



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THE HOLY TRINITY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST MAY 26, 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</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Acolytes</i>	Nelly Gateka Benie Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Guest Soloist</i>	Leanne Harder
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek MacNeill
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Suleiman Munyaneza Bilali Miyonkuru Isabel Hunt Emmanuel Manu
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Trudy Hergesheimer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley 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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

MAY 26, 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

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE

*Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness
All Glory Be To God On High*

Paul Manz
J. S. Bach

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 413 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

GREETING

From God our Creator, Christ Jesus our Lord, and the Spirit of all life: grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth —

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

PSALM 8 **Divine Majesty and Human Dignity**

(read aloud responsively; congregation reads bold.)

1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 **Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 **what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals/son of man that you care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1–5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung before and after the reading; refrain sung twice*)

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: John 16:12–15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

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

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 845 “Voices Raised to You”

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Presentation

Profession of Faith

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Blessing of Parent and Sponsors

Blessing of the Parish

Blessing of the Assembly

People of God, let us rejoice with Bilali, Emmanuel, Isabel, Jean-Pierre, and Suleiman in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

SONG OF COMMITMENT # 574 “Here I Am, Lord”

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul* Philip P. Bliss

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.

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 # 412 **“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”**
Be Thou But Near J. S. Bach

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 819 **“Come, All you People”**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Rondo* Marin Marais

Congratulations to Emmanuel Opong Manu, Suleiman Mike Munyaneza, Isabel Caroline Beatrice Hunt, Bilali Miyonkuru and Jean-Pierre Bizimana as they affirm their baptismal covenant on this Confirmation Sunday! We would like to thank their parents and their sponsors for accompanying them all the way along to their special day.

This Week

Today

Installation of Rev. Jennifer Wilson, 3:30 pm
(See announcement to the right)
Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

Saturday

Mikhail Lennikov Anniversary BBQ, 5-8 pm
(See announcement to the right)

Next Sunday

Pentecost II, 10:30 am
The Flour Peddler @ FLC, 11:30-1 pm
(see announcement next page)

Please know that tonight will be the last
Contemporary Evening Service of the season.

We are in need of non-perishable goods to
replenish our food cupboard here at First
Lutheran. Please contribute if you are able to
assist those in need.

Pr. Lori-Anne will begin her three week
holiday on Wednesday. She and James will
be travelling to Greece and Turkey for their
belated honeymoon and they want to extend
their gratitude to the congregation for the
generous gift to help them with their
celebration. Pr. Lori-Anne will return to the
office on June 20.

You are cordially invited to the Installation
Service for

Rev. Jennifer Wilson
as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church
TODAY, at 3:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
11040 River Road, Delta (604) 584-0111

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical colour is white.

**Mikhail's 4th anniversary
this Saturday, 5 - 8 p.m.**

We will host a late-afternoon/early evening
BBQ marking the 4th anniversary of
Mikhail's stay in sanctuary (he entered
sanctuary on June 1, 2009). Members and
friends of First Lutheran plus Mikhail's
supporters (maybe politicians) from all over
the Greater Vancouver area are
invited. Burgers and hot dogs (including
veggie) will be provided, contributions of
salads and desserts are welcome as well as
donations at the door.

Setup will start around 4 p.m., guests
arriving by 5, eating around 6, and
wrapping up and heading home by 8 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex to
help get an idea of the number attending.

Also if you are able and willing to help by
bringing a portable barbecue, assist with
set-up, do some cooking, preparing,
serving, or cleaning up, etc, please contact
Christine Neumann, Karen Kerfoot or John
Morley.

With church council's permission and blessing, the following "promo" is offered:

The Flour Peddler @ FLC

When: Next Sunday, June 2nd, 11:30-1 PM

Some of you may or may not know about our small business initiative, the Flour Peddler. For the last five years, the Flour Peddler has operated primarily at farmers' markets throughout Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast, connecting small-scale farmers with socially conscious consumers and providing the freshest whole grain flour around. But after five years, it's time for something different. All this year (November 2012- November 2013) **100% of the profits of our grain sales will fund a trip to South Sudan in December, where we will construct two bike-mills in a rural village using local materials and local labour.**

In case you wonder if we are serious, we should mention that we've already booked our airline tickets! We leave on December 9th, 2013. That gives us around almost 6 months to raise the remainder of the funds required. While in South Sudan we will work collaboratively with William Kolong and the Pan Aweil Development Agency, a registered Sudanese NGO (www.panaweil.net). And with the exception of the actual grain mill (built by Country Living, USA), we will be purchasing local materials and employing local labor each step of the way.

The Flour Peddler wants to let you know that we will be selling our trademark fresh, BC, organic whole grain flour after church in the basement as well as displaying our bicycle driven flour mill, a similar contraption to the one we will work with William Kolong to construct. Whether you want to buy a bag of flour for you, a few for some friends, or just make a small financial donation to this exciting and worthwhile project, any support you could offer would be a welcome contribution.

So stick around for 15 minutes after church, Sunday, June 2nd grab a bag of fresh flour and chat with us more about what this is all about.

Chris and Josh Hergesheimer

Welcome home to Dmitri Lennikov after his 10-day trip to Peru. Dmitri and a handful of other young adults from across Canada were in Peru to see and experience the work that CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) carries out there.

June 4 - Workshop Beyond Mental Illness

Learn how churches can support the mental health recovery journey by providing, hope, empowerment, meaning, and personal responsibility.

Time: 9 am - noon

Venue: John Braithwaite Community -
Harbourview Room
145 1st Street West, North Vanocover

RSVP by May 31st at
workshop.sanctuary@gmail.com

Suggested donation \$25 per community.

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required!

Volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays are urgently needed for the months of May and June. 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).

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.

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Psalm 8 (Alternative Version)

O Love, my Beloved,

How powerful is your Name in all the earth!

You, whose glory is sung in heaven by the angels and saints,

Who with the innocence and spontaneity of a child,

Confound those who are mighty and proud,

You comfort the unloving and fearful.

When I look up at the heavens,

at the work of Love's creation, at the infinite variety of your Plan,

What is woman that You rejoice in her, and man that You do delight in him?

You have made us in your image, You fill us with your Love;

You have made us co-creators of the earth! guardians of the planet!

to care for all your creatures, to tend the land, the sea, and the air we breathe;

all that You have made, You have placed in our hands.

O Love, my Beloved,

How powerful is your Name in all the earth!

(From Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness by Nan C. Merrill)