Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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

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 – ACS # 949 – Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

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



Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Refrain:



L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.
C: Refrain

L: Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, 'God is great!'
C: Refrain

L: But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

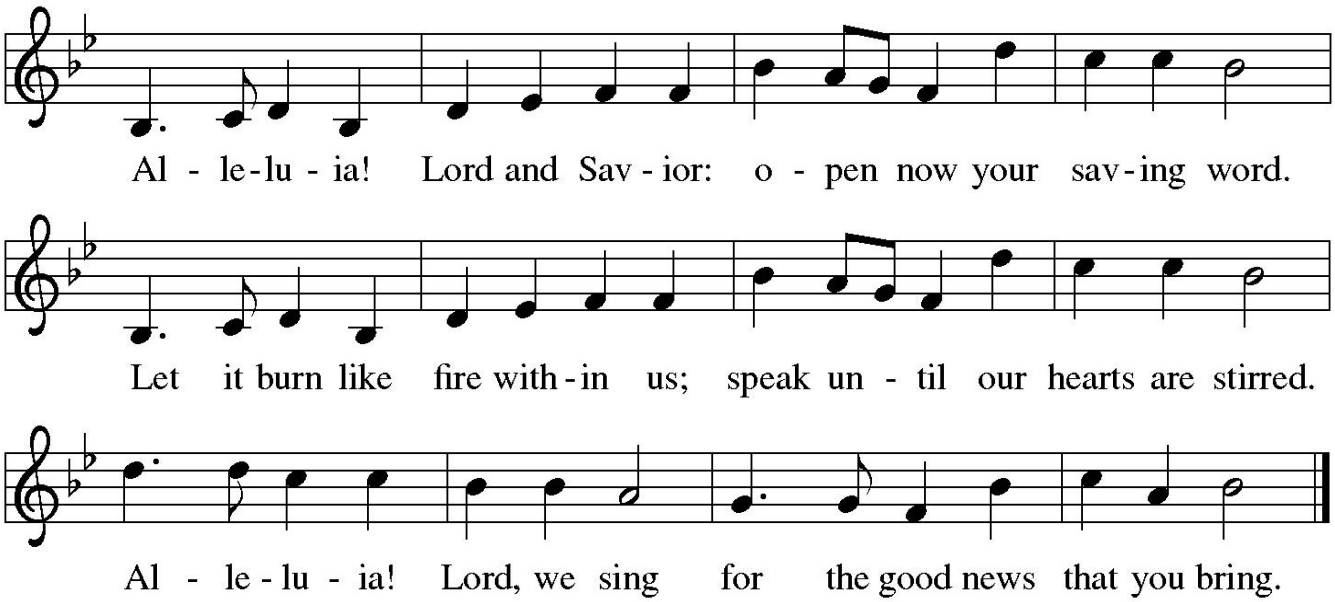
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these word.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse



P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said] 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of

your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS # 951 – Deep River

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.

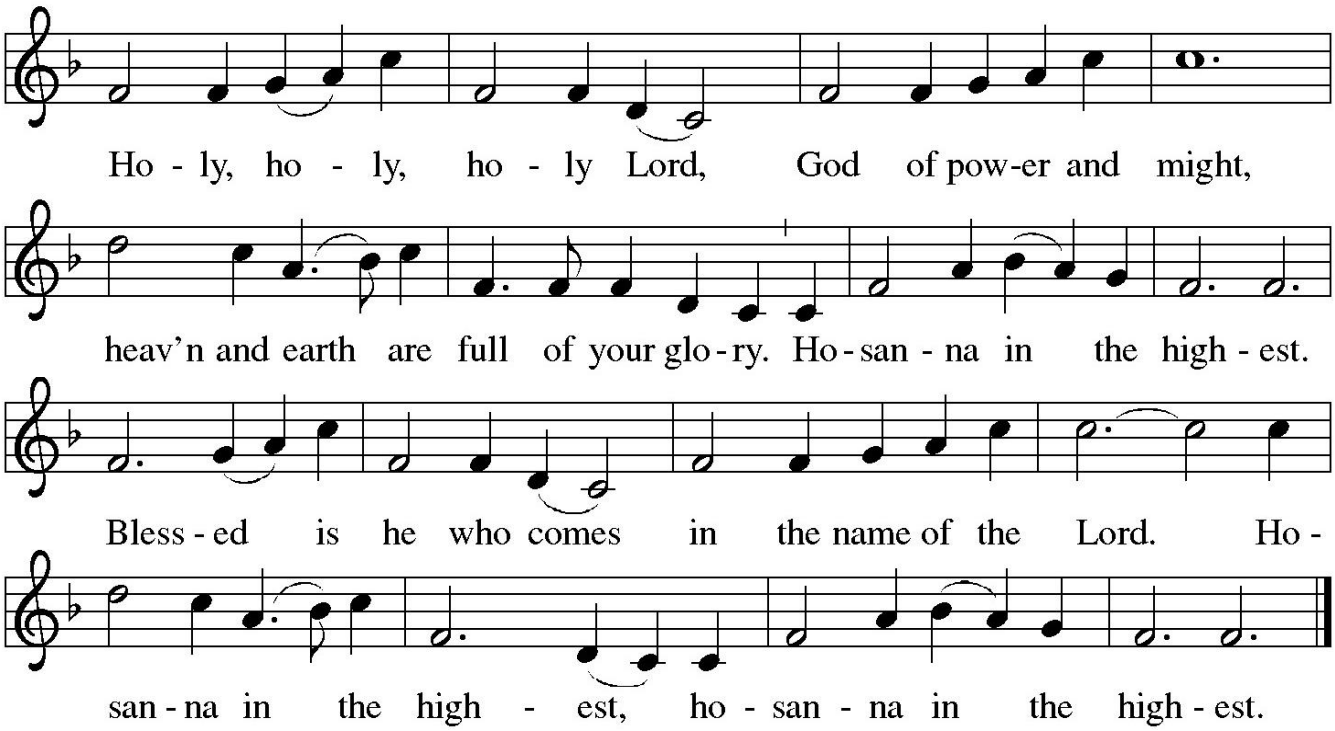
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

The pastor continues, concluding…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy



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



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 # 488 - Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

ELW # 695 - As Saints of Old

ELW # 518 - We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ACS # 1041 - God Is Love (Chant)

Communion Blessing and Prayer After Communion

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 Song – ELW # 638 – Blessed Assurance

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 8, 2026

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Flowers are placed on the altar by Bob and Linda Berry in celebration of Bob and Liana's birthdays.
Happy Birthday Bob and Liana! Birthday Blessings to you both!

This Tuesday: Presentation by Hope for Freedom Organization: On **Tuesday, November 10th at 1 pm** *Hope for Freedom* will make a short presentation on the work that they do with the homeless, followed by a Q&A and refreshment period hosted by the Good Shepherd Women's Group. The *Hope for Freedom Organization* is a non-profit organization serving the Tri-Cities homeless community through outreach services, advocacy and addition recovery. Any congregant who has an interest in hearing this presentation is welcome to attend and stay for some refreshment. The Good Shepherd Women's Group will then hold their Annual General Meeting.

Healing Service Next Sunday: Next **Sunday, November 15th** we will be offering a Healing Service using a new non-communion liturgy. All are welcome to come forward to receive a healing prayer at the front, with an opportunity for more personal prayer after with Pastor Eric in the Fireside Room.

Advent Banquet Planning: We are considering the idea of returning to holding a congregational potluck *Advent Banquet* on **Sunday, December 6th** as we enter the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Please sign up if you are able to help out. A decision will be made this week if we can get a sufficient number of people willing to help out with the set-up and clean-up of an Advent Banquet event. If not, will pivot to our Christmas Sing-Along (which we've held over the past couple of years) which requires less helpers.

BC Synod AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2026 will be held on **Dec 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. More information can be found here or in the poster that follows.

Troupe de Poetry's WINTER SHOW: On **Thursday, November 26th**, the Troupe de Poetry will once again be performing at the church at a free show with fresh, new poetry readings from 6 pm to 7 pm. Their show will feature guest poets, a free raffle draw and more! All are invited to come and enjoy the fun and listen to some great, new poetry – and bring a friend, too!

CLWR Colouring Contest: In conjunction with their *Gifts from the Heart* campaign this year, CLWR is again sponsoring a colouring contest. Prizes are available in a variety of age categories. **Deadline for submission is December 13**. Read the details and download the colouring page here.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

- **Craft Fair at King of Life, Coquitlam**: Craft fair at *King of Life* on **Saturday, November 28th:**10 am - 3 pm.
- **Langley Christmas Choir**: For more information, click here.
- **Advent & Lent Book Study**: Deacon Brigitte McKenzie will be hosting an Advent and Lenten Book study online based on the book ***"A Beautiful Year"*** by Diana Butler Bass. Click here to view a short video by Diana Butler Bass introducing the book. and see poster that follows for more details.
- **Christmas Carols at the Border**: Join our Northwest Washington Synod siblings and BC Synod friends for **Christmas Carols at the Border** on the afternoon of **Sunday, December 6,** 2026, at the Peace Arch Border Crossing in Surrey, BC / Blaine, WA. Come lift your voices in song as we celebrate friendship, fellowship and hope, and sing together for a more peaceful world!
- **2026 Gifts from the Heart Catalogues**: The new Gifts from the Heart Catalogues have arrived from CLWR and are available for pick-up on the table at the front entrance.

BC Synod Youth Connect: The Synod is hosting a Youth Evening on **Saturday, November 21st from 4 to 8 pm** at **Mount Zion Lutheran Church** in New Westminster. If you know of youth who attended our Youth Camp this summer, or those who didn't, please extend an invitation. See Poster that follows.

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 .

CLAY 2027 "Safe Harbour": The next *Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth* (CLAY) gathering will take place in Nanaimo from **August 19-22, 2027**. Help spread the word. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please see Pastor Eric.

ignYte Return it Express Account: You're invited to support our ignYte Youth Ministry with your recyclables. See the instructions on the bulletin board.



Continuing the work of the Season of Creation: Although our celebration of the Season of Creation has concluded. Our call to care for creation continues. Please keep our friends of creation challenge in mind and continue to contribute by donating here.

Exploring Everyday Relationships: Living Systems Counselling Office is offering three online lunchtime presentations from 12 to 12:50 pm for everyone. Click here for more 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

***'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.

ITEMS FROM THE ELCIC NATIONAL OFFICE:

- **Forty Years…forty stories**: In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ELCIC, a new webpage has been created to share stories of our church over the last 40 years. Please click here to read. If you have a story to add, email info@elcic.ca.
- **Messages and Statements from the National Bishop**: Stay informed and connected by clicking here.
- **Resources from the National Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA)**: Click here for resources.

GREATER CHURCH NEWS

- **New Resource on becoming an Intercultural Church: click here.**to download a new resource on Interculteral Ministry by United Church of Canada Minister Hyk Cho.
- **Seeding An Economy of Life: A Guide for Dialogue on Just Transitions**: KAIROS Canada has released a new study guide to help facilitate conversations about the future beyond Fossil Fuel dependence. You can access the document (Seeding an Economy of Life" by clicking here.

- **Kairos Workshop:** Kairos is hosting a workshop entitled **"Renewing Our Welcome for Migrant Workers" on November 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** For more information and to register for this event, please click here.
- **Kairos Online Worship Service:** Kairos Canada invites you to join the KAIROS Steering Committee and staff for an online worship service to celebrate 25 years of faithful work for justice and peace **on November 4 at 4:00 pm**. Please register for this event when you click here.
- **16 Days of Activism Webinar**: Moose Hide Campaign invites you to join their webinar on the first day of the **16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence on November 25 at 9 am.** For more information and to register for this event, please click here.
- **Panel Discussion: Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?" For more information, and to register, please 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 ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 am (view it here)

Tuesday ..... *Woodworking & Crafters Group* at 10 am
Hope for Freedom Presentation at 1 pm, followed by refreshments, and GS Women's Group's AGM following.
Confirmation at 7:30 pm

Wednesday ..... *Prayer Gathering* at 1:30 pm over Zoom

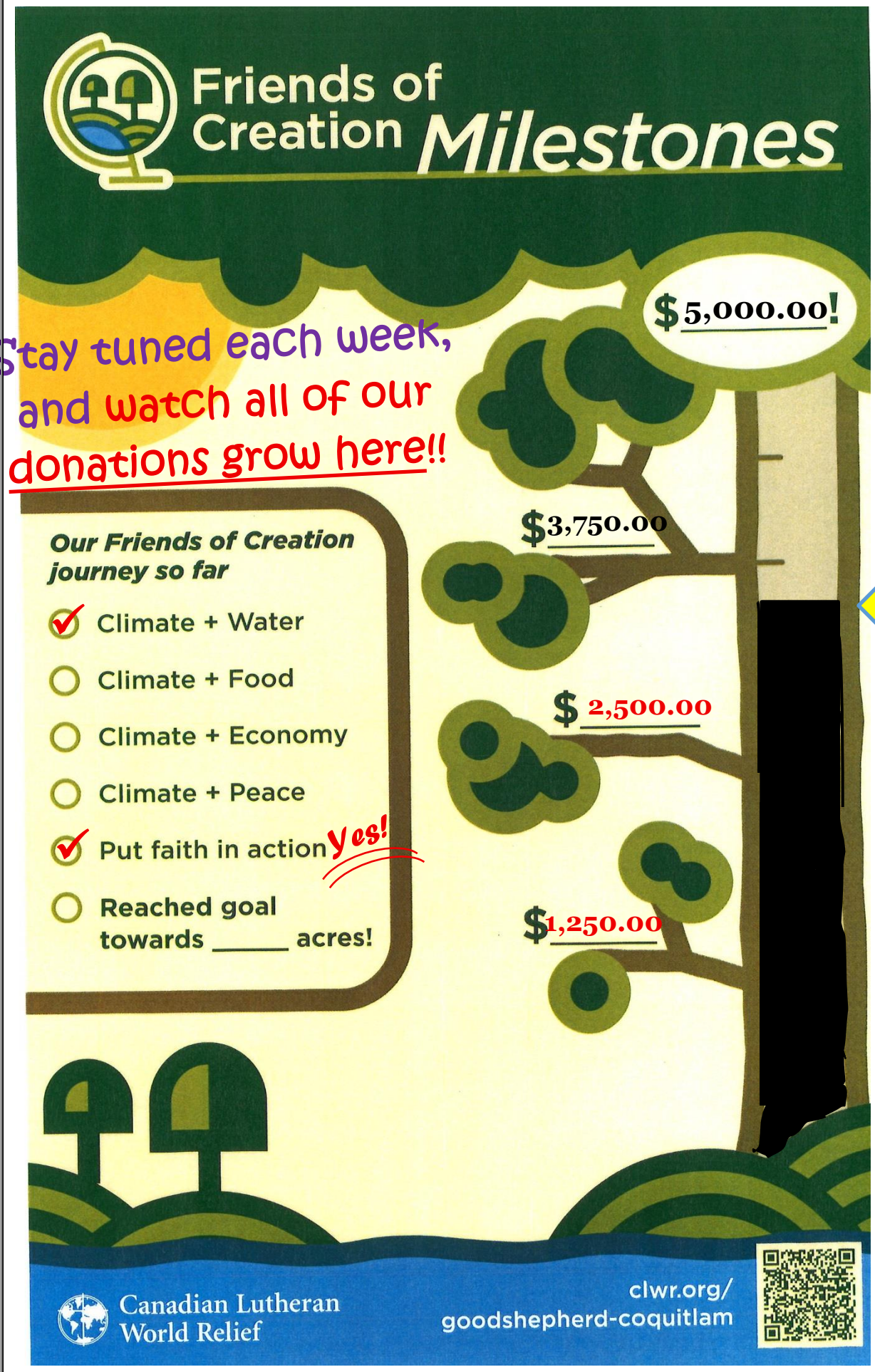
Next Sunday ..... Bible Study at 9:30 am
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time worship & *Healing Service* and Sunday School at 10:30 am (view it here)

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. 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 is away still for a few weeks.
Therefore, Weekly financial reporting
will be provided upon his return.
Thank you for your patience.




Friends of Creation Milestones
$5,000.00!
Stay tuned each week, and watch all of our donations grow here!!
$3,750.00
On November 5 at $3,150!
Our Friends of Creation journey so far
Climate + Water
Climate + Food
Climate + Economy
Climate + Peace
Put faith in action
Yes!
Reached goal towards _____ acres!
$ 2,500.00
$1,250.00
Canadian Lutheran World Relief
clwr.org/goodshepherd-coquitlam



NOVEMBER 28TH
10AM TO 3PM

Come Celebrate the Season & Find Some Special Handmade Gifts!

Have Something to Sell?

TABLE RENTAL IS $25

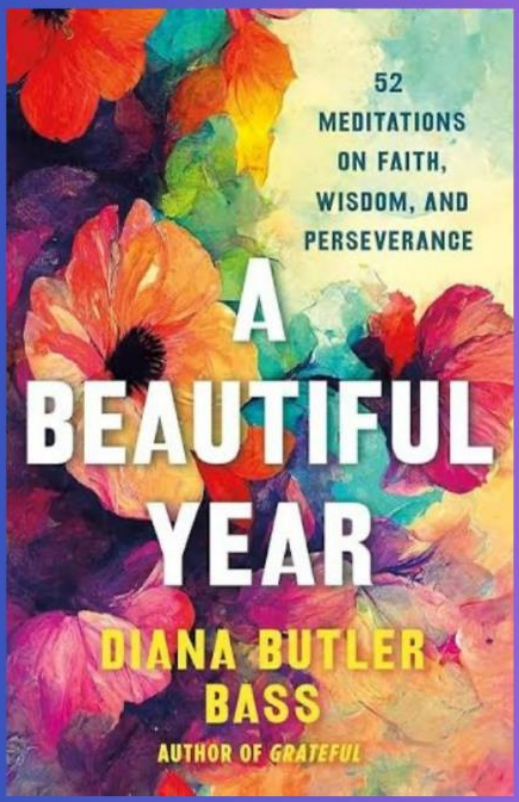
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Tuesdays: 7-8 PM PT - ZOOM

Advent: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15

Lent: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Join one or both studies

Led by Deacon Brigitte McKenzie

Grace Lutheran & Lutheran Church of the Cross

Register:

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Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church together with Lynn Valley United Church is hosting a Panel Discussion on **November 14 at 3:00pm** - "Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?"

For more information, and to register, please click here.

Lynn Valley UNITED CHURCH

Gloria Dei LUTHERAN CHURCH

Why Should Christians Care about Palestine and Israel?

November 14, 3:00pm



Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan **Shadia Qubti** **Ron Dart**

Join Lynn Valley United Church and Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for a truly eye-opening panel exploring the complex intersection of faith, politics, history, justice, and peace. Hosted at Lynn Valley United Church, this event will prompt attendees to ask, in a time of deep polarization, how can Christians move beyond slogans and engage in the realities of Palestine and Israel with humility, compassion, and courage?

Learn more and register now:

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British Columbia Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Official Notice of the BC Synod AGM

TO: All members of BC Synod Council, all Rostered Ministers, all Congregations

FROM: The Secretary of the BC Synod

DATE: October 31, 2026

SUBJECT: **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026**

As required by the Bylaws (please refer below to the quoted text), the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2026. It will be held **on December 01, 2026, at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. **All congregations are asked to post this notice in a prominent place where each congregation and its members regularly meet.**

Dial by your location
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Zoom Meeting ID: 872 3537 1203
Passcode: 373320

Agenda (first draft)
- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2025 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2026.

On behalf of the BC Synod Council,

Karen Lee
Secretary

Excerpt from the Constitution and Bylaws of the British Columbia Synod Bylaw 10 Section 3 " ... For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the B.C. Societies Act, one meeting of the Synod Council annually shall include the annual general meeting of this Synod which meeting shall be held within six months of the end of the fiscal year. For purposes of this annual general meeting a voting member shall be any person who holds membership in a congregation of the Synod and a quorum shall be seven persons. Furthermore, thirty days written notice of this annual general meeting shall be given to every member of the Synod Council and to each congregation of this Synod. In addition members of this Synod will be informed of such meeting by posting notice where each congregation and its members regularly meet."

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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