



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 21, 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>	Felix Opoku
<i>Acolytes</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Betty Anderson Julie Bauming
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Betty Anderson Karen Kerfoot Felix Opoku
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Heather Robbie Debbie Powell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson June Schramm Daniel Luong Eve Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Tony 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.

NINTH 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

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

PRELUDE

O Divine Redeemer
Fantasy in C Major

Charles Gounod
J. S. Bach

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Congregation's choice

GREETING

From God our Creator, and Christ our Teacher and Friend, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and teach us of your life-giving ways. Amid the cares of our lives, awaken us to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Beloved Teacher and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 15 *(Translated by Nan C. Merrill)*
(read responsively, congregation reads the bold)

**O Beloved, You invite us to rest in the abode of your Heart,
to forgive our weaknesses and renew our love.**

Who will respond with hearts opened wide to Love?

**Those who walk with integrity,
who are in harmony with your Word,
and sing the heart's song;**

Whose tongues speak truth judging not others and seeking only the good;

Whose eyes behold not the outer garments of the body,

but see within the inner robe of Love;

Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged and brought to light in prayer;

Those who are just in all affairs of life

and take not advantage of another.

Those who dwell in the Heart of Love,

who act justly, with integrity,

will join the Dance of Life,

will sing the Songs of Joy!

Their family, friends and, indeed,

the world will be blessed by their love.

HYMN

Congregation's Choice

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15–28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38–42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is single-minded devotion to Jesus and his word.

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

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 793 "Be Thou My Vision"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of grace, transform us with your love."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Siciliano (BWV 1031)

J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray. **Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts; receive this offering as a sign of our desire to live our lives inspired by your Spirit. We dedicate our lives, and all that we have to the work of your kingdom - the work of life, of love, of peace. Use our gifts, and lead us in wisdom and courage. As we seek to listen and serve, surround us with your grace and mercy. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, your voice, and your breath.

We lift all that we have to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Good News of God's love,
which will never be taken away.

It is right to give our thanks for the presence 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 give 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 abundantly.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *The Aramaic Prayer of Jesus*

(As translated from Aramaic in "Prayers of the Cosmos" by Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz)

**O, Birther of the Cosmos, focus your light within us -
make it useful**

Create your reign of unity now

**Your one desire then acts with ours,
as in all light,**

so in all forms,

grant us what we need each day in bread and insight:

loose the cords of mistakes binding us,

as we release the strands we hold of other's guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us,

but free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will,

the power and the life to do,

the song that beautifies all,

from age to age it renews.

We affirm this with our whole being.

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 *Congregation's choices (2 hymns)*

If With All Your Hearts (Elijah) 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 learn,

new ways to care,

new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we are fearful of the unknown,

Give us courage.

Remind us that you are our Teacher and our Friend.

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

Remind us that you give us all that we need.

When we worry that we are not up to the task,

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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Christ, who is always listening to the cries of your heart, bless you, guide you, and teach you to live freely and abundantly. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Congregation's choice

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Choral (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

This Week

Next Sunday
Pentecost X, 10:30 am

Join us today after church for a shower to celebrate Ceci and Patrick's upcoming wedding and Mina and Bahman's recent wedding. If you'd like to contribute towards a gift, please see Anne Johnson.

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!

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.

SUMMER COOKING CAMPS FOR YOUTH AGED 12 - 14

Learn to cook with professional chefs at fun and interactive cooking camps. Eat your way through Mexico, Italy and France this summer! Half day courses for youth aged 12 - 14 take place on **Monday, July 29;** **Wednesday, July 31;** and **Thursday, August 1,** 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Address: St. Andrew's United Church
1044 St. George's Avenue
North Vancouver.

Cost: \$30 per day. For more information or to register, please contact Community Kitchen Coordinator Catherine Jackson at **kitchen@st-andrews-united.ca** or **604-985-0408**.

Sunday Evening Service

For all of those who are interested in collaborating with the Sunday Evening Service team, we will be meeting on **Wednesday, July 24 at 7 pm** at First Lutheran. All are welcome!

An ESL student in Vancouver is currently seeking housing. If you know of any affordable housing, please contact the office.

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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