



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 17, 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

Prsident/Homilist	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
Assisting Minister	Russell Collins
Lector	Carol Laslett
Ministry of Music	
Organ/Piano	Jeanette Price
Cantor	Janet Filippelli
Flutist	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
Trumpeter	Karl Maier
Gift Bearers	June Schramm Karen Kerfoot
Communion Servers	June Schramm Karen Kerfoot Alex Wilson John Morley
Coffee Hour Hosts	Deanna Wilson Betty Wong Wayne Wong
Altar Guild	Ingrid Anderson Caroline Weger Shannon Ingersoll
Offering Counters	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

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 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

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRELUDE Ayre George Philipp Telemann
Entrada in D Major Sigfrid Karg-Elert

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Congregation's Choice*

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.**

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"THIS IS THE FEAST" p. 187

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, loving and trustworthy protector, without you nothing is strong, nothing is life-giving. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is truly real and eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG # 595 "Jesus Loves Me!" v. 1

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17–25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

- ¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

PSALM: Isaiah 12:2–6

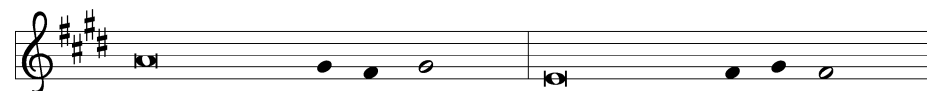
In your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (Isa. 12:6)

Refrain



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Tone



²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not ¹ be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

³**With joy you ¹ will draw water
from the wells ¹ of salvation. R**

⁴And you will say in that day:
Give thanks to the LORD, call ¹ on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name ¹ is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, who has done ¹ gloriously;
let this be known in ¹ all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O ¹ royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy ¹ One of Israel. R

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.
⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,
⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 21:5–19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 765 "*Lord of All Hopefulness*"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "let us pray. Have mercy, O God."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Songs without Words Op.62, no.6* Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

MEAL

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION

Come, taste and see that our Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER



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.

“LAMB OF GOD”

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Congregation's Choice
Song 1

Orlando Gibbons

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into the world to share the good news; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit, and almighty God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and go with you. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

Congregation's Choice

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember God's little ones. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

George Frederic Handel

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

Parents Meeting after service
PCCS meeting after coffee hour
Tree of Life Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am

Next Sunday

Christ the King, 10:30 am
Coffee House, 6:30 pm
(See announcement elsewhere)

Please be reminded of today's parents meeting of Sunday School children and those about to enter Sunday School in the sanctuary after the morning service.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / 10:45 -11:10AM

DECEMBER 1

DECEMBER 15

DECEMBER 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS IN SERVICE

Parish Care Centre Society Committee will be meeting downstairs after coffee hour today.

Psalms Study Schedule

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

FIRST LUTHERAN COFFEE HOUSE

NEXT 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.

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays. Experience not necessary – 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 contact **Christine Neumann at 604-596-1778** (evenings) or **Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424**. Their email address is cl-neumann@shaw.ca (Christine) and karen100@telus.net (Karen).

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.

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.

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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