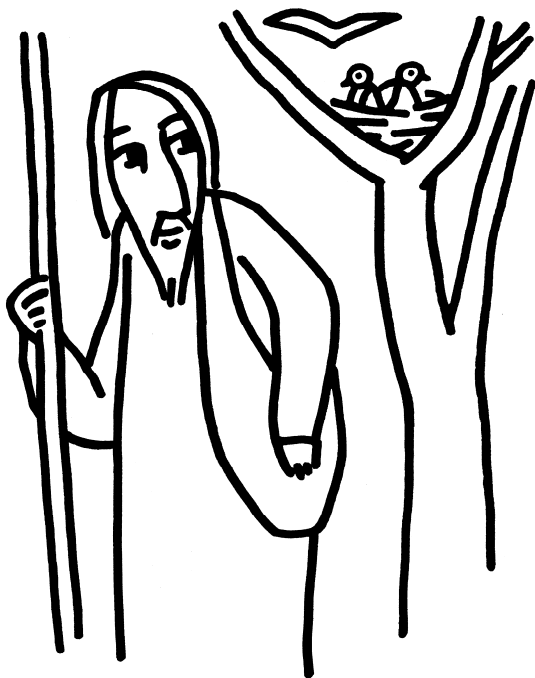




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



"Follow Me"

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 30, 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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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Those Serving the Servants Today

Presider/Homilist	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
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Acolytes	Omari Hakamineza Bilali Miyonkuru
Ministry of Music Organist/Pianist Flutists	Jeanette Price Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
Gift Bearers	Eve Luong Daniel Luong
Communion Servers	Julie Bauming Eve Luong Daniel Luong Betty Wong
Coffee Hour Hosts	Mikhail Lennikov Irina Lennikova Natasha Damiano
Altar Guild	Mikhail Lennikov Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
Offering Counters	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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

JUNE 30, 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

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

PRELUDE

Air

Beautiful Saviour

Giuseppe Tartini

arr. Winston Cassler

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

768 *“Lead me, Guide Me”*

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler and keeper of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favour us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of the Beloved One, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your life-giving path, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

Elijah's ministry is finished as he is taken up into heaven, and a new chapter begins as Elisha inherits the mantle and the spirit of his teacher. Like the great prophet Moses before them, both Elijah and Elisha part a body of water through the power of the Lord.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

LESSON HYMN

767 *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.

I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.
⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them.
⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes,

and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation's sung response "Hear our prayer" is found below.

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:
 peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.
 God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Draw Me Nearer* arr. Jack Schrader

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.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*prayer over and for the gifts of field, vine and work*)

THE 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 (*as the bread is broken*)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **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

793 “Be Thou My Vision”

Joyous Light

Marty Haugen

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 life 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

611 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required!

Volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays are urgently needed. It doesn't matter if you haven't done this before – we can pair you up with someone with previous experience. This is a great way to meet members and make new friends. If you would like to help, please call **Karen Kerfoot** at **604.324.7424** or **Christine Neumann** at **604-596-1778** (evenings).

The Good Samaritan Society is seeking a part-time chaplain for their Salmon Arm location.

Studying Luther in Wittenberg:

Invitation to the Eighth International Seminar within the Luther Decade

Congregations are invited to send a pastor to the 8th **seminar** which will take place in Wittenberg from **November 2nd until November 16th, 2013** and will be led by Prof. Dr. Theodor Dieter and Prof. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson from the Institute for Ecumenical Research in Strasbourg. The theme of the seminar will be: **“Luther’s Understanding of the Church”**. All participants will receive some relevant texts in advance so that they can prepare for the seminar. The seminar takes place in the Colleg Wittenberg, a venue right in the center of Luther’s town.

For cost and registration details, please contact the church office for more info.

This Week

Monday

Office Closed

Friday

Wedding rehearsal, 3-5 pm

Saturday

Wedding, 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Next Sunday

Pentecost VII, 10:30 am

In 2011, LCBI celebrated it's 100 year anniversary, and a history book was published for that event.

The edition of "Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute: It's 100 Year Story" was made available at Homecoming 2011.

"A story that includes and is a continuation of the stories of Outlook College, and Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute - a one hundred-year saga of the inception, establishment, development, trials and achievements of our triply-named school at Outlook, Saskatchewan." (George Evenson)

There are still copies available for anyone who would like to purchase one or more at \$40 each. It would also be a valuable addition to a church library. They can be obtained by contacting Darci Morken at LCBI, office@lcbi.sk.ca, or [306-867-8971](tel:306-867-8971). Or if you would like more info you can contact Gail Berg at pgberg4@gmail.com

Pr. Lori-Anne will be in Ottawa from July 2 - 9 to attend the National Convention as the delegate from First Lutheran Church. Pr. Adolf Manz (604-327-3764) will cover any emergencies during this time.

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 coffee supply needs to be replenished. If you are able to donate a pound or two, it will be greatly appreciated and helpful.

Confirmation Camp! August 19-24 Ages 12 and up

Interested in a fun-filled week on the island? See Pr. Lori-Anne to register by 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!

Congratulations to Eve Luong, who graduated from ECE (Early Childhood Education) program this month. Eve will start her final practicum soon in the near future.

Free furniture (pictures available):

Green leather sofa and a love seat
Bike
Dining room chairs
Filing Cabinets
Stove and Dishwasher

Please contact Alex or Deanna Wilson at (604)430-5893.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief 2014 Global Encounter to the Holy Land

CLWR is inviting registrations for a Global Encounter trip to the Holy Land, from February 19 - March 3, 2014.

The encounter will provide an opportunity for participants to meet with CLWR project partners in Palestine and experience some of the religious heritage sights and rich culture of the region. There will be opportunities to spend time in the old city of Jerusalem and participate in a religious pilgrimage to other parts of the West Bank.

A deposit of \$1000 is required by June 30, 2013 to secure your position on the tour. Final costs for all accommodation, travel from your local airport and all meals is expected to not exceed \$6000 in total. Contact Tom Brook, CLWR Community Relations Director, for more information: tbrook@clwr.mb.ca or 1.800.661.2597.

Find more information at <http://www.clwr.org/Get-Involved/visit-our-program-communities.cfm#geholyland>

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