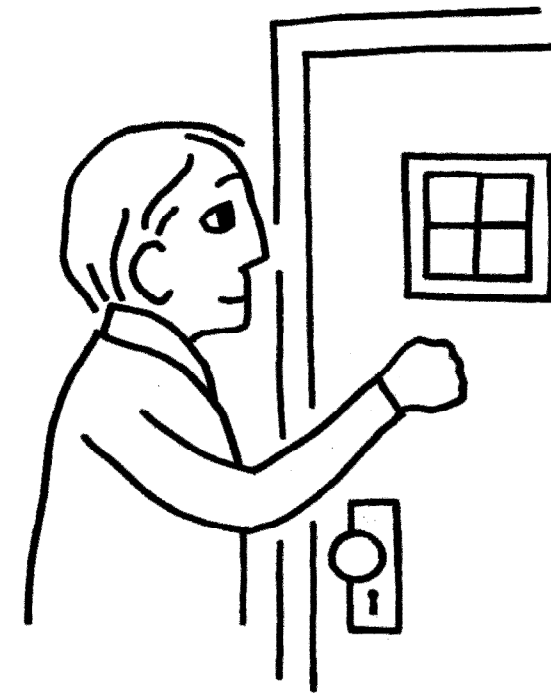




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"Now the Feast and Celebration"*

*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**

*Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

**James, Apostle**

*James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Epilogue*

*Norman Gilbert*

*Prelude on 'Abridge'*

*Eric Thiman*

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*# 842 "Oh, Worship the King"*

**GREETING**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**



Please sign up on the worship leaders sign up sheet for September and October posted in the narthex bulletin

board.

Please consider signing up to be 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.).

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**Babysitting in a Day** is an interactive and fun course that teaches youth aged 11 to 15 years the business of babysitting. Learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to get along and care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children, and how to handle emergencies and provide first aid. Cost: \$55 (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Manual & Babysitter's participation card). Courses: **Wed. July 7; Tues. July 13; Wed. July 21; Thurs. July 29; Thurs. August 5; Tues. August 10; & Wed. August 18**, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm @ *St. Andrew's United Church*, 1044 St. Georges & 11<sup>th</sup> in North Vancouver. Info/registration: Please contact Sean Brennan at 604-985-0408 or email [office@st-andrews-united.ca](mailto:office@st-andrews-united.ca)

# Announcements

Pastor Peter will be on retreat next Sunday, August 1st. We are pleased to announce that Pr. Hergy will lead the worship service. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this “trial run” return from his sick leave.

## Ready, set, sing!



We had so much fun with our last “Pick your own hymn” Sunday, that we’re doing it again—next Sunday, August 1st.

## THE CUP-BOARDS ARE ALMOST BARE



Please help us restock our food pantry with non-perishable food items so that we might continue to help those in need.

On Wednesday August 11th Surrey Urban Mission, 13388 104 Ave., Surrey, welcomes Pr. Fran Schmidt to Surrey. Pr. Fran is a missionary in Peru and will be sharing her experiences and stories with us. On Tuesday August 10th, Pr. Fran will come to day camp and teach songs, crafts, stories and make some Peruvian food with the children!

Please join us on Wednesday from 7 pm until 8:30 pm to meet her and to hear about 'faith in action.' Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please contact the Mission at 604 581-5172.

## FUNDRAISING

The BC Synod in convention has authorized a special fundraising appeal to address the current financial shortcoming of the synod.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Synod’s “Season of Pentecost Synod Fund” using the BC Synod envelopes in the narthex.

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Hosea 1:2–10

*Hosea's marriage to a faithless wife symbolizes Israel's faithlessness towards God. Even the names of Hosea's children—Jezreel (where Israel's idolatrous kings were killed), Lo-ruhamah ("not pitied"), and Lo-ammi ("not my people")—announce the nation's coming doom, countered by the proclamation that Israel remains a child of the living God.*

<sup>2</sup>When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." <sup>3</sup>So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

<sup>6</sup>She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. <sup>7</sup>But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

<sup>8</sup>When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

<sup>10</sup>Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

### SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6–15 [16–19]

*Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our

trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 7 (sing twice) (Red Folders)

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

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1–13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**FRACTION** (as the bread is broken)  
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



*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.*

**HYMN** # 471 **"Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
*Soul Adorn Yourself* Paul Manz

### **BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS**

**"THANKS BE TO YOU"** p. 14 (Red Folders)

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

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** # 543 **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude in G* G.F. Handel

Hear the persistent cries of those in great need: those facing crisis, those who despair, those with serious illness, and those who face death, *especially* ... Respond to them with your unfailing mercy and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the ministries of local communities that serve people facing financial difficulty. Show your favour to organizations that provide food, clothing, shelter, and assistance for other basic necessities to those in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Giving thanks for all the saints and martyrs (*especially the apostle James and ...*), strengthen us through their example to be faithful disciples. Give us wisdom in discernment and strength in time of trial. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY	<i>Air</i>	<i>Antonio Lotti</i>
“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” ( <i>All Rise</i> )	p. 9	(Red Folders)
OFFERTORY PRAYER	p. 9	(Red Folders)

### MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10 (Red Folders)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Acclamations 2 & 3*)

“LAMB OF GOD”

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer over the gifts)

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.**

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 485 “*I Am The Bread Of Life*”

**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.**

**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**

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

Faithful God, keep your church rooted in Christ. Through your word and sacraments make us instruments of your Spirit to call others to life in Christ. This morning we especially pray for the leadership of your Church, for Bishop Greg, our retiring Bishop Gerhard, our National Bishop Susan, Arch-Bishop Fred Hiltz of the Anglican Church of Canada, Bishop Michael Ingham of the New Westminster Diocese and Pastors Hergy and Peter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show your undying care to the smallest ones in your creation: to the young of every species who cannot survive on their own, and to seedlings that struggle to become fruit-yielding plants. Nourish them with all they need to thrive. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide the leaders of nations by your Spirit of wisdom. Help them avoid the influence of those who seek only their own glory. Empower all leaders to place first the needs of those who have little or nothing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**