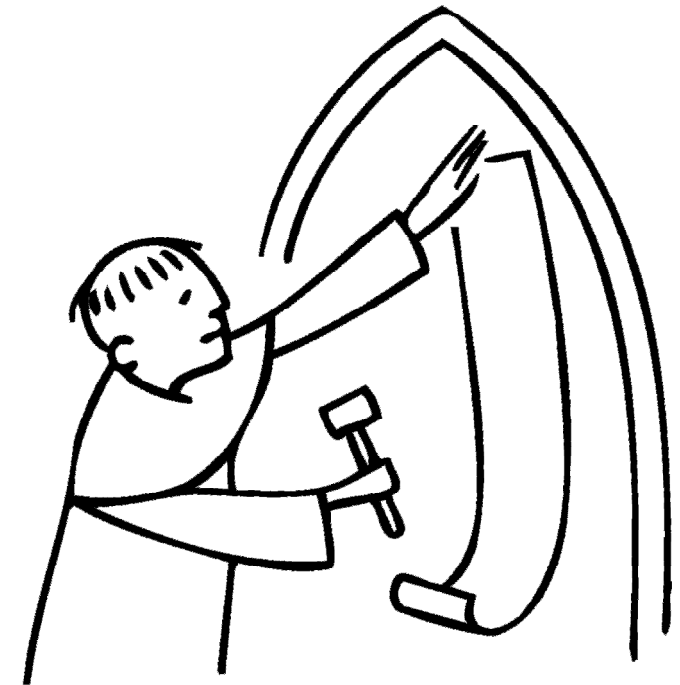




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REFORMATION SUNDAY
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“Now the Feast and Celebration”

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

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord’s table.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Pastorale
A Mighty Fortress

Charles Wesley
Don Hustad

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#504 “A Mighty Fortress” (v. 3 - organ only)

GREETING AND KYRIE

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“NOW THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

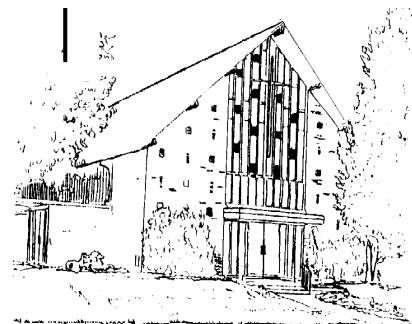
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their

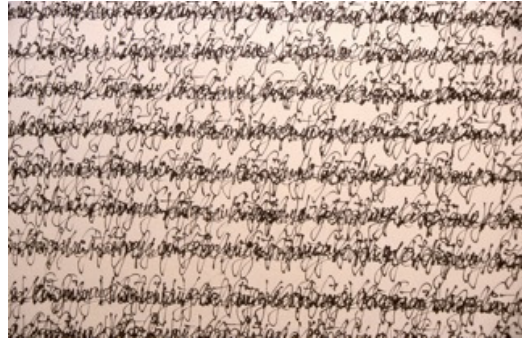
**Update on the
Basement Restoration**

The “Basement Restoration Committee” has begun its work of collaborating with the insurance company and the contractor to choose colours, textures and types of paint, tile and carpet. As well, because some of the kitchen cupboards and counters were damaged beyond repair, the committee will design a renovated kitchen to make it as effective, efficient and easy to use as possible—a task which will include replacing some (all?) of the cupboards, countertops and sinks as well as reconfiguring the workspaces near the stoves, cooler and dishwasher.

The members of the committee are: Karl, Jackie C., Kim H., Jack K., Janet F. and Peter Cl. (liaison with church council). Several other people have volunteered to serve as “resource persons” which the committee may consult with if required. All of the costs of the restoration—except for those elements we choose to upgrade—will be covered by our insurance. For that we can be very grateful.



lead the group as they explore the meaning of words that are part of their experience. Following this exploration, participants will learn how to give visual form to their ideas. Work produced during this session might be included in the exhibition and also incorporated into the closing performance with Catherine Fern Lewis.



Friday, November 20th at 7:30 to 9:00 pm: Catherine Fern Lewis will lead a “site-specific exploration” in which all youth and adults are invited to explore breath, chanting and the sound of voices. Her approach takes into account that there are no “wrong notes”. The music components created will serve to provide an additional dimension to Brigitte’s scrolls.

Sunday, November 22nd

9:15 am: Catherine Fern Lewis is going to work with the Sunday School children, so that they too can participate in the closing music performance at the end of the Worship Service later that morning.

10:30 am, at the closing of the Worship Service, Catherine will lead the Congregation through a musical performance as we bring this exhibition to a close. Some of the music and sounds created during the Friday night workshop and the Sunday School session will be incorporated into this closing celebration.

For more information please contact **Julie Bauming** at juliebauming@shaw.ca and check News & Events page at www.firstlutheranvancouver.com for further updates.

ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 46 SUNG BY CHOIR

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Response to conclusion of reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Wonderful Light" Karen Crane & Stewart Harris

HYMN OF THE DAY #594 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
(v. 1, 2 - all, v. 3 - women, v. 4 - all)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #594 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"
(v. 5 - all, v. 6 - men, v. 7 - organ only, v. 8 - all)

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord of creation, with confidence in your abiding care, we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the whole church, gathered in word and sacrament, in prayer and praise, in loving deeds building up the body, forgiving and reconciling others to Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for renewed commitment to the care and nurture of your creation, that the wonders you have made will be available for generations that follow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our bishops, Gerhard, Susan, Michael, Benedict and Rowan and for all who serve the church, that their commitment to justice and peace may be an example for the leaders of our world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who struggle with addictions and for those who love and work with them, that they find healing, forgiveness, and hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all in any need, those we name now in your presence, surrounded by our brothers and sisters in Christ's love, *especially*...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Wordweavings – together we can lift up our voices

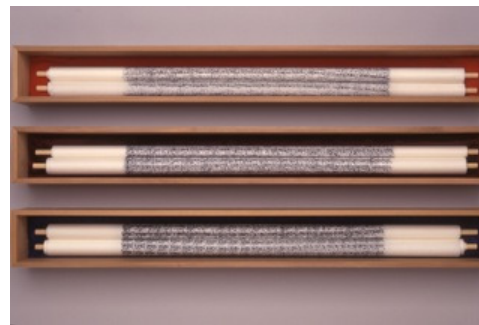
*a series of art and music events in collaboration with
Brigitte Potter-Mael, Catherine Fern Lewis
and First Lutheran Church, Vancouver*

In this inaugural event at First Lutheran, Vancouver-based visual artist Brigitte Potter-Mael will show three of her 10 meter by 1 meter hand-scripted scrolls, speak about the process of creating these works and also facilitate an art-making session.

Victoria-based soprano voice artist/conductor/composer Catherine Fern Lewis will lead a voice/sound workshop and also perform. Her contribution will be informed by Brigitte's "Wordweavings."

Friday, October 30th at 7:30 pm: Brigitte will give a brief artist talk offering insight into her "Wordweavings", followed by a public raising of her three scrolls to inaugurate the three week exhibition of these works. This art-performance is accompanied by music composed in collaboration between Brigitte and the French composer Emmanuel Mailly. The public is also invited to participate.

Sunday, November 1st at 10:30 am, during the Sunday Worship Service: on the occasion of the Congregation's first viewing of the scrolls, Brigitte will speak very briefly about the exhibition.



Monday, November 9th at 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Brigitte will work with Confirmants and youth from local Lutheran congregations. She will

SENDING

“THANKS BE TO YOU”

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #645 “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”
(v. 3 - unaccompanied)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G (BWV 578)

J.S. Bach

Announcements

This Week

Monday

Confirmation, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Friday

“Wordweavings” unveiled

Public event, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am

(at St. Thomas Anglican)

All Saints’ Day worship, 10:30 am

Those interested in joining our congregation on November 1 (All Saints’ Sunday) are asked to speak with Pr. Hergy today.

Just to let everyone know that **Jackie Cleroux** is accepting orders of tourtierres. Anyone interested can see Jackie or give her a call at **604 951-7958**.

Browse our church website www.firstlutheranvancouver.com, to see the new postings under “Worship” and “News & Events” and while you are there check out Mikhail’s blog (an online diary) at mikhailennikov.blogspot.com.

Our thanks to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther for his annual visit to our church. As is often the case, what he has to tell us is comforting instruction.

We give thanks for all reformers of the church, whose faithful and loving service remains a powerful witness for us to follow. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray in thanksgiving for all the saints, including our loved ones, *especially...* that their faith and life may continue to inspire us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Prelude in C, No. 1
(Well-Tempered Clavier)

J.S. Bach

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Acclamations 2 & 3*)

“LAMB OF GOD”

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

#596 “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart