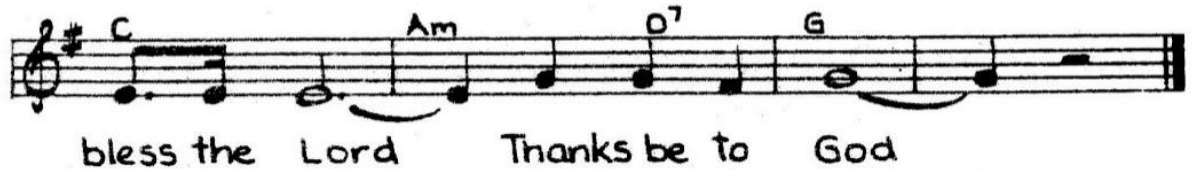


Verse 1 & 2:



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: May 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 -- ACS # 1064 Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom

Dismissal

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

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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 thanksgiving for the season of creation, which concludes today and for the witness for St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron saint of animals. Also for the gift of all animals wild and tamed that enrich our lives in many ways.

Thank You!: We extend a sincere **Thank You** to Cara Wills, who has agreed to help out in the office while Sherry is on holidays. We appreciate your willingness to help out and support our Pastor and our ministries.

Prayer Walk around Como Lake: Weather permitting as the concluding event of our season of creation celebrations, we will gather after church today and head over to Como Lake. This will be for a meditative prayer walk in celebration of God's gift of water. Further details will be provided.

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.
- 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>

Sisters in Spirit Vigil: Today is the National Day of Action, a day to honour and remember Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+), and to stand with their families and communities. Consider taking time for prayer and reflection, learning more about MMIWG2S+, attending a local vigil, or finding ways to support Indigenous-led initiatives.

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](#).

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thank you for your generous contributions for the seriously cereal food drive. You are also invited to contribute other items to our thanksgiving food drive. Please consult the sign above the bins in the Narthex for preferred items. We will bless our bounty on Thanksgiving Sunday.

Langley Christmas Choir: All are invited to join the Langley Christmas Choir, a community choir directed by Gail Suderman, who is the Music Director at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Langley. For more information and to register click [here](#).

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](#).

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:

- **Conversation Across the Church Recording:** Recording of the recent Conversation Across the Church Event is now [available!](#)
- **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](#).
- **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

- **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](#).

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

This Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Fifth Sunday in the Season of Creation worship service with Holy Communion
and Sunday School at 10:30 am. ([View live-stream here](#)), followed by...
prayer walk around Como Lake

Wednesday *Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 over Zoom

Thursday Book Club at 7:15 pm at Lily and Mogens home

Next Sunday Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am
Thanksgiving Sunday: worship service with Holy Communion. ([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>September 27th</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 2388.00
General	\$ 2088.00
<u>Designated Gifts:</u>	
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief	\$ 220.00
- Wood Working	\$ 70.00
- Offering Envelopes	\$ 10.00



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!



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THE ROAD FORWARD

A film by Marie Clements

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 7:30 PM



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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.



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