



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 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. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Deb Bartlette
<i>Lector</i>	Linda Dawson
<i>Torch Bearers</i>	Jordan Manu Emmanuel Manu
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	Jeanette Price Kathryn Roller Peter Clark Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	
<i>Cantor/Crucifer</i>	
<i>Flutists</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Ingrid Bielenberg June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Cheryl Conant Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley Betty Wong

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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*Holy Communion, Setting Eight***

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

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

PRELUDE

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Canon*

Michael Burkhardt
Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The leader invites the assembly into the confession.

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

The assembly kneels or sits and keeps silence for self-examination.

The leader begins the confession.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault
in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty
to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.

**Almighty and merciful God grant you healing,
pardon and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 524 "What is this Place"

GREETING AND KYRIE (*cantor sings verses*) p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast" p. 187

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:1–14

Elijah has defeated the prophets of Baal through the power of the Lord. Now, fleeing from Queen Jezebel, Elijah comes to Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai). God appears to him there not in power but in "a sound of sheer silence" and reassures him that he is not alone.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up,

and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

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

LESSON HYMN # 841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23–29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favour of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

ACCLAMATION HYMN (*Please rise if you are able*) **# 878 "Soli Deo Gloria"** vv. 1-2

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26–39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

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

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION HYMN (*Please rise if you are able*) # 878 **“Soli Deo Gloria”**
vv. 3-5; v. 4 – unaccompanied

CHOIR ANTHEM (*The assembly is seated*) **I Thank You, Lord** Joseph M. Martin
(*If you wish to follow along, the lyrics are on page 11*)

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows the homily*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 880 **“O God Beyond All Praising”** (*If able, please rise*)

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Thanks Be To Thee* G. F. Handel

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 p.190

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p.191

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p.191



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

491 “Come, Let Us Eat”
Cantor sings 1st and 3rd lines; all sing 2nd and 4th
496 “One Bread, One Body”
Panis Angelicus Cesar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING SONG *Pray for Me* Contemporary Music Team
(Please sit if you wish to follow along, the lyrics are on page 12)

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

The pastor of First Lutheran, Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford, addresses the retiring pastor

Pastor Hergy, in January of 1994, you were called and came to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness, trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you and your family have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this household of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing on you and on us all.

The assembly is invited to rise

People of God, members of First Lutheran Church, Vancouver, do you release Richard Hergesheimer from his service as your pastor?
We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Richard, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry as pastor to and as pastor with First Lutheran Church?
I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Hergy among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:
 bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:
 keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:
 prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;
 heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Hergy, Trudy, their children and grandchildren and all of us
 to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As he and they have been a blessing to us,
 so now send them and us forth to be a blessing to others;
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF A GIFT *(Please be seated)*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN **# 564 “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”**
 v. 3 - unaccompanied

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

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor BWV 565* J.S. Bach

On behalf of the congregation, Church Council would like to say a few words of gratitude and farewell to our Hergy (His Enthusiasm Really Grabs You!!!) and to his kind and loving wife Trudy:

So much laughter, so many tears, so many prayers, so many songs, so many celebrations and memorials, so much hope, so much to grieve, so much to talk over: all of the stepping stones of lives shared, whether pebbles or mountains, jagged or smooth. You and Trudy have always been there for each of us in the congregation and supported us in endless ways. As our faithful Shepherd, captivating and passionate Preacher, wise Teacher and a true Friend, you have always had a smile or words of amazing advice. Thanks for your Martin Luther, your John the Baptist and your Donald Duck: we needed them all! With your constant assurance of God's grace, you have grown us as well as grown with us, and the seeds you have planted will continue to grow. Thanks for embracing the same sex community and the cause of inclusion. Thanks for showing us many times that social justice is action and standing up in spite of criticism. The Good News, the Light, and the Hope that you spread have lit the hearts of the people in our church, and far, very far beyond, and will be passed on to generations to come. You have been a great blessing to many and an inspiring leader of this church.

Now may you and Trudy go out into the world filled with our love and with the ancient blessing that you have given to us so many times: ***May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and give you peace.***

All are invited to Pr. Hergy's retirement luncheon downstairs after worship this morning. After 19 years of service as pastor of First Lutheran, we say good-bye to Hergy and Trudy and wish them well in this next chapter of their lives. They will be moving to their small home outside of Sechelt on the sunshine coast. Both Pr. Hergy and Trudy express their deepest thanks to the members and friends of First Lutheran for all the support, affection, care and generosity shown to them over these years, and especially in these last few months, weeks and on this day. God bless and be with you all and always.

Choir Anthem:

I Thank You , Lord

Joseph M. Martin

Lord, when I think upon the music of my life,
Your songs of joy, Your love songs in the night
I'm filled with wonder and with praise-
At the beauty of your grace.
I thank you, Lord, I thank you Lord

And when I gather in this house, your sacred place
And when I sing the hymns and anthems of my faith.
I'm filled with hope and gratitude, As I lift my heart to you.
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.

Oh, how can I keep from singing?
How can I keep from lifting up my voice?
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from Singing?
How can I help but praise the Lord?

How can I keep from praising Christ, my Saviour,
When he has done so much for me?
I will exalt his name and not be silent.
God's love has set my music free!
God's love has set my music free!

Now when I think upon the blessings of this life,
The forest deep, the glory of the skies
The promise of the rising sun
And the moon when day is done,
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.

And when I look into the eyes of those I love,
Or when I gaze upon the starry night above
My heart is filled with joyful praise
And I bless your holy name
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.

Oh, how can I keep from singing?
How can I keep from lifting up my voice?
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from Singing?
How can I help but praise the Lord?

How can I help but praise the Lord?

I will praise the Lord.

Contemporary Music Team:

Pray For Me

Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick

[Verse 1]

Here is where the road divides
Here is where we realize
The sculpting of the Father's great design
Thru' time you've been a friend to me
But time is now the enemy
I wish we didn't have to say goodbye
But I know the road he chose for me
Is not the road he chose for you
So as we chase the dreams we're after...

[Chorus:]

Pray for me and I'll pray for you
Pray that we will keep the common ground
Won't you pray for me and I'll pray for you
And one day love will bring us back around

[Verse 2]

Painted on a tapestry
We see the way it has to be
Weaving through the laughter and the tears
But love will be the tie that binds us
To the time we leave behind us
Memories will be our souvenirs
And I know, that through it all
The hardest part of love is letting go....
But there's a greater love that holds us.

[Chorus:]

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Pray that we will keep the common ground
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Pray that we will keep the common ground
Won't you pray for me and I'll pray for you
And one day love will bring us back around
Oh, I know that love will bring us back around
Again

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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“You will be missed”

- Pastor L-A B-C

You will be missed, dear friend. You will be missed.
Your joyful trust in the work of God, in and through you, and sometimes even despite of you...
Your words of grace, love, and life, piercing through our hearts, time and time again...
Indeed, there is no one who can preach the gospel like Hergy.

You will be missed, dear friend. You will be missed.
Your enthusiasm for justice, your heart for the abused and the forlorn...
The many hours that you have given to those who need a warm embrace, a listening ear,
an earful of words, or a generous helping hand...
Indeed, many have entrusted their hearts to your care, Hergy.

You will be missed, dear friend. You will be missed.
Your encouraging support to all of us who are church here together...
Teaching us to use our voice and stand up for what is right...
Cheerleading us to take the baton of leadership that you pass...
Trusting in the Holy Spirit’s gracious work that continues to breathe in us new life...
Indeed, this ministry will not be the same without you, Hergy.

You will be missed, dear friend. You will be missed.
Your 40 years of service to and with the people of God...
Serving the Energetic Creator who has vibrantly and lovingly created this beautiful world,
Serving the Living Word, en-fleshed in water, bread and wine, in this world, and in our hearts,
Serving the Christ who liberates us to live with hope, to live with trust, to live as One,
Serving the Life-Giving Spirit who lives in us and renews us, time and time again...

And so we say the words to you, Hergy:
*“Well done, dear friend. Well done.
Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

May peace and joy abound and fill your heart.
May you rest secured as you depart,
Knowing that you have been loved by the children of God
With whom you have so graciously served and loved.



**Pr. Hergy and Trudy,
we love you and we will miss you!**