



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 10, 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

Presider	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
Homilist	Rev. Sally McShane
Assisting Minister	Celly Manirakoze
Lector	Mikhail Lennikov
Acolytes	
Ministry of Music	
Organ/Piano	Jeanette Price
Cantor	Shannon Ingersoll
Flutist	Anne Johnson
Trumpeter	Karl Maier
Gift Bearers	Mikhail Lennikov Lanny Harris
Communion Servers	Adolf Manz Mikhail Lennikov Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
Coffee Hour Hosts	Karen Kerfoot Celly Manirakoze Nelly Gateka Benie Niyungeko
Altar Guild	Mikhail Lennikov Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
Offering Counters	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

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 Seven

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 worship on the first day of the week because our Saviour was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

PRELUDE

*Siciliano
Benedictus*

J. S. Bach
Alec Rowley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.
Amen.

The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
**we acknowledge that we are sinners
and we confess our sins—
those known to us that burden our hearts,
and those unknown to us but seen by you.
We know that before you nothing remains hidden,
and in you everything is revealed.**

**Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;
and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion,
God saves us and + forgives us all our sins.
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us
and by the light of the Holy Spirit
guides our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 622 “Neither Death Nor Life” (cantor sings verses)

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ,
the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Job 19:23–27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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

PSALM 17:1-9 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

Refrain



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me un - der the shad - ow of your wings.

Tone



¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
²Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
⁴I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R
⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
⁷Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.
⁸Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
⁹from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. R

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

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

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 639 **“When We Are Living”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life, we give you thanks.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Down to the River to Pray* Pepper Choplin

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 181

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Prayer over the gifts)*

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

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

INVITATION

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 182



It is Christ who invites all 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. Bread or a gluten free option are available. All may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 628 **“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”**
Song 1 Orlando Gibbons

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

INSTALLATION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN # 879 **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** v.3 - unaccompanied

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *My Heart Ever Faithful* J. S. Bach

With Advent starting the first week of December, we are again in need of anointers on three Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15. If you are willing and available to help, please let the office know. More info and assistance is available upon request.

Name Tag Day Today!

There will be blank tags available at the door and downstairs. All are invited to wear a name tag upon arrival at church.

Please keep in mind that many people react to scents such as those in perfumes, colognes and strong soaps. Your help in reducing the use of scented personal products at church will ensure that services are comfortable for everyone. With thanks from Church Council.

This Week

Today

Tree of Life Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 26, 10:30 am

Sunday School, 10:45 am

Parents Meeting, after service in Sanctuary

PCCS Meeting after Coffee Hour

Tree of Life Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Next Sunday November 17 there will be a **parents meeting of Sunday School children and those about to enter Sunday School** in the sanctuary after the morning service.

Childminding will be provided based on voluntary assistance. If you are willing and available to help attend to the children while the parents are meeting, please let the office know. **2 volunteers needed.**

Volunteers urgently needed for altar set-up and clean-up. The duties include set up the bread and wine for communion between 9:30-10 am and clean up immediately after the service. No experience needed! You will be teamed up. Training will be provided. Contact June Schramm if you are willing to join.

Our thanks to the **Rev. Sally McShane** for proclaiming the good news this morning. Rev. Sally McShane is the Community Minister at **First United Church**. She brings the experience of 21 years of ministry in churches across Canada as well as a specialized ministry as Chaplain in a prison, a Woman's Shelter and a Jewish Palliative Care ward to her work. Her BA work was grounded in the wisdom of the Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan, followed by a M. Divinity at Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax and a Masters in Pastoral Care and Spirituality at Emmanuel College, Toronto. Sally's experiences have revealed to her the transformative love of God. Next to time with her family and good books, her favourite moments are talking about that love. "God is profoundly Awesome", she says.

FIRST LUTHERAN COFFEE HOUSE Sunday, November 24 Potluck 5:30 Coffee House 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Bring your talents! singing, dancing, comedy, poems, stories - all are welcome join us for some community fun! Please email shannon.heartsong@gmail.com to sign up or be brave and spontaneous!

Reminder that if you use social media please find and like us on Facebook and Twitter and keep us on events! Twitter is 1stlutheranvan.

Psalms Study Schedule

Nov 16 Psalms 21-25
Nov 23 Psalms 26-30
Nov 30 Psalms 31-35
Dec 7 Psalms 36-40
Dec 14 Psalms 41-45
Dec 21/Dec 28 CHRISTMAS BREAK

You Choose

The hymns of next Sunday 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 November 17" in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S FAITH RESOURCE

Looking for a child-friendly faith resource? Please take a copy of "**The Little Lutheran**" home, and read it to your child.

Copies of "The Little Lutheran" are found near the mailboxes in the narthex.

We welcome **Felix Opoku**, our newest **council member** appointed to the youth and young adult outreach portfolio. Felix is also serving FLC as our **youth worker**. We give thanks for his willingness to serve our community!

We are again low in our coffee supply. Donation will be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2013 10:45 AM-11:10AM

DECEMBER 1

DECEMBER 15

DECEMBER 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESENTS IN SERVICE

Parish Care Centre Society Committee will be holding a meeting next Sunday on the lower level after coffee hour.

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**Listening Retreat, November 30
Lower level at FLC
1:30 - 3:30 pm**

This year is especially designed as a *'Year of Listening,'* and all members and friends of First Lutheran are invited to attend our *'Listening Retreat.'* This will be a time specifically aimed at helping us learn how to listen mindfully to one another, to strengthen the relationships within our congregation, and to help us hear the dreams of our hearts both individually and collectively. In so doing, we will be better equipped to plan our future together as a community, to identify the issues we care about most, to find and to develop leadership to work with those both within and outside of our congregation. This will give us key building blocks to connect, to network, and to develop strategies for our future.

Your presence at this retreat is not only highly valued, but it is needed, as we cannot, as a community, plan our future together without first listening to our voices, identifying our needs, and hearing our dreams for the future. Please seriously consider attending this retreat, specifically designed to provide the space to listen to your own voice, to the voices of friends and members within our community, and to the voice of God living in our midst.

Our *'Listening Retreat'* will be led by *Deborah Littman*, who is the lead organizer of *Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)*, which is a broad-based alliance of community, labour, faith, and educational institutions working together for the common good. *The purpose of MVA is to help strengthen our organizations, to help develop stronger leadership, and to help groups of various backgrounds collaborate, identify common desires, and work together towards a common good.* Listening campaigns are an essential practice of MVA, as *we cannot work towards change without first identifying the needs most prevalent in our lives.* However, what is unique about MVA, is that members discover how much we all have in common regardless of our differences, and we are liberated to identify what we are willing to do together to effect positive change in our society. After our Listening Retreat, we will discern as a congregation to become a participant member of MVA.

Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex if you are able to participate.

Please join us!



Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, Dec. 7
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holiday gifts and crafts, jams and gourmet foods, home baking, gift baskets, knitting, attic treasures, refreshments and more.

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