

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 12. For further information, please contact Dawna M. As well, those interested helping teach full or part-time in the wonderfully innovative education ministry focused on our children, please contact Dawna as soon as possible.



Congratulations to the people of St. Thomas Anglican who welcomed their new priest, the Rev. Patrick Blaney. Patrick will be the priest-in-charge (for Lutherans, that means "interim") for the next two years while the parish determines its ministry future.

Please add your name to the worship leaders sign up sheet for September and October posted on the narthex bulletin board.



Also, please take a turn as a **Fellowship Host**. The roster for July 4 - Oct. 31, 2010 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Choose the date that would be best for you. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Hospitality Committee (Julie B., Karen K., or Ingrid B.).



You are cordially invited to the Installation of Rev. Courtenay Reedman

Sunday August 29, 2010
3:00 p.m.

Benediction Lutheran Church
5575-6th Avenue, Delta, BC
Phone: (604) 943-3432

Refreshments to follow



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Holy Communion, Setting Seven

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Andante (Viola Concerto)
Rhosymedre

Georg Philip Telemann
Ralph Vaughan Williams

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

#796 "How Firm a Foundation"

GREETING/KYRIE

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"GLORIA"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

- ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

Announcements

After his lengthy medical leave, Pr. Hergy is back to work. If there are pastoral needs or issues which have awaited his return, please let him know that. Then be assured that he will do his best to help in any way he can as soon as he can.



Our prayers are with Irina L. whose mother and step father are quite ill. Because Irina cannot go back to Russia to see them, her concern is even greater. Please remember her and her whole family before God.

As well, Janet F. has suffered the loss of several close relatives—and has others in rather desperate straits. She, too, desires and needs the prayers and support of her "family" here at First Lutheran.

First Lutheran is in the process of hiring a new church Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Candidates must not be members of First Lutheran. If you know of any friends or acquaintances who might be interested in the position, have them call the church office during the weekdays mornings or go to our website for more information.



Congratulations to our mailcarrier, Gina A., on her recent marriage to her longtime partner, Suzanne J. May their life together be long, give praise to God and enrich the lives of others.

Our thanks to all who made our visitors from Norway so welcome last Sunday. They were very impressed with the warmth and genuineness of our hospitality and were especially grateful for the spirit and commitment to including all people, particularly gay and lesbian members and friends.

Our confirmation ministry will start again later in September. All those 12 years or older who have not taken the 2-year programme of study are asked to speak with Pastor Hergy.

⁵For you are my hope, ¹O Lord GOD,
my confidence since ¹I was young.
⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have ¹been my strength;
my praise shall be al-¹ways of you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18–29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing verse before and after reading*)

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Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10–17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on

the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Response to the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY **#612 "Healer of Our Every Ill"**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Continue to guide your church, so that it may be a light that rises in the darkness of this world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cause abundant water to spring up in parched places, so that they may be like lush gardens. Bless those who work in water treatment plants and all who work to provide safe and clean water for all to use. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Repair the breaches among peoples, rebuild nations, and bring justice, for all who are oppressed, and hope and help to all in need, especially those suffering from fires or floods in Pakistan, Russia, China, Portugal, Brazil and BC. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Satisfy the needs of the afflicted, and heal those who have diseases or are sick (*especially*), that their spirits may be renewed like an eagle's. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire this assembly to find delight in honouring your interests and pursuing your affairs in our daily lives, that we may be instruments of healing in the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for all the saints who now reside in the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (*especially*). Keep us unshaken in our faith until we too join them in that place of eternal refreshment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**