



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Holy Communion, Setting Seven*

*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**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Siciliana*  
*Adagio*

J.S. Bach  
Benedetto Marcello

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*#822 "Oh, Sing to the Lord", v.3—women, v.4—men*

**GREETING/KYRIE**

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**"GLORIA"**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

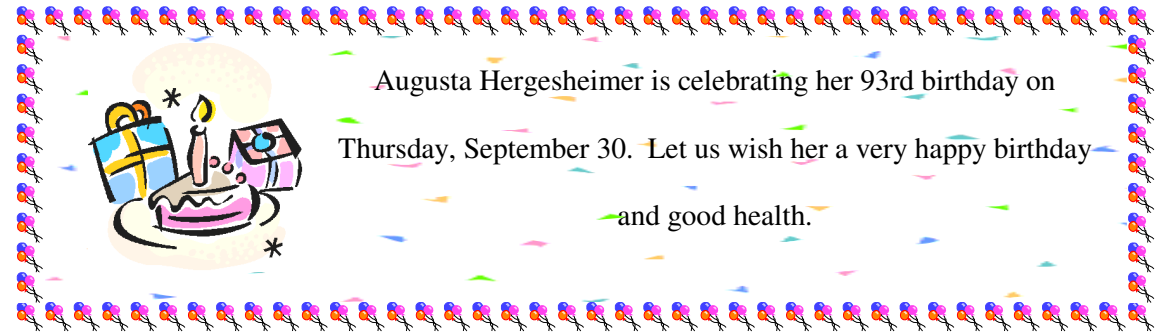
Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

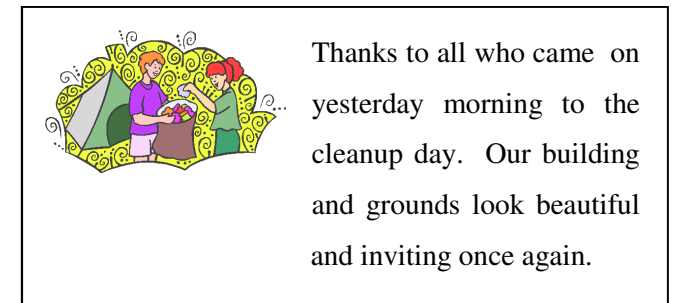
**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15**

*In the year before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, when the siege had already begun, Jeremiah, imprisoned in the king's palace, purchased a piece of land. The purchase of the land is a sign of hope that God will restore the people to life in the land after the exile.*

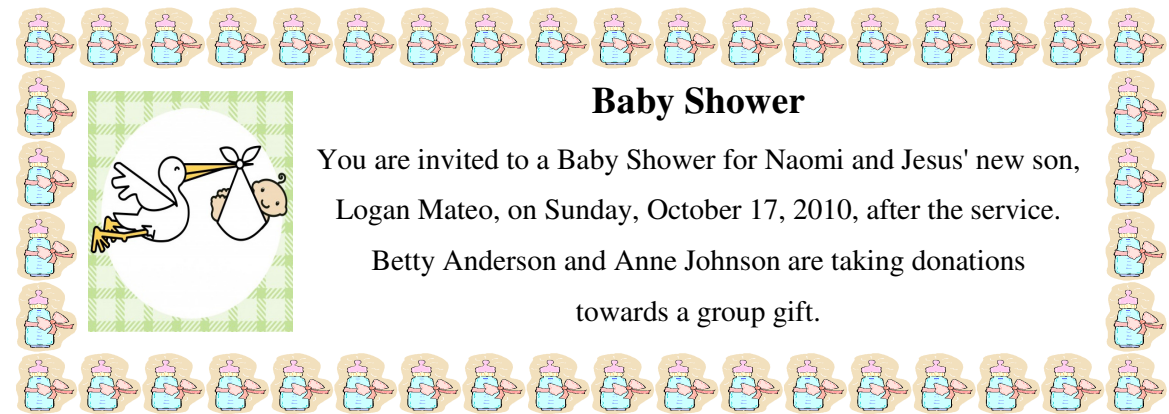
The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the



Thanks to Alex and Peter for arranging to have our leaky skylight tarped and sealed for the winter while we plan for the whole pitched roof to be re-done (and, very likely, the skylight replaced) in the spring when dry weather is more assured.



Thanks to Alex Wilson who served as our parish delegate to the Greater Vancouver Conference Convention yesterday.

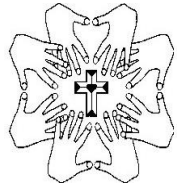


## This Week

**Monday, September 27**  
Confirmation, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, September 30**  
Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday, October 3**  
Sunday School, 9:15 am



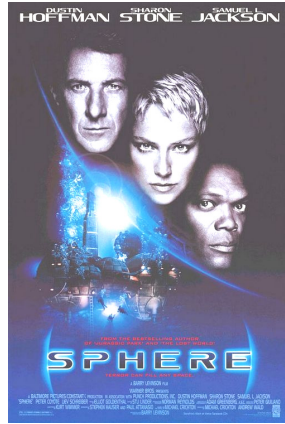
Jack Schaub continues his recovery from eye surgery performed last Monday. Please keep him and Barbara in your prayers.



Our substitute organist, Catherine Mountain, grieves the death of her daughter, Lisa, who passed away at St. James Hospice on Friday, September 17.

Lisa was 46 years old. A memorial service will be held at Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church at a later date.

## Movie night at First Lutheran



C o m e e n j o y  
“Sphere” (1998), a science fiction adventure film, on the big screen, with the big sound and a discussion (if we have time) after the film on Friday, October 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Eve and Daniel Luong are giving away a brown commercial microwave oven, 27” TV, and a fax machine. Call 778.840.3839 after 6pm on weekdays or any time on the weekends or leave a message.

Also free for the taking is a leather couch from the church office. It is in front of the rear door in the north west corner.

guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

*Response after the reading:*

**Thanks be to God.**

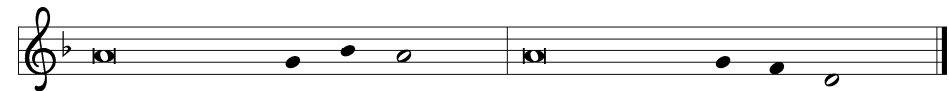
**PSALM 91:1–6, 14–16** (*refrain is introduced by cantor; then repeated by assembly*)  
*You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust. (Ps. 91:2)*

*Refrain*



You are my ref-uge and my strong-hold, my God in whom I put my trust.

*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup>the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of <sup>1</sup>the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup>you will say to the LORD, "My refuge <sup>1</sup>and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup>put my trust."

<sup>3</sup>For God will rescue you from the snare<sup>1</sup> of the hunter  
and from the<sup>1</sup> deadly plague.

<sup>4</sup>**God's wings will cover you, and you will find ref-<sup>1</sup>uge beneath them;  
God's faithfulness will be your shield<sup>1</sup> and defense. R**

<sup>5</sup>You shall not fear any terror<sup>1</sup> in the night,  
nor the arrow that<sup>1</sup> flies by day;

<sup>6</sup>**nor the plague that stalks<sup>1</sup> in the darkness,  
nor the sickness that lays<sup>1</sup> waste at noon.**

<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who<sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they<sup>1</sup> know my name.

<sup>15</sup>**They will call me, and I will<sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and<sup>1</sup> honour them.**

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I<sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them<sup>1</sup> my salvation. R

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6–19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Response after the reading:*      **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.*

#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*# 487 “What Feast of Love”*

*Be Thou But Near*

J.S. Bach

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

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**      *# 536 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Allegro (Oboe Sonata)*

G.F. Handel

## **Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Please remember that donations of non-perishable food items are welcome and requested as part of our Thanksgiving offering on Sunday, October 10. Canned Goods, bags of rice or pasta, boxes or packages of cereal or soup — all are stored in our parish pantry until needed by those who come to our door looking for something to eat. Please be generous. Thank you.

Great and sovereign God, you rule the nations with justice. Preserve those in elected office from the love of money, that walking in the ways of righteousness they might serve your people with integrity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Great and merciful God, you lift up those who are bowed down. Be with all who are lonely, hurting, or depressed, and all who are in need of your loving presence (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Great and loving God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Strengthen the outreach ministries of our congregation, that your care and compassion might be made known through us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Great and living God, your glory is reflected in the lives of your saints. We praise you for (*name/s and*) all who have fought the good fight of faith and now dwell with you in light. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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**      *Draw Me Nearer*      arr. Jack Schraeder

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

## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**      p. 180

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**      p. 182

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”**      p. 182

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sing verse before and after reading*)      p. 179

## **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19–31**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

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

<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      #583 **“Take My Life”** (*Choir sings Refrain and v. 1; congregation then joins with Refrain and v. 2, etc*)

## **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.*

Great and gracious God, we pray for your church, that by sharing in the ministry of Jesus, the world might come to share in the life that truly is life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Great and generous God, you richly provide us everything from the goodness of your creation. Protect the earth and its creatures from harm and fill us with gratitude for all your gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**