



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



"You are set free"

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 25, 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>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Acolytes</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Ministry of Music Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Jackie Cleroux John Morley Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Lorna Hau
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley 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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A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

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

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE	<i>Ave Verum</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
	<i>Largo (Xerxes)</i>	G.F. Handel

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 796 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

GREETING

From God our Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the dwelling Spirit of God:
Grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that when we suffer, we may be set free and rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4–10

The call of the prophet Jeremiah does not depend either on Jeremiah's abilities or his age. God will give him the words to speak. Even before Jeremiah was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations, to minister in the difficult years before the Babylonian exile.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Response: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1–6(*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)
From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;**
incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,**
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;**
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18–29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things — so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 581 "You Are Mine"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your compassion"

The congregation's sung response "Hear Our Prayer" is found below.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
 peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
 God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, your voices, and your lives.

We lift all that we have to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the abundant gifts of God's life-giving love.

It is right to give our thanks for the gifts of Christ with us and in us.

In the night of his betrayal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

“Take, and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new covenant in my blood.

It is poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this to remember me.”

We thank You, God of Abundant Love, for these gifts given in love for us.

Accept us, forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live abundant lives.

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

**For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Amen.**

INVITATION

Come, taste and see that our Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER



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 # 617 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYER FOR NEW WAYS *(All rise)*

God of our lives.

You are always calling us to follow you into the future,

inviting us to new ventures,

new challenges,

new ways to care,

new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we are fearful of the unknown, and when we feel too broken to live,

Give us courage and strength to trust in your healing power.

When we worry that we do not have enough for tomorrow,

Remind us that you give us all that we need.

When we hoard our gifts and are fearful of the unknown,

Remind us that all we have is on loan from you.

When we worry that we are not up to the task of walking in your ways,

Remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us.

When we get tired or feel disappointed with the way things are going,

Remind us that you can bring change and hope

out of the most difficult situations.

When we worry that you are not with us,

Remind us that you are always with us and for us. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 723 "*Canticle of the Turning*"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Denis Bedard

This Week

Wednesday
Council, 6:15 pm

Thursday
Mutual Ministry, 5:30 pm

Next Sunday
Pentecost 15, 10:30 am

Welcome home to Pr. Lori-Anne, James, Nelly, Benie, Bilali, Emmanuel, Jean-Pierre and Vedaste from their week at confirmation camp. Many thanks again to our generous sponsors whose contributions help make this experience possible.



Youth group will be meeting on Saturday, September 7 at 6:30 pm at FLC. All youth ages 12

and up are invited to an evening of fun, games and snacks with Suleiman and Pr. Lori-Anne. Please feel free to bring friends from outside the congregation to join us!



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

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