



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SUNDAY OF THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 13, 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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Julie Bauming
<i>Acolytes</i>	Omari Hakamineza Vedaste Niyonsaba
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	June Schramm Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Mikhail Lennikov Karen Duddy Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Harvey Wagner John Morley
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

PRELUDE

*We Plough the Fields and Scatter
Now Thank We All Our God*

Michael Burkhardt
Paul Manz

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God:
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,
**we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 693 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

p. 3 (red folder)

“NOW THE FEAST”

p. 4

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious and Giving God: your generous goodness comes to us new every day.
By the work of your Spirit teach us to acknowledge your goodness, to give thanks
for your benefits, and to joyously praise and serve you as we surrender to your loving ways,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7

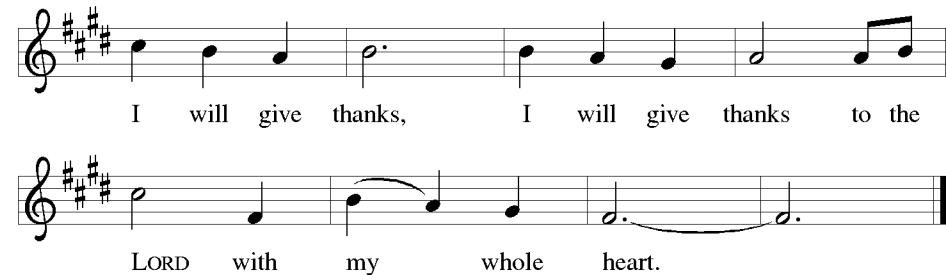
Ten years before the destruction of Jerusalem, many leaders of Judah were taken to Babylon. Jeremiah sends a letter to those exiles encouraging them, as they live in that strange place, to raise families and even to pray for the welfare of Babylon. God will restore them in due time.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

PSALM 111 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)

Refrain



I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the
LORD with my whole heart.

Tone



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.

²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹light in them. R**

³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵You give food to ¹those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹of your works
in giving them the lands ¹of the nations. R**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹er and ever,
because they are done in ¹truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your cove- ¹nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise en- ¹dures forever. R**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 870 "We Praise You, O God"

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

This Week

Monday
Office closed

Thursday
Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday
Pentecost 22, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

Pr. Lori-Anne will be on study leave starting tomorrow to attend the "First Call" program in Edmonton, Alberta. She will return to the office next Wednesday. Pr. Sylvia Schmidt will lead the worship next Sunday. In case of any pastoral emergencies, please contact Pr. Sylvia via email turtleislandeducate@gmail.com or by phone 604-589-6014.

Young Adults Bowling Night! **October 26 from 7 - 9 pm**

Lucky Strike Bowling
1205 6th Ave New Westminster
Please let Pr. Lori-Anne know if you need a ride (meet at FLC at 6:30 pm).

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 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).

On **October 27**, Reformation Sunday, we welcome all friends from **Grace Lutheran Church** for a **joint service** here at First Lutheran. Pr. Nathan Fong will be preaching. We will have a **potluck dessert feast** after the morning liturgy. Please bring some goodies to share with everyone on that day. For those who are able and willing to help with set-up and clean-up, please contact either Karen Kerfoot or Christine Neumann.

Psalms Study Schedule

Oct 19 **NO CLASS**
(PR L-A ON STUDY LEAVE)

Oct 26 **Psalms 6-10**

Nov 2 **Psalms 11-15**

Nov 9 **Psalms 16-20**

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 **NO CLASSES**
CHRISTMAS BREAK

Games afternoon for Youth and Adults **Saturday, November 2, 1 - 4 pm**

Featuring carpet bowling (no experience necessary). Also bring your choice of board or card games and Ping Pong (can you beat Mikhail). Refreshment provided.

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

OCTOBER 20

NOVEMBER 5
NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 1
DECEMBER 15
DECEMBER 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTS IN SERVICE

In order to update the photo albums of FLC members and friends, picture taking sessions will be held in the ELSA daycare area after the service on October 20 and October 27. These pictures may also be used in our upcoming church directory with the permission from the individuals.

If you are in need of a food hamper,
Please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

SUMS Third Annual **"Soup Du Jour" and Grand Opening**

Join us on Friday October 25th, 2013 for our annual fund-raiser combined this year with the opportunity to see our new location at **10776 King George Blvd.**

Our cocktail style party features great food, entertainment, recognition of individuals and organizations that have contributed to the new building and just a few Mission surprises!

Time – 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm

In lieu of tickets
a freewill - offering may be made.

We will as in past years have a Live and Silent Auction for your enjoyment. If you have any items that you would be willing to donate please call Jonquil at 604 581 – 5172 or by e-mail at sums@telus.net.

Psalms Bible Study, First Lutheran Church Saturdays, 11am-12:30pm

Looking for a chance to learn more about God and the Bible?

Looking for a Bible Study that you can join whenever you have the time?

Looking for a chance to connect with others in a community of faith?

Join us for our year of Bible Study on the Psalms!

“Life is always a kaleidoscope of conflicting experiences and emotions—and we find this variety reflected in the contents of the Old Testament psalms.”

*J. W. Drane, *Introducing the Old Testament.**

Within our scriptures is ancient yet relevant poetry that describes the complexity of human life, and the rich relationship that humans have with God. Martin Luther described the Psalms as the ‘little Bible’ or ‘the Bible within the Bible,’ and believed that the Psalms articulate the whole gospel of God’s grace and steadfast love.

The purpose of this course is to provide a safe space to explore the full gamut of human emotion and experience with God not only in the Psalms, but also in our lives. After a brief class introducing the Psalms, five different psalms will be studied and discussed each class. All members of this study will be given the opportunity to bring in personal insights and share unique perspectives and experiences.

You do not have to be a biblical expert to join this study! All that is required is that we all come just as we are, and also with a Bible, writing pad and pencil in hand, to explore the riches that are before us in our faith tradition. No previous knowledge necessary!

Do not worry if you are too busy to commit to the entire year-long course! You do not need to come to consecutive classes in order to join in the study—come whenever you can! All of the psalms will be posted for each specific class so you have the opportunity to read and pray through the poems if you have a chance prior to the study.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.

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 is completed. No experience needed! You will be teamed up. Please consider to be part of our worship leading team! Training will be provided. Contact June Schramm if you are willing to help.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, all are encouraged to bring gifts of non-perishable goods as well as special gifts of money. We will use these gifts to stock our parish pantry for folks who are in need of some short-term help. . .or for those non-members who come to our office doors during the week asking a bit of help to get through the next few days or a week. Your donations are warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Spring bulbs for the church garden needed. Please drop them off in the church office.

If you are interested in attending **The Tenor’s Christmas Concert** at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Monday, December 2nd at 8pm, Ingrid Anderson has a single ticket for sale. It is a Centre Balcony Seat. She will give you a good deal!!

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in October next Sunday after worship.

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