



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 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>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Cheryl Conant
<i>Acolytes</i>	Omari Hakamineza Bilali Miyonkuru
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
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<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek MacNeill
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann Cheryl Conant Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
<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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*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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE

*Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue
A Quiet Voluntary for Evensong*

Barbara Harbach
Basil Harwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

731 "Earth and All Stars!" v. 3-unaccompanied

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

God teaches Jeremiah a lesson at a potter's shop. Just as a potter is able to destroy an unacceptable vessel, starting over to refashion it into one of value, so God molds and fashions the nations, including Israel.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

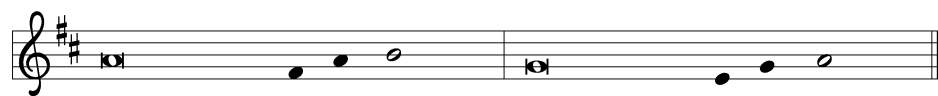
PSALM 139:1–6, 13–18

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

Refrain



Tone



¹LORD, you have ¹searched me out; O LORD, ¹you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my ¹rising up;
you discern my thoughts ¹from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my ¹resting-places
and are acquainted with ¹all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word ¹on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it ¹altogether. R**

⁵You encompass me, behind ¹and before, and lay your ¹hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- ¹ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- ¹tain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my ¹inmost parts;
you knit me together in my ¹mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- ¹velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I ¹know it well. R**

¹⁵My body was not hid- ¹den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths ¹of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written ¹in your book; my days were fashioned before they ¹came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your ¹thoughts, O God! How great is the ¹sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number ¹than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to ¹be like yours. R**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1–21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

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

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 808 *"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"*

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Minute" Waltz F. Chopin

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 180

"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"

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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. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. A gluten free option is available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 772 *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*
Ar Hyd Y Nos arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN # 583 *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Henry Purcell

This Week

Wednesday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30-5:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Community BBQ, 12-3 pm
(see announcement to the right)
Young Adult Pub Night, 7 pm
(see announcement to the right)

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 10:45 - 11:05 am
Pentecost 17, 10:30 am

Confirmation Class Starts!

All youth ages 12 and up who have never received Confirmation instruction are invited to attend class beginning this Wednesday, September 11. We will have class twice a month on Wednesdays at FLC from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

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
ofrice@graceburnaby.com

Pr. Lori-Anne and 2 delegates from council will attend the convention.

New Young Adult Group Begins!

Are you between the ages of 19 and 50? Join us for our first pub night of the year this **Saturday at 7 pm**. The group will be meeting at **East Side Craft House** located at 1445 East 41st Ave, Vancouver (northeast corner of Knight St & 41st Ave).

Sunday School will resume next **Sunday**. 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.

Sunday School Teachers!

We will be meeting after the morning service today. **New teachers needed!** Please join the meeting if you are interested in teaching this year.

Come Meet Our Neighbours!

FLC will be hosting a community BBQ, this Saturday from 12 - 3 pm. There will be live music, free hotdogs and burger and drinks, and a chance to connect with our neighbours! All members and friends of FLC are invited to bring family and friends who may be interested to join in the fun! **Volunteers are needed.** Please contact John Morley (604.435.5674) or Karen Kerfoot (604.324.7424).

Beginning **Saturday, October 5**, Pr. Lori-Anne will be leading a year-long **Bible Study on the Psalms** from her new home in Vancouver. More details are available on the next page.

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.

Psalms Study Schedule

Oct 5	Psalms Study Introduction
Oct 12	Psalms 1-5
Oct 19	PR L-A ON STUDY LEAVE, NO CLASS
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	CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO CLASSES

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.

The Walk for Reconciliation on September 22nd

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 22nd, 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.

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.

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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