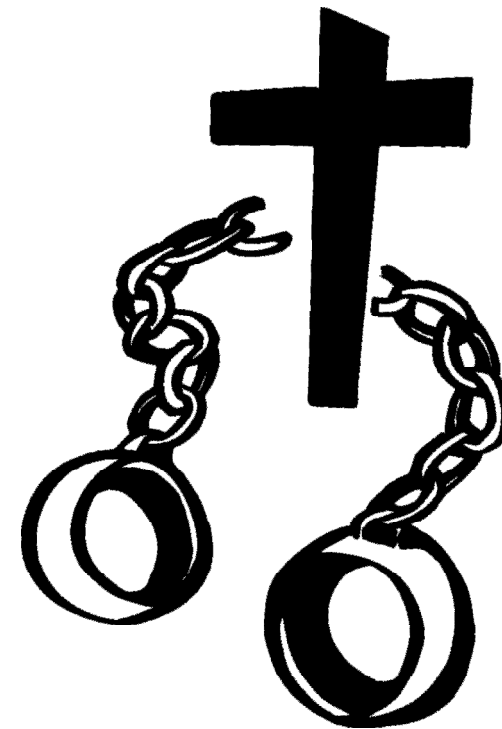




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 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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**SUNDAY OF REFORMATION
OCTOBER 27, 2013**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Nathan Fong
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Adolf Manz
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Denise Pawliuk
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Anderson John Morley Karen Kerfoot Friends from Grace Lutheran
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Members of Congregations
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<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.

**SUNDAY OF REFORMATION
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*Holy Communion, Setting Ten***

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

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

PRELUDE

*In Adam We Have All Been One
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Alex Wyton
Don Hustad

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.

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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.
 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 # 504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

GREETING

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

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"GLORIA" p. 204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand

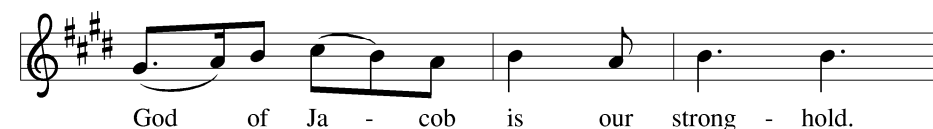
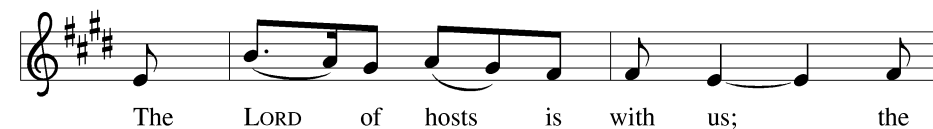
and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

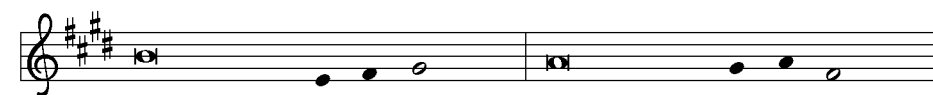
PSALM 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Refrain



Tone



- ¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength, a very present¹ help in trouble.
- ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
- ³though its waters¹ rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
- ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God, the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken; God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
- ⁶**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away. R**
- ⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; he God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
- ⁸**Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
- ¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**
- ¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me,

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Praise the Rock of our Salvation"* Aaron David Miller

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 205

GOSPEL: John 10:22–30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 705 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Gracious God, **Your mercy is great.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY Arabesque No. 1 Claude Debussy

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 207

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 208

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 208



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. Grape juice is also provided in the second common cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 596 **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**
Panis Angelicus Cesar Franck

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 645 **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

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

POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

This Week

Today

Tree of Life Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Council, 6:15 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am

Game Afternoon, 1-4 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

All Saints Sunday, 10:30 am

Sunday School, 10:45 am

Tree of Life Evening Service, 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).

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 on it!!

WELCOME GRACE LUTHERAN!

We welcome our friends from Grace Lutheran who join us today to share the good news and communion at FLC. Thank you to Pastor Nathan Fong for spreading the word of good news this morning. All are invited to the potluck dessert feast downstairs after worship.

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.

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.

EVENING SERVICE RESUMES!

Today will be our **first Evening Service of the season!** We will be playing the **Tree of Life Setting**. Worship begins at **6:30pm**, with coffee, and goodies served 30 minutes before and after the service.

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

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 join us on Saturdays.

Psalms Study Schedule

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

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

**NOVEMBER 5
NOVEMBER 17**

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

**Our service is webcast live
every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through
www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm**

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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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