



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 11, 2013

WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890

*First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.*

*Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.*

*Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.*

**To our Visitors:** Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A **special welcome** to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

*First Lutheran is easily accessible* via major city routes - 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Kingsway - and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

*For your convenience*, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

*The present building*, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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*Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Acolytes</i>	Omari Hakamineza Bilali Miyonkuru
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Ingrid Anderson Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Ray Alex Wilson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Jackie Cleroux Janet Filippelli
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

**If you'd like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Iris Kong, our office administrator, at 604.435.6020. If you'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 11, 2013**  
*Holy Communion, Setting Eight*

*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

*Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

### PRELUDE

*Be Thou But Near*  
*Choral Song*

J. S. Bach  
Samuel Wesley

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Just and gracious God, **we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and know how much God loves you. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 808 *"Lord, Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*

### GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

*Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, the Lord promises, they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation —

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup>learn to do good;

seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup>Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup>If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup>but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

**PSALM 50:1–8, 22–23** (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup>LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>1</sup>to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup>in its beauty,**

**God shines <sup>1</sup>forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup>not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>1</sup>raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>1</sup>from above**

**to witness the judgment <sup>1</sup>of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my <sup>1</sup>loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>1</sup>it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness <sup>1</sup>of God's cause, for it is God <sup>1</sup>who is judge.**

<sup>7</sup>"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- <sup>1</sup>ness against you;

for I am <sup>1</sup>God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>**I do not accuse you because <sup>1</sup>of your sacrifices;**

**your burnt offerings are al- <sup>1</sup>ways before me.**

<sup>22</sup>Consider this well, you <sup>1</sup>who forget God,

lest I tear you apart and there be none to de- <sup>1</sup>live you.

<sup>23</sup>**Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving <sup>1</sup>honors me;**

**I will show the salvation of God to those who go <sup>1</sup>the right way."**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation,

even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*)       p. 188

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:32–40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

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

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**       # 771   *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"*

**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 PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY**                      *Scenes of Childhood*                      Robert Schumann

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

### **MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**    p. 190

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**    p. 191

**“LAMB OF GOD”**    p. 191

#### **FRACTION** (as the bread is broken)

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. A gluten free option is available upon request.*

#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**# 765 “Lord of All Hopefulness”**  
*Adagio (Sonata No. 1)*                      Felix Mendelssohn

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

**# 733 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude*    G. F. Handel

## This Week

### Next Sunday

Pentecost XIII, 10:30 am

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Our thanks to Pr. Sylvia Schmidt for leading the service today. Pr. Lori-Anne is on study leave but will be available in case of emergency at 604-720-7255. She will return on Wednesday.

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### Funding for Confirmation Camp

We are in need of financial support to sponsor youth in our congregation to attend Confirmation Camp in August. Please contact the office or Pr. Lori-Anne if you wish to make a donation; you may also make a donation to the Love Fund designated to "Confirmation Camp." Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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### Weekly Contemporary Sing-A-Long!

If you love to sing contemporary music or worship music of any kind... we are gathering EVERY Sunday evening during summer to share and learn new music! So if you sing, play drums, guitar, the tambourine, even just to hum along...come and join us!

5 -7 pm - First Lutheran church  
Questions, please call Shannon Ingersoll at 778.558.9112. ALL WELCOME!

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We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in August next Sunday after worship.

On Sept 8, 1963, definitely in the time of my first naïveté (!), I was ordained in St Mary's Church in Kerrisdale, the church in which I was also baptized, by Bishop William Coleman, then bishop of Kootenay, for service in the Anglican Church. Fifty years has passed in the twinkling of an eye; and now I am preparing to mark the fiftieth anniversary of a day which remains very important to me.

So this is your invitation to join me at St Mary's Church in Kerrisdale, at 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Larch Street, on Sept 6, a Friday. At 7:00 pm I will preside at a mass of thanksgiving (and repentance!)—*no obligation to attend if you are among those of my friends who believe that institutional religion is the opium of the people* [ :) ]. Then at 8:00 pm, there will be a reception for all in the parish hall. (I will also be celebrating the 8:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, Sept 8, the actual anniversary.)

No charge, of course, but a basket will be available for anyone who wishes to contribute to the support of **Mikhail Lennikov**, now in his fourth year of sanctuary at First Lutheran Church. If you wish to contribute, make your cheque payable to First Lutheran Church (the Love Fund), and you will receive a tax receipt.

I need to know numbers for catering purposes. So if you are coming, please reply, with the number in your party, to [dganniv@gmail.com](mailto:dganniv@gmail.com) by August 29.

Best as always,

Don Grayston

*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.

**Our service is webcast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through [www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm)**

**or**

**[www.livestream.com/flcv](http://www.livestream.com/flcv)**

**Welcome to join us online**

**if you are unavailable to worship at church.  
The recording of the service is available  
for the whole week.**

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