



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 7, 2010



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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

#779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"  
(v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - unaccompanied)

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Caprice*

Louis-Nicholas Clerambault

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# Announcements

## This Week

### Monday

Council, 7:00 pm  
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

### Tuesday

Choral Gala, 7:30 pm  
St. Andrew's Wesley Church

### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am  
Worship, 10:30 am



## Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 2010  
7:00 pm

St. Thomas Anglican Church

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## Lenten Book Study



Beginning **February 24th** and running for the next five Wednesdays, First Lutheran and St. Thomas Anglican will join in a Lenten book study. The text to be used is *Simply Christian* by the English Anglican bishop, **N.T. Wright**.

The book (\$20) will be available as soon as possible after they come off the presses on February 9.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" <sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." <sup>11</sup>Then I said, "How long, O LORD?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

**PSALM 138** (Sing responsively: Cantor first; then assembly)

*I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)*

Refrain:



I will bow down toward your ho - ly tem - ple.

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup>my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup>sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast <sup>1</sup>love and faithfulness;**  
**for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things. R**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>1</sup>answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup>strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,**  
**when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup>of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar. **R**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur- <sup>1</sup> pose for me;  
**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands. R**

*Tone:*



## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “*Send the Light*”

Don Besig & Nancy Price

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

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## MEAL

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### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**”

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

...let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 is the kingdom, the power,**

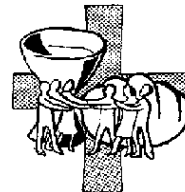
**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**FRACTION** The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“**LAMB OF GOD**”

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*It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**#491 “Come, Let Us Eat”** (Cantor sings 1st & 3rd lines;

congregation sings 2nd and 4th lines)

*It is Well with My Soul*

Alice Jordan

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*All rise*)

**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.**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us. *A brief silence.*

Lord, you made the church to be a net gathering people together. Now teach us the skills to proclaim your gospel with clarity and fervour. Make good your purpose in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You filled this world with good things and with an abundance of riches for us to share.

Now give us generous hearts and caring hands. Make good your purpose in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You raise up leaders throughout the world to care for all people. Now fill their hearts with a spirit of justice and the courage to advocate for what benefits all. Make good your purpose in us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called us all to work in your kingdom. Now send us where our gifts will serve those in need, and do not let our work be in vain. Make good your purpose in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You built a congregation for us by assembling your children here. Now help us adorn it with love, compassion, wisdom, understanding, invitation, and welcome. Make good your purpose in us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You sent us your Son to save us from death and hell. Now save us from all fear and give us confidence in the good news of the resurrection. Make good your purpose in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

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#### **GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11**

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.*

*Response after announcement:* **Glory to you, O God**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

*Response to conclusion:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **HOMILY**

#### **CHOIR & SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

*"A Miracle on the Sea"*

Lynn Bailey & Becki Mayo

#### **APOSTLES' 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.**