



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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**

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people—"all who have longed for his appearing"—shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Prelude on 'Morecambe'  
 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

William France  
 Paul Manz

**GATHERING**

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**GATHERING HYMN**      *#582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

**GREETING**

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**"GLORY TO GOD"**

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*



Chocolate Mint Girl Guide Cookies **\$4/box**

Cookie profits support Girl Guides of Canada at the provincial and local levels. Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Pathfinder Unit will sell cookies after the service on October 24 .

**Crèche for the Kids Fundraiser**

The Ray family would like to thank all the participants who attended and contributed to the fundraiser held October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran. The dinner, silent auction and cash donations came to **\$5,661**. With matching funds to \$5,000 there has been enough money raised to construct the nursery in the Richmond Township in South Africa. We would like to recognize all the people who were instrumental in making the evening such a success. Special thanks go to: church council for allowing the use of the kitchen and basement facilities, Lanny and Sylvia Harris, Jack and Diana Kuyer, Mr. Lee our caterer, June Heywood, Fikre and Senait, Peter and June Clark, Felix and Emmanuel, Hergy and Trudy, Mikhail Lenikov, Ursula Neumann, Amy Collins and Linda Collins. Special thanks to Rachel and Kellen Ray who hosted the evening, created the PowerPoint presentation and narrated the show. The silent auction was coordinated very capably by Janet Ray. Her efforts netted over \$1,500 toward the cause. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Concert of Baroque Music**

A Company of Instruments Baroque Orchestra will be presenting a concert of French Baroque music this Friday, October 29, 7:30 pm at First Lutheran Church.

*Proceeds go to support the  
 Lennikov Family.*

I along with my brother Bruce and sister Marion would like to thank the congregation of First Lutheran for the many lovely cards, prayers and words of comfort and support during the recent loss of our dear Mother. It has given peace comfort and strength during this sad time. Thank you all so much. God Bless You, Ingrid

# Announcements



**Reformation  
Sunday  
October 31, 2010**

Since next Sunday, October 31, is the feast celebrating the birth of the Lutheran church, all are invited to wear something red—the colour of reformers and martyrs.

## UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION EVENT

On Wednesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 24, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Donald Grayston will be our adult education presenter.

The two-part series called "Understanding Fundamentalism" will start out with Dr. Grayston outlining the basic teaching of fundamentalism; draw out some implications about how fundamental religious teachings relate to immigration; and then proceed to an examination of what we (as Christians) believe and how we are or can or should reasonably and realistically accommodate the "fundamental" and "fundamentalist" beliefs and practices of others from different religious traditions.

*Among a number of hats he wears and activities he is involved in, Don Grayston is an ordained Anglican priest and a former professor of Religious Studies at Simon Fraser University. He is familiar to many of us from January, 2009, when he spent that month leading worship and providing pastoral care while Pr. Hergy was away on holiday.*

- <sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.
- <sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel,  
its saviour in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
- <sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!
- <sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.
- <sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?  
Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?  
We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
- <sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.
- <sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonour your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
- <sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?  
Is it not you, O LORD our God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

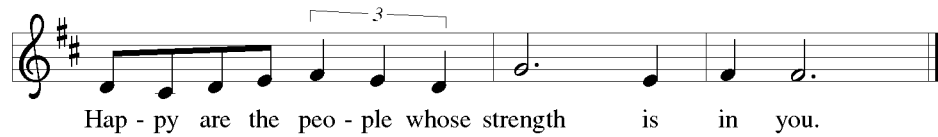
*Response after the reading:*

**Thanks be to God.**

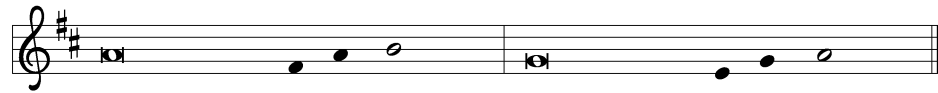
**PSALM 84:1-7** (*refrain is introduced by cantor; then repeated by assembly*)

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*

Refrain



Tone



<sup>1</sup>How dear to me <sup>1</sup>is your dwelling,  
 O <sup>1</sup>LORD of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup>My soul has a desire and longing for the courts <sup>1</sup>of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the <sup>1</sup>living God.  
<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may <sup>1</sup>lay her young,  
 by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king <sup>1</sup>and my God.  
<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who dwell <sup>1</sup>in your house!  
 They will always be <sup>1</sup>praising you. R  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength <sup>1</sup>is in you,  
 whose hearts are set on the <sup>1</sup>pilgrims' way.  
<sup>6</sup>Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a <sup>1</sup>place of springs,  
 for the early rains have covered it with <sup>1</sup>pools of water.  
<sup>7</sup>They will climb from <sup>1</sup>height to height,  
 and the God of gods will be <sup>1</sup>seen in Zion. R

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.  
<sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on  
 there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,  
 will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.  
<sup>16</sup>At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not  
 be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me  
 the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued  
 from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me  
 for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Response after the reading:

Thanks be to God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer over the gifts)

LORD'S PRAYER

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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

#512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

(Cantor will sing it through once, then congregation twice)

In Heavenly Love Abiding

Alice Jordan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All rise)

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

#618 “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

This Week

Monday, October 25

Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 28

Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 31

Sunday School, 9:15

Reformation Day Worship, 10:30

Those wanting to join our congregation by baptism, transfer or confession of faith on All Saints' Sunday, November 7, are asked to speak with Pr. Hergy as soon as possible.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God hears the cry of the poor and is near to all in need. Let us pray for our neighbours, our world, and ourselves, trusting in God's mercy and love. *A brief silence.*

How dear is your dwelling to us, Lord of hosts. We pray for your church, that it may be a welcome place for all in need of healing and community.

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

Even the sparrow finds a home in you, O God. We pray for birds of every kind, and thank you for their joyful song by day and night. Keep them and all your creatures safe from harm.

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

Hope of Israel, we pray for peace and healing in the Holy Land. Bring an end to religiously-motivated violence, and help people of different faiths see your face in one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The humble are exalted in your presence, O God. We pray for all who struggle with shame, self-doubt, or any kind of infirmity (*especially*). Lift them up in the love and acceptance of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You stood by Paul in his final days, O God, and gave him strength. We pray for our congregation's ministry to the dying, that those on their final journey home might be accompanied by our love and prayers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Happy are those whose strength was in you, O God, and have now finished their race (*especially*). We praise you for their friendship, and we ask that we may share with them the crown of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All this we ask, gracious God, together with all that is known to you alone, in the name of your risen and anointed Son, through the power of your life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*      Spiritual

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

## MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**”

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

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## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9–14

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

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

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*Response to the reading:*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      #770 “*Give Me Jesus*”, v.3—women; v.4—men

## 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.**