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Dear People of Lytton and Lytton First Nation,

The wider church continues to pray for you, the people of Lytton and Lytton First Nation, as you struggle to connect with each other through this week of initial shock and trauma. We pray you are soon able to gather so you can better support each other. I pray that God will gather you, you who have experienced this anguish of loss, together.

In the Epistle for this coming Sunday, Paul speaks of God's plan "for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth." (Ephesians 1:3-14)

I have been pondering this image of God as the One who will gather all things in Christ. God collects the scattered. In the prophet Ezekiel, God laments over the scattered sheep and vows to gather, protect and feed them. (see next page) I hope you can find in this strong passage of promise God's word of comfort and hope for you for this time.

As you figure out what you need over the coming days, weeks, and months, we (the Territory of the People and the wider Church) will do everything we can to support you. On Sunday, August 1, in Shulus, I will visit and worship with you, break bread with you, and listen to how things are with you.

May God, the Good Shepherd, bless you and give you strength, courage, and peace for this time.

Yours in Christ,

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Ezekiel 34:

“The word of the Lord came to me:

....⁶My sheep were scattered, they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

11 ... thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.... I will feed them with justice.

³⁰They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they are my people, says the Lord God. ³¹You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.