



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## 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 - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

### *Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Acolytes</i>	Emmanuel Man Jordan Manu
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Janet Filippelli
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek MacNeill
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	June Schramm Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Karen Kerfoot Ingrid Bielenberg Felix Opoku
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Paul Schmidt Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber June Schramm
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

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**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.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2013**  
*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**

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

**PRELUDE**

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*  
*Beautiful Saviour*

Flor Peeters  
Robert Hobby

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN # 529 "Jesus, We Are Gathered"** sing 4 times; v. 3 - unaccompanied

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

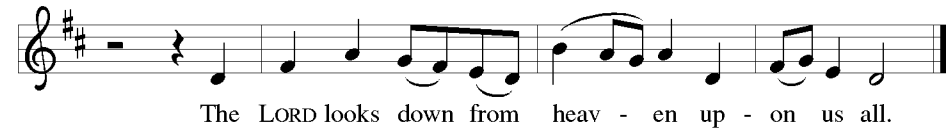
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**BLESSINGS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

**HYMN # 677 "This Little Light of Mine"** v. 1

**PSALM 14** (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)  
*The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all. (Ps. 14:2)*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, "There <sup>1</sup>is no God."

They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does <sup>1</sup>any good.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven up- <sup>1</sup>on us all,  
to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks <sup>1</sup>after God. R**

<sup>3</sup>They have all proved faithless; all alike <sup>1</sup>have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; <sup>1</sup>no, not one.

<sup>4</sup>**Have they no knowledge, all those <sup>1</sup>evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call up- <sup>1</sup>on the LORD?**

<sup>5</sup>See how they trem- <sup>1</sup>ble with fear,  
because God is in the company <sup>1</sup>of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**Your aim is to confound the plans of <sup>1</sup>the afflicted,  
but the LORD <sup>1</sup>is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup>Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come <sup>1</sup>out of Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of the people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel <sup>1</sup>will be glad. R

**READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love

that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL VERSE** (*sing before and after the reading*)      **“Alleluia”**      p. 7

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–10**

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

**HOMILY** (*Silence for meditation follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      # 588    **“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY**      *Cornet Voluntary*      John Travers

**“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”** (*All rise*)      p. 9

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**      p. 10

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**      (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

**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.**

**“LAMB OF GOD”**      p. 11

*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. During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communing.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**    # 608    **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**  
*Be Thou But Near*      J. S. Bach

**“THANKS BE TO YOU”** (*All rise*)      p. 14

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 779 "Amazing Grace" v. 3 women; v.4 men

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

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

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### This Week

#### Wednesday

Confirmation, 4:30-5:30 pm

#### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

#### Next Sunday

The Walk for Reconciliation, 10 am  
(See announcement to the right)  
Pentecost 18, 10:30 am

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### Lower Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Conferences Joint Convention

September 28, 2013, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Registration @ 9:00 am  
at Grace Lutheran Church  
7283 Nelson Avenue, Burnaby  
Rev. Nathan Fong  
[ofrvice@graceburnaby.com](mailto:ofrvice@graceburnaby.com)

**Pr. Lori-Anne and 2 delegates from our congregation will attend the convention. All those desiring to attend as non-voting delegates are welcome. Please contact Pr. Lori-Anne if you are interested.**

### Walk for Reconciliation on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

From September 18 to 21, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will hold a National Event in Vancouver to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters. On Sunday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Walk for Reconciliation will take place, beginning at 10 am at the Vancouver Art Gallery and concluding at BC Place with a celebrative program of prominent speakers and musicians. It is especially important that we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, be visible participants in this walk. Representatives of many National Church bodies (Anglican, United, and the Anglican National Indigenous Bishop, among others) will be taking part in this event. Our Indigenous brothers and sisters need to know that we are prepared to walk with them in friendship and partnership.

**We encourage members from First Lutheran to participate in this event.**

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

## Psalms Study Schedule

Oct 5 Psalms Study Introduction  
Oct 12 Psalms 1-5  
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

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Beginning **Saturday, October 5**, Pr. Lori-Anne will be leading a year-long **Bible Study on the Psalms** in the Narthex. (Please note the change of location). More details are available on the next page.

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Shannon and Alysha will be attending the reconciliation walk on Sept.22, if anyone else wants to join - just email us: [shannon.heartsong@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.heartsong@gmail.com) so we can meet up and walk together!

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Thanks to Mikhail Lennikov who set up an online calendar on FLC's website. The link can be found next to the Bulletins tab on our home page.

We will have a meeting in the sanctuary **after the service on September 22** for all who have been helping with **servicing communion** and all who are interested in joining this team.

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**S**unday School is back in session **today**. Please note that there will now be Sunday School instruction **twice a month during the morning service, beginning at 10:45 am**. Sunday School will no longer be meeting at 9:45 am before the service.

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF BC SYNOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As required by the Bylaws, the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting for 2013. It will be held Saturday 5 October 2013, 11:30 AM, at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria BC; phone (250) 477-6222.

Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote.

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Please remember to save the ice cream buckets, your used postage stamps, Campbell soup labels, and "no longer needed" eye glasses and 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 sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex.*

*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](http://www.elcic.ca). For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at [www.bcsynod.org](http://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](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm)**

**or**

**[www.livestream.com/flcv](http://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.**

## **DIRECTORY**

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