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***"Together in Christ
we seek to love God and
to love and serve all others"***

**Easter 4 & Good Shepherd Sunday
May 8, 2022**



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Virtual Bible Study & Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

*We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples.
We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth, and reconciliation.*

*Reverend Colleen Lissamer preaches,
& presides with Reverend Ingrid Andersen.*

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

*Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong
Scripture readings led by Brent Cotton
Psalm & Prayers led by Mike Armstrong
Gospel led by Rev. Colleen Lissamer
Sidespeople are Pat Graham & Tony Quinton
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations.

As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Opening Hymn: MV #126 “Are You a Shepherd”

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Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us
safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain:

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,
but you are greater than all that we know.
Holy and living, loving and giving,
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,
challenging students to offer their best? ***Refrain***

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,
lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.
We want to love you and bring you delight. ***Refrain***

Sentence of the Day: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

Collect of the Day O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: MV #121 “Hey Now! Singing Halleluja!
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Refrain: Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Jesus loved people and he made them friends. Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He called to the children and the women and men. Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well. Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He taught about God with the stories he'd tell. Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

Jesus loves people and he lives again! Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends. Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.* She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' 39So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 23 (Sung) CP #519 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ 11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 14I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able for the Gospel Hymn)

Gospel Hymn: CP #520 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(Alt Tune: St. Columba)

(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,* tell us plainly.’ 25Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; 26but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.* 30The Father and I are one.’

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated after the reading)

Sermon: Rev. Colleen Lissamer

(Please stand if you are able)

The Creed: *(Adapted from Shore to Shore)*

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light to this world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God's gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People: *(Please be seated for the prayers)*

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Holy and gracious One, **forgive our sins. The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided. Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love. Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others. Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(From New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The Peace: *(Please stand if you are able for The Peace)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP #414 “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer over the Gifts: God of loving care, **you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2: BAS Pg. 196

Lord’s Prayer: *(sung)*

The Breaking of the Bread: BAS Pg. 212 (#2)

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: “The Lord Will Be My Shepherd” *Sung by Mary Wills*

(Please stand if you are able for the Prayer after Communion)

Prayer after Communion: God of steadfast love, **watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Blessing: *(Please stand if you are able)*

Commissioning Hymn: CP #378 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Commissioning:

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda.

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Ingrid our Priest & Colleen our Deacon.*

*Pray for S. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville, & Territory of the People
Anglican Church*

In the Selkirk Region for military chaplaincies.



FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Barb, Bill, Travis,
Bob & Donna, Greg, Donnie, Barbra, Sarah, Charlotte, & Bernie.*

The patients & staff all Victoria care residences.

We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strawberry Tea & Craft Sale

Church of the Advent is bringing back the much-anticipated annual Strawberry Tea & Craft Sale!

The Strawberry Tea will take place on June 11th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Come and join us for tea or coffee served with delicious fresh strawberries and cake. Browse among the eclectic assortment of craft vendors. Then purchase some yummy baked goods at our bake table. It's going to be an amazing and fun day that you won't want to miss!

Calling all bakers! We are happily accepting donations of baked goods and jams to sell at our bake table.

Stay tuned for more details provided in the coming weeks.

Ladies Guild Community Lunch

The monthly community lunches are back again! The first one will be held on Wednesday, May 18th. Food will be served between 12 and 12:30 pm in the Main Hall.

Tickets are \$10 each and include a delicious meal of soup and sandwiches, followed with dessert and coffee/tea.

After May's luncheon, the Ladies Guild will break for the summer. The monthly lunches will resume in September when the Guild reconvenes.

Church of the Advent listens: Narthex

Our tables were packed with many people eager to share their thoughts last Sunday. Together, we discovered what we appreciate about our Narthex, what function it should serve, and our dreams for the way in which it can serve us even better. It was an inspiring and motivating discussion. Thank you to all of you who attended, and to those who submitted their thoughts via email. Everyone's voice was heard. No decisions were made at this meeting. Colleen took down each and every thought on the flip chart and a report will be compiled for the next Parish Council meeting. An impartial multi-generational working group will be established by Parish Council to develop a long-term plan to be implemented in phases, guided by your input.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 10 – What-Sew-Ever @ 10 am in the Hall

May 11 - Last Ladies Guild Meeting @ 1:30 pm in the Hall; Choir @ 10 am

May 14 - Parish Council Retreat from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Chapel

May 16 – 18 – Rev. Ingrid & Rev. Colleen are away

May 18 - LADIES GUILD LUNCH @ 12 pm; no Mid-Week Bible Study

May 24 – Parish Council Meeting @ 7 pm

June 5 – Rev. Colleen's ordination ceremony in the church @ 4 pm

Jun 11 - STRAWBERRY TEA

WORD SEARCH ACTIVITY

The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV).



John 10:1-10

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U J Q I M D Z H N A D R S A L
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LEADS	ROBBER	PEN	WATCHMAN	TRUTH
FOLLOW	DESTROY	THIEF	STRANGER	GATE
VOICE	STEAL	SHEPHERD	NAME	SHEEP