

On Saturday, August 15, we will have a special "Picnic on the Patio" event to mark the 18th birthday of Dmitri Lennikov. Some info to note about the evening:



Everybody attending is asked to bring their own food and drinks. . .plus a little extra to share with others who may have forgotten to bring something or who show up at the last minute empty-handed. **And to be more specific, please bring some kind of chicken: BBQ'd, roast, fried, broiled, spicy buffalo wings, etc.** We can then put out all the extra pieces of chicken so folks can sample a bit of this and that.

To keep from having to wash dishes afterward, everyone is asked to take their own dishes home dirty. I mean, really, your mother doesn't live here so you'll have to wash your own dishes. And to prevent burning out of those who worked so hard to set up, serve and cleanup after the July 17 BBQ, we need a batch of new volunteers to help with some of the set-up and ALL of the clean-up. So, please don't come expecting someone else to do clean up after you. (As mentioned above, your mother doesn't live here).



Sign-up sheets (and the exact start and finish time) are posted in the upstairs entryways and near the coffee pot downstairs, or if you are planning to attend and willing to help in some way, you are invited to phone the church office and leave a message with that information. Thanks much.

<p>Picnic Lunches There will be no picnic lunch this week.</p>	<p>We welcome Jack Schaub back home after two months in hospital.</p>
<p>Thanks to St. Thomas Anglican for picking up the cost of a week at Camp Astaban for Jean-Pierre Bizimana. JP leaves tomorrow for his first time away from home.</p>	<p>Thanks to Mikhail Lennikov for filling in for our office secretary while she is on holiday.</p>



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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

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Aria

Peeters

Prelude in D Minor

Vivaldi

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God, **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **Amen.**



Dear friends throughout the BC Synod:

For the past half-year, Augustana and Christ Lutheran congregations of Vancouver have been negotiating merger. This development arose from Area Strategy Meetings initiated by Bishop Gerhard Preibisch in 2008.

Our original intention was to form a two-way or even three-way parish, involving the cooperation of otherwise

discrete congregations; but after several months of discussion, the leaders realized that merger would better serve the needs of individuals, institutions, and the mission of the church.

While the merger probably will not be completed legally until January 1, 2010, the two congregations are committed to functioning as one congregation. Thus, an interim phase will begin in August, with joint services held on the first two Sundays. August 16th will be the last day for independent worship services – at 10:00 am at Christ, and at 11:15 am at Augustana. On August 23rd, the two congregations will unite in a worship service that will begin at Augustana at 10:00 am, then recess for procession to Christ's facility, and conclude there.

The Bishop has appointed Rev. Clifford Reinhardt to serve as Pastor of the merged congregation for a term of 3 years, beginning with the interim phase of cooperation.

These plans are poignant for our two congregations. Together, Christ and Augustana can boast of more than 200 years of corporate history. Many people in other congregations have been involved in or influenced by their ministry.

Please keep our two congregations and their plans for merger in your prayers. We welcome your participation in our worship services at any time, but especially on August 16th and August 23rd.





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

#708 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
Schmucke Dich, O Liebe Seele

Handel

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.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #848 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise.”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Purcell

Announcements

Please check out our newly constructed website at 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

Afternoon of Music

Any and all are invited to an afternoon of Japanese Traditional Songs, Jazz and More with the Maeda Family and special guests.

Monday, August 3, 2009, 3:00 pm
Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
1700 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver

Admission by Donation

GATHERING HYMN #521 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

God sends the prophet Nathan to rebuke King David for his abuse of power in taking Bathsheba and killing her husband, Uriah. Confronted with his sin, David repents. This sin, however, marks the beginning of troubled times in David's family.

Chapter 11

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.

²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

Chapter 12

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ¹³David said to Nathan, "I

have sinned against the LORD."

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 51:1–12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out¹ my offenses.

²Wash me through and through¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me¹ from my sin.

³**For I know¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev-¹er before me.**

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right¹ in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my¹ mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom¹ deep within.

⁷**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur-¹er than snow.**

⁸**Let me hear¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken¹ may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face¹ from my sins,
and blot out¹ all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean¹ heart, O God,
and renew a right spir-¹it within me.

¹¹**Cast me not away¹ from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir-¹it from me.**

¹²**Restore to me the joy of¹ your salvation
and sustain me with your boun-¹tiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1–16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been

We pray for healing for the sick, especially for sick children and their parents; for nurses and doctors; for those without healthcare; and for all who suffer alone, *especially*,... God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for health in our relationships at home, work, and school, and for the health of our congregation. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of those who have died, *especially*,... Lift up those who grieve, and bring us all to your eternal rest. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

In Eudoxia

Edmundson

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.**

MEAL

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.**

comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #697 *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

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 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.**

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.*

Merciful God, you have revealed your might with compassionate healing. Strengthen your church, that the healing power of Christ may be known throughout the world. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mending of all creation: for the health of waterways and soil, for the cleansing of the air, and for renewed commitment to care for your creation. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health of the nations, for peace, for just governments, and for healing in those sick with greed or hate. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

LESSON HYMN #474 *“Bread of Life”* v. 3—women, v. 4—men.

GOSPEL: John 6:24–35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Response after announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which