



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



*“Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, soul, strength and mind...
Love your neighbour as yourself.”*

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 2013**

**WELCOME TO
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FOUNDED 1890**

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Those Serving the Servants Today

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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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

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

PRELUDE

*Largo in G Minor
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Antonio Vivaldi
Paul Manz

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN # 720 "We Are Called"

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 82

(read aloud responsively; congregation reads bold.)

- ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
²"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favour to the wicked?"

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;**
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,**
and all of you children of the Most High;

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,**
for you shall take all nations for your own.

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

HYMN **"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"** *Prayer of St. Francis, Sebastian Temple*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light.
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek.
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive.
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1–14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,
⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

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GOSPEL: Luke 10:25–37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

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

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.
³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 659 *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

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 *Selections from “Petite Suite”* Jacques Ibert

“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 # 772 *“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”*
Mothering God David Cherwien

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 717 *“Let Justice Flow Like Streams”*

DISMISSAL Go in peace, love your neighbour. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Michael Burkhardt

Weekly Contemporary Sing-A-long!

If you love to sing contemporary music or worship music of any kind...we are gathering each Sunday evening over the 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! ALL WELCOME!

Starting Sunday, July 21st, 5 -7 pm
First Lutheran lower hall

Questions? Please call Shannon Ingersoll at 778.558.9112.

This Week

Tuesday

50+ group trip to Burnaby Village
(see announcement to the right)

Next Sunday

Pentecost IX, 10:30 am

Join us next Sunday after church for a shower to celebrate Ceci and Patrick's upcoming wedding and Mina and Bahman's recent wedding. Anne Johnson will be collecting donations towards a gift today.

Blessings and congratulations to Leanne Harder and Philip Schulze, married at First Lutheran Church yesterday, July 13, Pastor Sylvia Schmidt presiding.

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in July today after worship. All are invited to the party.

You Choose

The hymns on July 21 will be chosen by you, the congregation. Would you please write the number of your favourite hymn on the paper provided and put it in the box marked "Favourite Hymns on July 21".

Our sympathies are with Barbara Perry and her extended family on the death of her mother, Ann Snuggs, at 100 years of age. "Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Fifty Plus Group Outing

The Fifty Plus Group is planning an outing to Burnaby Village Museum on Tuesday, July 16th. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will meet at the village main gate at 12:00 noon or if you would like to carpool from the church or need a ride, indicate this on the sign-up sheet.

There is no cost to enter the museum. Bring a bag lunch and we can eat in the meadow before visiting some of the buildings. The Village Ice Cream Parlour will be open for those wanting to purchase snacks and beverages in the afternoon. Come out for a good time.

Confirmation Camp! August 19-24 Ages 12 and up

Interested in a fun-filled week on the island? See Pr. Lori-Anne today after the service to register. **The deadline is July 15!**

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!

Marisue (Sue) Peterson passed away on July 2, 2013 at 70 years of age. Her celebration of life will be held at Christ The King Lutheran Church on July 25 at 11 am. The address is 13388 104 Ave, Surrey, BC, V3T1V6. Please contact Neil Peterson if you need more info at 604-581-9814 or melaknight@iglide.net

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.

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