



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



“Knock, knock...”

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 28, 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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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2013

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Acolyte</i>	Benie Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Barry Waterlow
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Heather Robbie Betty Wong
<i>Tray Holder</i>	Ingrid Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Celly Manirakoze Benie Niyungeko Karen Kerfoot
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
JULY 28, 2013

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

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

PRELUDE *Berceuse (Lullaby)* Benoit Poirer (1882-1965)

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God, **we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and know how much God loves you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 588 *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

GREETING

From God our Father, 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. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more than ready to hear our prayers, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Beloved Friend and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Psalm 85 *(Translated by Nan C. Merrill.)*
(Read responsively, congregation reads the bold)

**O Beloved, how gracious You are to your people;
You restore their souls time and time again.**

You forgive their distractions when they wander far from You; You give them new life.

Yes, You bless them and raise up new hope; You awaken their hearts to love.

Restore us again, O Spirit of Truth; burn us with the refining Fire of Love!

We cannot live separated from You; cast out the demons of fear, doubt, and illusion.

Revive us again, we pray; may your people rejoice in You!

Have compassion on your people, O Holy One, and grant us your forgiveness.

Listen, O People, in the silent Chapel of your heart;

and the Beloved will speak of peace to you, to the saints,
to all whose hearts are turned to Love.

Surely new life is at hand for those in whom Love lives;

O, that harmony might dwell among the nations.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace one another.

Wisdom will spring up from the ground and truth will look down from the sky.

Yes, the Eternal Giver will grant what is good, and the lands will yield abundantly.

**Mercy and compassion are Love's way; You will guide our footsteps upon the path of peace
as we recognize with open hearts that You are our peace.**

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

LESSON HYMN # 742 *"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-19

Paul warns his congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection, which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11:1-13

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to child-like trust and persistence in prayer.

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

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.** ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"** **Karen Lafferty, 1971**
(music and lyric printed on back cover)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "To you O Lord, we cry:"

The congregation's sung response **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"** is found on next page.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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 be with you.	And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, and heal us, that we might live abundant lives.

Gathered into one, I invite you to pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us,
as in Luke’s Gospel:

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 # 471 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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 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

Go forth into the world to share the good news; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit, and almighty God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and go with you. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

886 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God hears and answers your prayers! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Every Tuesday during July and August, Stanley Park will be transformed as a four storey inflatable movie screen will be set up at Ceperely Meadows (Second Beach). As a general reminder, please bring your own blankets and/or lawn chairs. Please keep in mind this is a family friendly event, so no smoking or alcohol. They'll also be accepting donations for their benefiting charities, which are outlined in the schedule found through the link. <http://www.vancitybuzz.com/2013/06/free-outdoor-movies-vancouver-2013-stanley-park/>

This Week

Monday

Summer Cooking Camp, 9:30-1:30 pm

St. Andrew's United Church

(see announcement to the right)

Next Sunday

Pentecost XI, 10:30 am

Thanks to our pianist/organist Barry Waterlow who played the worship this morning. Barry will also be accompanying us next Sunday while Jeanette is on vacation.

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 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!

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.**

Congratulations to Ceci Harris and Patrick Cafferty who were married yesterday at the Museum of Vancouver. The couple will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia after the wedding. Our best wishes to the couple for a good and happy life together!

Please update your phone book with Betty Anderson's new address:

314- 6545 Alberta St.

Vancouver, V5X 4N5

Betty's phone number remains same:

604-874-5104

**Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator
(Half Time)**

The North Vancouver Anglican (ACC) and Lutheran (ECLIC) Regional Council and its member parishes seek a skilled, trained and creative Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator who will work with young people and the regional Leadership Team to:

- Develop and deliver a regional ministry plan including budget, timeline and deliverables.
- Work with volunteers to provide regular programming for youth and young adults.
- Explore and initiate one new ministry project that engages and serves young people

The position is 20 hours/week primarily evenings and week-ends.

We are a group of seven unique, small and medium-sized parishes beginning to do ministry on a regional model; each parish has a small number of young people. For a portrait of our region please see <http://northvandeaneary.blogspot.ca/>

For a full job description and information on how to apply, see <http://northvandeaneary.blogspot.ca/2013/07/youth-position-open.html>

Our sympathies are with Linda Dawson and family on the death of Joe Schaffer, a friend and a family relative, at the age of 35 on July 2 due to a heart attack. The celebration of life for Joe took place on July 13 on Camano Island. "Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him."

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Karen Lafferty, 1971

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HYMN OF THE DAY