

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### SENDING

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### BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #854 *“Blessing and Honour”*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to bear Christ’s love to the world. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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# Announcements

Don’t forget to check out our newly constructed website at [www.firstlutheranvancouver.com](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com) to find out information about our worship, service and life, recent bulletins. Also, for those who are interested, follow Mikhail’s blog (a kind of electronic diary) at [mikhailennikov.blogspot.com](http://mikhailennikov.blogspot.com)

Pr. Hergy will be away for a few days this week. In case of emergency, please call the church office and the message and need will be passed on to Pr. Hergy.



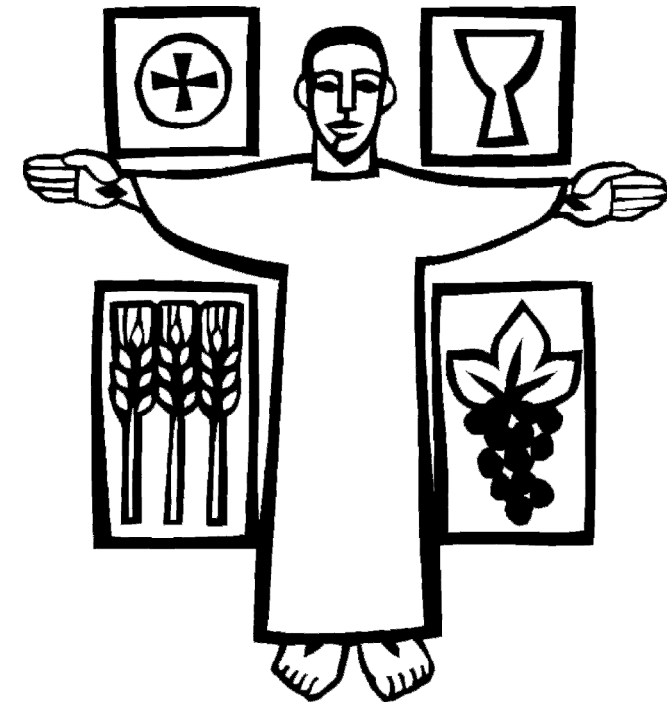
Once again, thanks to **Catherine Mountain** for filling in for our Minister of Music, Jeanette Price, who is back tomorrow from her holiday.

Please join us downstairs after the service today for clown, special food, cake and conversation as we celebrate the birthdays of our members and friends who were born in the month of August.



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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**

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

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**GATHERING**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN** #777 *“Come to Me”* (v.3 - women; v. 4 - men; v.5 - organ)

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14**

*Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, becomes king over Israel when his father dies. He asks the Lord for wisdom in order to govern the people. The Lord grants his request, and Solomon becomes known far and wide for his great wisdom.*

<sup>10</sup>Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup>The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. <sup>3</sup>Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Holy God, you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above. Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**MEAL**

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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (Prayer over the gifts)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**FRACTION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **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**

**#599 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”**

and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

## HOMILY

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *#487 "What Feast of Love"*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Let us pray for all who welcome God's word into their lives, especially for the Christian people, and for churches torn apart by dissension. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all lands and waterways, especially where they are polluted, and for courage to live as faithful stewards of God's creation. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all nations, especially those that are oppressed, devastated, or impoverished, and for governments and leaders committed to peace and justice. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who suffer: for the excluded, the homeless, refugees, prisoners; for those who grieve, who face death, who are sick *especially*... God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who serve: for nurses and hospice workers, for custodians and housekeepers, for public servants, all who protect and rescue, and all whose service goes unnoticed. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for children and for young people, and for all who care for them, especially new parents, daycare workers, foster parents, teachers, and counsellors. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the saints who have gone before us in the faith and now rest in the arms of God. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you are near to us when we cry out to you. Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, through Christ and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15–20

*True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### GOSPEL: John 6:51–58

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.*

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

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,