



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Abridge"
Aria*

Eric Thiman
Flor Peeters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

#553 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

GREETING/KYRIE

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"GLORIA"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

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 6 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).



A correction to our updated phone directory: email for Jason Singh should be jasonsingh_101@yahoo.com.

Jack Schaub is giving away a 26 inch colour TV in a cabinet. For those who are interest in having it, please arrange your own pickup from Jack's address: 2195 E 43rd Ave, Vancouver. Call Jack at 604-325-1066 for more information.

Announcements

This Week

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 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.

After today's worship, we will be throwing a party for those whose birthdays are in January. All is invited to join us.



Please note that Sunday School now begins at 9:45 am. Parents and caregivers are asked to have their children here on time since the sessions will be shorter and need to start on time.

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.

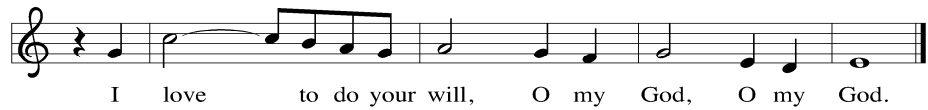
Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1–11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

Refrain:



Tone:



- ¹I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.
- ²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.**
- ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.
- ⁴**Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies. R
- ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com-¹ pared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than¹ I can count.
- ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and
sin-offering you have¹ not required. R**
- ⁷And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me:
- ⁸**I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
your law is¹ deep within me."**
- ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.
- ¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the¹ great assembly.**
- ¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹ sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FRACTION 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#304 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"
Children of the Heavenly Father

Don Hustad

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS *(All rise)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **#677 "This Little Light of Mine"**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

This morning we welcome and thank the Rev. Dr. Donald Grayston for leading our worship while Pr. Hergy is away. We trust that Dr. Grayston's insightful proclamation of the Good News will enliven and enrich all of us. (Don Grayston served First Lutheran Church for all of January in 2009 and was a smashing success; hence his return engagement).

HYMN OF THE DAY #318 *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*
v.3—unaccompanied

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 leaders in the church and all the baptized, that we may invite others to come and see Christ revealed in water and word, bread and wine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for our Prime Minister, the Cabinet, and the members of Parliament, that we labour together for the common good, raising up those overwhelmed by poverty or violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For coastlands and distant islands, for urban, suburban, and rural communities, that in using wisely the resources of the earth, we honour your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those unemployed or underemployed, for those living with oppression, poverty, hunger, illness, or anxiety (*especially*), that you strengthen them with grace and courage in the face of their need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our community of faith, for those living in care facilities and those absent from us, and for those seeking signs of your presence, that you nourish us all at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all your holy ones who served you in life and now rest in your peace. Gather us, with them, until the day of your coming in glory. 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Draw Me Nearer* Jack Schraeder

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

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)