

STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

Several copies of the "First Draft of a Proposed ELCIC Social Statement on Human Sexuality" are on the shelf below the narthex bulletin board.

Please feel free to read the draft statement and send your feedback by August 31, 2010. For those who have access to internet, the draft statement and a link to the online feedback form is also available at: www;elcic.ca/human-sexuality.

Iconography, Imperial Concord, Imperial Wives and Ecclesial Harmony in the Pastoral Epistles

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Health Benefits of Turmeric

The medicinal properties of this spice have been slowly revealing themselves over the centuries. Long known for its anti-inflammatory properties, recent research has revealed that turmeric is a natural wonder, proving beneficial in the treatment of many different health conditions from cancer to Alzheimer's disease.

It is a natural antiseptic and antibacterial agent, useful in disinfecting cuts and burns. When combined with cauliflower, it has shown to prevent prostate cancer and stop the growth of existing prostate cancer. Prevented breast cancer from spreading to the lungs in mice. May prevent melanoma and cause existing melanoma cells to commit suicide. Reduces the risk of childhood leukemia. Is a natural liver detoxifier. May prevent and slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease by removing amyloid plaque buildup in the brain. May prevent metastases from occurring in many different forms of cancer. It is a potent natural anti-inflammatory that works as well as many anti-inflammatory drugs but without the side effects. Has shown promise in slowing the progression of multiple sclerosis in mice. Is a natural painkiller and cox-2 inhibitor. May aid in fat metabolism and help in weight management. Has long been used in Chinese medicine as a treatment for depression. Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, it is a natural treatment for arthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Boosts the effects of chemo drug paclitaxel and reduces its side effects.

Promising studies are underway on the effects of turmeric on pancreatic cancer. Studies are ongoing in the positive effects of turmeric on multiple myeloma. Has been shown to stop the growth of new blood vessels in tumors. Speeds up wound healing and assists in remodeling of damaged skin. May help in the treatment of psoriasis and other inflammatory skin conditions. Turmeric can be taken in powder or pill form. It is available in pill form in most health food stores, usually in 250-500mg capsules.

Once you start using turmeric on a regular basis, it's fun to find new ways to use it in recipes. My favourite way to use it is to add a pinch of it to egg salad. It adds a nice flavour and gives the egg salad a rich yellow hue. Contraindications: Turmeric should not be used by people with gallstones or bile obstruction. Though turmeric is often used by pregnant women, it is important to consult with a doctor before doing so as turmeric can be a uterine stimulant.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Holy Communion, 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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *Siciliana* J.S. Bach
 Largo (Xerses) G.F. Handel

EASTER ACCLAMATION Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed!** (*Repeat 3x*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN #392 *“Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus”*

GREETING AND KYRIE (*cantor sings verses, all sing refrain*) p. 184

“THIS IS THE FEAST” p. 187

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16–34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

Announcements

This Week

Monday
Council mtg., 6:15 pm

Thursday
Choir rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Next Sunday
Worship, 10:30 am
Sunday School party, after church

**The Lutheran Campus
Ministry at UBC
is holding a fundraiser!**

On **May 23rd**,
sopranos **Lorraine Reinhardt
and Stephanie Olson**
will give a recital at
West Point Grey United Church
(4595 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver).
Admission by donation.
All proceeds will go towards
Lutheran Campus Ministry, UBC.
Concert begins at **3:00pm.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAP UP

Many thanks to those who assisted with teaching this year and who shared their talents and donated craft supplies and our new cupboard.

Many thanks to everyone (especially Mikhail) for gladly moving around us when we seemed to be in the middle of everywhere. This Easter season the children are learning about the early church and have been enriched by hearing the stories of some of our current members.

Next **Sunday, May 23** (the long weekend) we will have a party after church rather than a lesson before.

Love from the children, Dawna, Donna,
Cheryl, Ursula

BC SYNOD CONVENTION

The BC synod Convention is meeting today at the Church of the Cross in Victoria.

Please include in your prayers our delegates, **Elina S., Fikre T.** and **Pr. Peter Fischer**, as they discern the spirits leading for the BC Synod.

Thanks to **Pr. Sylvia Schmidt** for leading us in our worship this morning.

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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 thine is 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.**

“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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

#848 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”
Children of the Heavenly Father

Don Hustad

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #475 “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour”

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

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* George Philip Telemann

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97

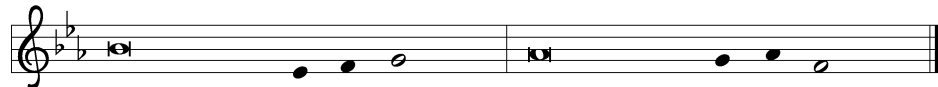
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)

Refrain:



¹The LORD reigns; let the ¹ earth rejoice;
 let the multitude of the ¹ isles be glad.
²**Clouds and darkness sur-¹round the LORD,
 righteousness and justice are the foundations¹ of God's throne.**
³Fire goes be-¹fore the LORD,
 burning up enemies on ¹ every side.
⁴**Lightnings light¹ up the world;
 the earth¹ sees and trembles.**
⁵The mountains ¹ melt like wax
 before the Lord of ¹ all the earth.
⁶**The heavens declare your righteous-¹ness, O LORD,
 and all the peoples¹ see your glory. R**
⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight ¹ in false gods!
 Bow down before the LORD, ¹ all you gods.
⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju-¹dah rejoice,
 because of your judg-¹ments, O LORD.**
⁹For you are the LORD, most high over ¹ all the earth;
 you are exalted far a-¹bove all gods.
¹⁰**You who love the¹ LORD, hate evil!
 God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand¹ of the wicked.**
¹¹Light dawns ¹ for the righteous,
 and joy for the hon-¹est of heart.
¹²**Rejoice in the¹ LORD, you righteous,
 and give thanks to God's¹ holy name. R**

Tone:



SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Let your love be known to all those who have been attacked, beaten, or imprisoned.
 Guide all police, judges, lawyers, and prison guards in the ways of justice.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unfasten the chains of those who are captive to addictions or disease *especially*..
 Watch over all caregivers, and give rest to the dying, especially those who will die today.
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew the downtrodden in this assembly; energize the old among us; and instruct the young.
 Help us make use of our diverse gifts, that we might glorify you in many ways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our beginning and our end, we remember with thanksgiving all the departed saints gathered around the tree of life *especially*..., whose witness sustains us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *The Ash Grove* Christine Schultz

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All Rise*)

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 190

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)
 ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

LORD'S PRAYER p. 182

**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.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection dawn, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

As the BC Synod convention concludes this morning in Victoria, we give you thanks for our synod, its congregations, pastors, leaders and members. This morning we especially give you thanks for our retiring bishop, Bishop Gerhard Preibisch and our newly called bishop_____. Bless their ministry, and our own, as together we seek to be a church in mission for others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One-in-Three, tear down the walls that divide your church and make us one. Fill us with the grace of the risen Christ to make your name known to all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enlighten our earth darkened by natural disasters, pollution, and violence. Bring water to lands where there is drought, sun where there is flood, and peace where there is war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift." ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

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

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GOSPEL: John 17:20–26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #765 *"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**