

Our thanks to Pastor Sylvia Schmidt for presiding and preaching this morning while Pr. Hergy is away. We are fortunate, indeed, to have several gifted (and retired) clergy in our community and we are grateful to them for their willingness to share their gifts and experience with us.

*Thank  
you*

A correction to our updated phone directory: email for Jason Singh should be [jasonsingh\\_101@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonsingh_101@yahoo.com).

Those interested in serving on church council are asked to speak with Sandi Strate or phone her at 604-274-0389. Consider this an invitation and an opportunity to share your gifts with our community.

The Parish Care Centre AGM will be held on Sunday, January 30 at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. All FLC members are invited to attend.



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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*Holy Communion, Setting Seven*

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*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

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.*

### PRELUDE

*Largo in G Minor*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Lord, All My Heart Is Fixed on Thee*

J. S. Bach

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### GATHERING HYMN

*#574 "Here I Am, Lord", verses-organ side; refrain-font side*

### GREETING/KYRIE

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### "GLORIA"

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### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.*

# Announcements

### This Week

#### Monday

Confirmation, 7 pm

#### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

#### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Worship, 10:30 am

Our 2010 AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be Friday, February 18, 2011.

Annual reports are to be in by Sunday, January 23. Please email them to Iris Kong at [info@firstlutheranvancouver.com](mailto:info@firstlutheranvancouver.com) or drop them off in the church office.

### Schedule on February 18 is as follows:

- Potluck Meal, 6:15 pm

- Business meeting, 7:15 pm

If there is need of emergency pastoral care during Pr. Hergy's absence, please call Pastor H. Paul or Sylvia Schmidt at 604-589-6014. Pr. Hergy will be back in the office tomorrow morning (January 24).

As all may have noticed, we have a brand new (to us) grand piano. It was given to First Lutheran Church as a gift from Jonathan Service. We will be dedicating this lovely instrument to the glory of God on February 6th when the Bishop, Greg Mohr, will be our guest. Although Jonathan is at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, we are sure he will hear our expressions of gratitude ( and Jeanette's offertory).



**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Toccata in F* *Dietrich Buxtehude*

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

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 180

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 182

**FRACTION** *The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 182



*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**

**#815 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

Alice Jordan

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

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** **# 569 “The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended”**  
v.2-women; v.3-men; v.4-unaccompanied

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

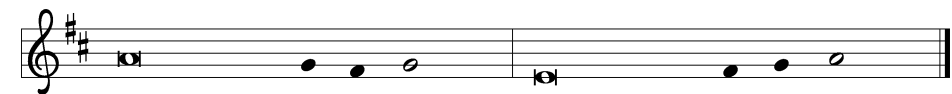
**PSALM 27:1, 4-9**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

*Refrain:*



*Tone:*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music<sup>1</sup> to the LORD. R**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message—<sup>1</sup> "Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of<sup>1</sup> my salvation. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel.  
Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified  
for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

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

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #798 **"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

For our communities of faith, that, turning from quarrelling and division, we may find our unity in the cross of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, and for an end to oppression, hunger, and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who care for water, soil, plants, and animals, and that we may live with greater simplicity and love for creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all living with disease, grief, conflict, poverty, depression, or despair (*especially*), that your healing may dawn on them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its leaders, that our ministries of preaching, teaching, and healing may proclaim the good news of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather us, with all the saints, into the wide net of your grace, that we may follow you with faith and courage. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**