



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 18, 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 - 41st 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 42nd Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42nd 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. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lector</i>	Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Acolytes</i>	Nelly Gateka Benie Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dan Luong Eve Luong
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Epifania Nyilasoni Eulalie Niyungeko Daniel Luong Karen Kerfoot
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Julie Bauming Mikhail Lennikov Irina Lennikova
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong Betty Wong

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.

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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

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

PRELUDE

Aria (Semele)

G. F. Handel

Moderato (Suite in D)

John Stanley

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: PSALM 80 *(Translated by Nan C. Merrill)*
(Read responsively, congregation reads the bold)

**Eternal Listener, give heed to your people,
You, who are our Guide and our Light!**

You, who dwell amidst the angels,
Shine forth into the heart of all nations!

Enliven your people with compassion that peace and justice might flourish.

Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us love!

Gentle Teacher, help us to turn to You in prayer, fasting from our negative thoughts.

In your steadfast Love, You weep with our tears, tears that rise from fear, doubt, and illusion.

You uphold us when we feel the sting of pride, when our anxiety threatens to paralyze us.

Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us love!

You companion us through the wilderness, through the shadows created by fear.

You plant your Seed into our heart.

You uproot the weeds of our sin, You cultivate the soil of our goodness.

Truly, in You, we become like a tiny acorn, holding the secret of a mighty oak.

You nourish us with the food of Love, with streams of Living Water.

Be our strength as we break down walls that separate and divide;

let not fear pluck away the gifts we would share.

Roll away the stones that become obstacles to growth, to producing a bountiful harvest.

Receive our gratitude, O Heart of all hearts!

Look upon us and see what Love can do; rejoice in the new birth that You create!

Be glad where your Seed has found fertile soil.

How much more the return of one healthy plant than ten thousand useless weeds!

May those who have borne the fruit of love radiate your Spirit into the world!

May we always walk and co-create with You;

receive the gratitude of our hearts, as we share in the Great Plan!

Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us love!

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

LESSON HYMN

715 "Christ, Be Our Light"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say?

For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*)

"Alleluia"

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GOSPEL: Luke 12:49–56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

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

⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 580 *"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"*

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* Traditional

"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" *(All rise)* p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)*

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.**

"LAMB OF GOD"

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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 # 698 *"How Long, O God"*

Picardy

17th C. French

"THANKS BE TO YOU" *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 669 *"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

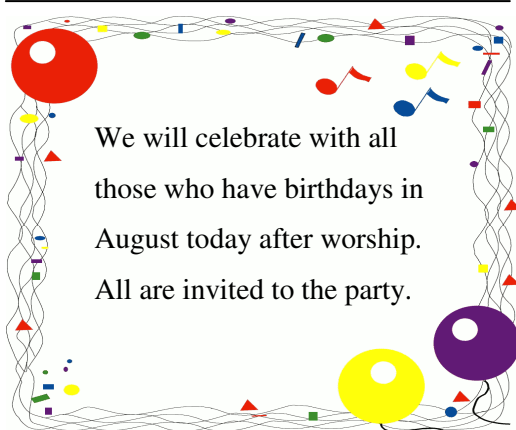
Paul Manz

This Week

Next Sunday
Pentecost 14, 10:30 am

Pr. Lori-Anne, James, Benie, Bilali, Emmanuel, Jean-Pierre, Nelly and Vedaste will be off to their week long confirmation camp on Monday and return on Saturday. Many thanks to our generous sponsors whose contributions help make this experience possible. Pr. Lori-Anne will be available at 604-720-7255 in case of any emergencies.

Our sympathies are with Susan and Ralph Storseth on the death of Verna Storseth last Sunday. Verna was mother to Susan, Linda and Carol and wife to Ralph. Pr. Lori-Anne led the memorial service yesterday. *“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”*



Friends,

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 37th 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 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. For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at 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 web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm

or

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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