



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 9, 2013

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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Holy Communion, Setting One

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

The Time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on life. To that end we gather today with the whole people of God to be instructed by the word and nourished in the blessed sacrament.

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lead Me On*
 Largo (Xerxes)

Paul Manz
G.F. Handel

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN # 526 *"God is Here!"* v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men

GREETING AND KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast"*

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the death of sin, and raise us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8–24

During a severe drought in Israel, God tells Elijah to find lodging with a widow in Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, west of Israel. The widow, despite experiencing severe hardship, offers hospitality to Elijah and is rewarded with a miraculous abundance of food and the raising of her son.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Response after the reading:

Thanks be to God.

LESSON HYMN # 773 *"Precious Lord"*

SECOND READING: Galatians 1:11–24

The apostle and church-planter Paul tells the story of his ministry given to him by Jesus Christ. In the midst of grave tension in his church in Galatia, he assures his congregation that his work is centered in the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, unlike the other teachers among them.

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.

¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.

¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, ²²and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; ²³they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴And they glorified God because of me.

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

ACCLAMATION HYMN **# 732 "Borning Cry"** vv. 1 - 2

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus' ministry bears witness to God's coming reign, where the lowly are shown mercy and the dead are raised. Here, Jesus ministers to a widow by raising her only son to life.

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

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

ACCLAMATION HYMN **# 732 "Borning Cry"** vv. 3 - 4

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY **"O Christ the Same"** (see last 2 pages)

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 "Album for the Young"* Robert Schumann

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 107

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung prayer over the gifts) p. 108

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"LAMB OF GOD" p. 112

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. During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION **# 485 "I Am the Bread of Life"** (cantor sings verses)
Lord For Thy Tender Mercies Sake Richard Farrant

"NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT" p. 113

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN **# 543 "Go, My Children"** v. 2 - unaccompanied

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* Robert Hobby

**Nineteen years at First Lutheran and Nineteen Reasons
why you should not miss Pastor Hergy's Send off Roast**

Friday June 21st at 7pm at First Lutheran Church, 5745 Wales Street

You need to come.....

1. If you have ever laughed at one of Pastor Hergy's stories.
2. If you were around to hire Pastor Hergy and are still around to retire him.
3. If you want to be treated to a fabulous wine and cheese party.
4. If you want to hear Pastor Hergy be roasted by colleagues and friends.
5. If you want to hear Hergy have the last word.
6. If you want to simultaneously laugh and cry.
7. If you have been married by Pastor Hergy.
8. If Pastor Hergy has baptized your child.
9. If you want to add your voice to the chorus of heartfelt thank-yous to Pastor Hergy and his family.
10. If you have been inspired to be a different person after listening to one of Pastor Hergy's sermons.
11. If you have been in Pastor Hergy's confirmation class.
12. If you want to "friend" Pastor Hergy the old-fashioned way.
13. If you have seen Hergy as John the Baptist or Martin Luther.
14. If Pastor Hergy has been there for you when you needed him.
15. If you have come to Sunday services just to hear what Pastor Hergy has got to say about current events.
16. If you want to see Pastor Hergy's family together (Chris and Josh are MCs), because maybe you have not seen them in awhile!
17. If you want to be part of history.
18. If you want to make sure that Pastor Hergy is really retiring.
19. If you want to show your support for a cause close to Pastor Hergy's heart - the Mikhail Lennikov Legal Fund.

This Week

Saturday

Youth BBQ Picnic and Games, 3 - 6 pm
BBQ at FLC parkade; games at Earles Park

Next Sunday

Pentecost IV, 10:30 am

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

Please indicate your attendance on June 21 and/or June 23 on the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Meanwhile, you may also sign up for any volunteer work you are able to do on the day.

Chris and Josh Hergesheimer wish to express their thanks to the people of First Lutheran for the interest and support offered to them at last Sunday's "Flour Peddler" display, demonstration and fund-raising. Updates on the "Bike Mills to South Sudan" project will be given over the months ahead before they leave for South Sudan in December. Thanks again.

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).

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O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.