



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



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*Spoken Service*

*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**

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Aria in F Major*

G. F. Handel

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Jonathan Reuss

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**GATHERING**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Before God, our rock and our refuge, let us keep silence, and then confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **you know our failings better than we do; our sins are revealed in the light of your face. Our days and years pass by; the things we trust fade like grass. Be gracious to us, O God. Guide us again to the water of life, and renew in us the grace of holy baptism; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

You are all children of the light and of the day; you are God's children now. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. With all the faithful in heaven and on earth, rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

**Annual Sock/Underwear  
Drive**

Please note that starting next **Sunday, November 29**, we will be accepting donations to the

**Annual Sock/Underwear Drive.**

Please leave donations (**new** only please) in the basket at the narthex designated for this purpose. All items will be given to Collingwood Neighbourhood House for distribution to those living on the streets.

*First Lutheran Church is a member of the British Columbia Synod (one of five regions) which make up the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) which in turn belongs to the Lutheran World Federation which represents the 80 million Lutherans around the world. For more information on the ministries of the ELCIC (office in Winnipeg, Manitoba), visit its website at [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca). For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at [www.bcsynod.org](http://www.bcsynod.org).*

*Financial support of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent in our service to Christ and to others.*

*Have you remembered First Lutheran in your will? Consider how a bequest or gift might continue supporting our mission and ministry.*

## First Sunday in Advent November 29



The first Sunday in Advent is the church's "New Year's Day." It is not only the beginning of the four-week

season of preparation for Christ's coming, but this particular Sunday begins the "Year of Luke" — that is, the Gospel readings for this new year are all drawn from St. Luke. Advent's colour is blue — the colour of hope — and the use of the Advent wreath with four candles helps us count down the four Sundays prior to Christmas. Because Advent (which comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which means "to come" or "draw near") is a season of expectation and longing, its hymns and music have a more rather haunting and subdued flavour. In addition, Advent's theme of waiting in hope for the arrival of the Light of the World fits our part of the world where the days are growing shorter, the temperature colder and the grip of darkness stronger.

### *Correction to Last Sunday's Announcement*

Elina's father suffered a **stroke** and not a heart attack. We apologize for the error and continue to pray for a swift and full recovery.

Today, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Wordweavings – together we can lift up our voices

*a series of art and music events in  
collaboration with Brigitte Potter-Mael,  
Catherine Fern Lewis  
and First Lutheran Church, Vancouver*

Catherine Fern Lewis worked with the Sunday School children this morning, so that they too can participate in the closing music performance at the end of today's liturgy.

Also, at the end of today's liturgy, Catherine will lead the Congregation through a musical performance as we bring our month-long exhibition to a conclusion. Some of the music and sounds created during the Friday night workshop and the Sunday School session will be incorporated into this celebration.

You are invited to  
Our Saviour Lutheran Church's  
**Evening of Music** featuring the

Surrey Children's Choir  
Surrey Youth Chorus  
Surrey Youth Chamber choir

**Sunday, December 13, 2009**  
**7:00 pm**

Tickets \$10.00

*Our Saviour is located at  
6340 No. 4 Road  
Richmond, BC  
Phone: 604 270-0085*

GATHERING HYMN #439 "Soon and Very Soon"

### GREETING

May the hope to which God has called you, the power of God at work in Christ, and the Spirit of wisdom and revelation be with you all. **And also with you.**

### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WORD

### SONG BY YUSUPH'S SONS

#### FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

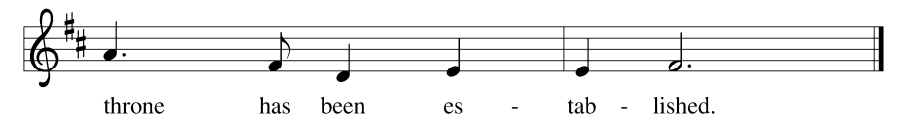
<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

*Response after reading: Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM 93

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)*

*Refrain:*



# Announcements

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>1</sup>armed with strength.

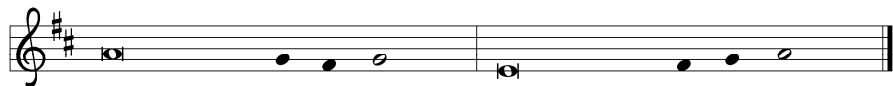
The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>1</sup>not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>1</sup>been established;  
you are from <sup>1</sup>everlasting. R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>1</sup>up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their <sup>1</sup>pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers <sup>1</sup>of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who <sup>1</sup>dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>1</sup>very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD,  
forever and for- <sup>1</sup>evermore. R



## SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**     *“Now to Praise the Name of Jesus”*

Micahel Bedford

## GOSPEL:

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

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

## This Week

### Monday

Council meeting, 7:00 pm

### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Worship, 10:30 am

## Wordweavings

**October 30 - November 22, 2009**

Thanks to **Brigitte Potter Mael**, artist, who first suggested hanging her scrolls in this space; **Pr. Hergy** who was willing to give the proposal some serious consideration; **Cathy Lewis**, musician, who used the scrolls as the foundation of her work with us; **Paul Schmidt** for his woodworking skills and technical support when we installed the scrolls;

**Mikhail Lennikov** for his computer skills / website updates and help with the installation of the scrolls;

**Jeanette Price and the Worship & Music**

**Committee** for their willingness to support this

endeavour; **Dawna McIver and the Sunday School teachers** and children for participating in

the closing ritual; **Julie Bauming** for her skill, time and enthusiasm spent in overseeing and organizing

the whole "happening"; the **Members and Friends of First Lutheran church** who have helped to

support this series of events. Our worship experiences have been enhanced by these visual

and auditory offerings. *Soli Deo Gloria--To God be the Glory.*

**The Pathfinders** will have a display and sell chocolate mint cookies (\$4/box) today during coffee out in the narthex. They will share information about Camp Olave Girl Guide Camp's 2010 property tax bill of 133,000. In previous years, the property tax was fully exempted by the District of Sechelt. In 2010 it will be 50% exempt. Girl Guides have a letter campaign to the provincial government to request a 100 % provincial tax exemption for all non-profit camps.

**Those interested in joining our congregation next Sunday, December 6, are asked to speak with Pastor Hergy as soon as possible.**

**Have you put your name on the worship leaders sign up sheet for December and January?**

## BENEDICTION

God the Alpha and Omega, Jesus Christ the faithful witness,  
God the Holy Spirit of truth, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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**SENDING HYMN**     #441   *“O Happy Day”* v. 3. *unaccompanied*

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Tuba Tune*

C.S. Lang

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## COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 23, 2009**

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

**Monday, November 23**

**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**Tuesday, November 24**

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894;  
pastors in North America**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

**Wednesday, November 25**

**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms along with others that are psalm-based.

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

## HOMILY

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

#431   *“O Christ, What Can It Mean”* (v. - women; v. 3 - men)

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Gathered together with all the saints, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in any need.

God of all, unite your church throughout the world, that we might bear witness to the power of your redeeming word. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, you have blessed us with land, air, and water to sustain us and all living creatures. Do not allow us to neglect and waste your creation, but make us careful guardians of all that you have made. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, our world is too often torn by bloodshed and violence. Grant wisdom and humility to all nations of the world, that we might know and do the things that make for peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, look with kindness upon all who struggle on this day, *especially...* Grant hope and guidance to all who seek your grace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you shine your light into our hearts and our minds, revealing to us the glory of your Son. Strengthen us as we seek to follow you amid all the conflicting voices that surround us. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of eternal life, as you supported our ancestors in the faith, so guide and support us, that when our earthly journey is complete, we may rest eternally with you. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Badinerie*      J.S. Bach

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

Creator God, the earth and all that is in it belong to you. Inspire us to use what you have made to give justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and freedom to the captives. May our offerings, given in your name, lift up those who are bowed down; through 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)

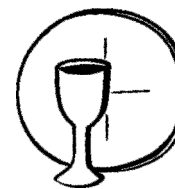
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the bread that comes down from heaven and give life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**



*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**

**#838 “Beautiful Saviour”**  
*Sanctus*

Charles Gounod

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

At your table, O God, we have been made new. Our mourning and crying and pain pass away, and we see the glory of your presence among us. Unite us with this vision, and make us into your holy people, one in the body of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **CLOSING OF THE EXHIBITION OF THE SCROLLS**