



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Setting Eight*

*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**

*God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**      *Theme and Variations*      Johann Pachelbel  
   *Prelude and Fugue in B*      J. S. Bach

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN** (*congregational choice*)

**GREETING**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

**Ordination of the New Bishop**

The ordination of the  
**Rev. Dr. Gregory Mohr** as Bishop of  
British Columbia of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in Canada will be held  
at Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
(2350 148th Street Surrey) on  
**Monday, July 5, at 7:00 pm.**  
**(Refreshments to follow)**

**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.

Please sign up on the worship leaders sign up sheet for July and August 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 Bauming., Karen K., or Ingrid B.)



**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.

**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 Hergy sends his great joy and deep thanks to the congregation for last Sunday's 65th birthday celebration. The abundance of good food, the rich and beautiful cake, the generous gift, and the expressions of care, affection and good wishes were, are and will be appreciated for weeks to come--especially during the time he is recovering from his second (and, it is hoped, last) eye surgery on Tuesday, July 6. Again, thanks to all for everything.

## FLC's Community

### Potluck Dinner

Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

6:30 PM

Any and all are invited.



This morning we give Thanks go God for our Sunday School teachers

Dawna M.  
Donna D.  
Cheryl C.  
Ursula N.

*Thank you*

Thank you for a wonderful year!



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rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her —  
<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.  
<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

**HYMN** (*congregational choice*)

### **SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised — only that

they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

<sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

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

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:1–11, 16–20**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and labourers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>16</sup>Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

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

**“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.*



Henry Purcell

**HYMN** (*congregational choice*)  
*Air (Westminster Suite)*

**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

**RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** (*congregational choice*)

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

**POSTLUDE** *Postludium* Gordon Young

Give grateful hearts to all who enjoy freedom, and lead us to exercise our freedoms with judgment and care. Assist all those who still seek liberty in this world, and bind us together in hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remembering with gratitude those who have died recently, and all who have gone before us in faith, strengthen your people with the promise of life everlasting and the coming of your holy reign. 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 Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *There Is A Redeemer*      Larry Shackley

### OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All Rise)*

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**      p. 190

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** (Prayer over the gifts)

**LORD'S PRAYER**      p. 191

**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 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.**

**HYMN** (*congregational choice*)

## 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.*

Almighty God, send forth missionaries from your church to all corners of the world, carrying with them words of peace. Gather all of your people in mission to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is near. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Fill gardens and fields with nourishing food that you produce for your creatures. Bring forth a bounty from the earth and give us guidance in distributing the harvest to every living creature. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit of gentleness and reconciliation to all nations that are seeking to recover from periods of strife, injustice, or disaster in their histories (*especially*). Anoint them with your healing and build for them a better future. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring the kingdom of heaven near to all people who long to know the warmth and comfort of your love (*especially*). Attend to all living with illness, hurt, or anger, and pour out your compassion upon them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**