



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 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>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Filippelli
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<i>Ministry of Music</i> <i>Organist/Pianist</i> <i>Flutists</i>	Barry Waterlow Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Karen Duddy
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Betty Anderson Mikhail Lennikov Karen Duddy Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Karen Duddy John Morley
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Anderson Daniel Luong Eve Luong
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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.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
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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

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE *Au pays d'Evangeline* Benoit Poirier(1882-1965)

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 521 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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. Loving and giving God, you are our source and guide. All that we have in this life is on loan from you. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what leads us away from you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Beloved Teacher and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-11

Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them, the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion;
when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

PSALM 107:1–9, 43 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

We give thanks to you, LORD, for your wonderful works. (Ps. 107:8)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

⁵They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

⁶**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.**

⁷You led them on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

⁹For you satisfy the thirsty soul and fill the hungry with good things.

⁴³**Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the LORD's steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 845 *"Voices Raised to You"*

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 people, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Wachet! Betet!* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
"Hold your heads, and be assured you faithful people, that your souls will never die, and in heaven's splendour, you may render service to God." Angus Stuart, Tenor

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 # 496 *“One Bread, One Body”*
686 *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

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,

Give us courage.

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 # 679 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Give to the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Passacaglia in D* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 -1707)

This Week

Next Sunday
Pentecost XII, 10:30 am

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!

Welcome back to Jeanette who will be in the office on Tuesday !

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!

Please note that Pr. Lori-Anne will be away on study leave from August 7 - 13, but will be available in case of emergency at 604-720-7255.

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

MUSIC NOTES by Barry Waterlow, MMus ARCCO LMusLCM

Louis Mitchel's 1882 pipe organ in the Acadian village church of Tignish PEI and a kindly nun-organist enabled the impoverished young **Poirier** to learn to play organ. While on scholarship to Université St-Joseph, where he earned his BA and MA, he was appointed organist first at the parish church there, then at Montreal's seminary and later at historic Notre Dame Church (1921-54). **Buxtehude's** fame as composer-improviser-organist in Lubeck, Germany, caused the young **Bach** to overstay his study leave there. **Angus Stuart** studied education at UBC, then earned a master's in voice at Western Washington University and a scholarship to Austria's University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz. For the Surrey School District, he has worked as an elementary school music specialist, as a native students advisor and then as counselor for students experiencing difficulties.

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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