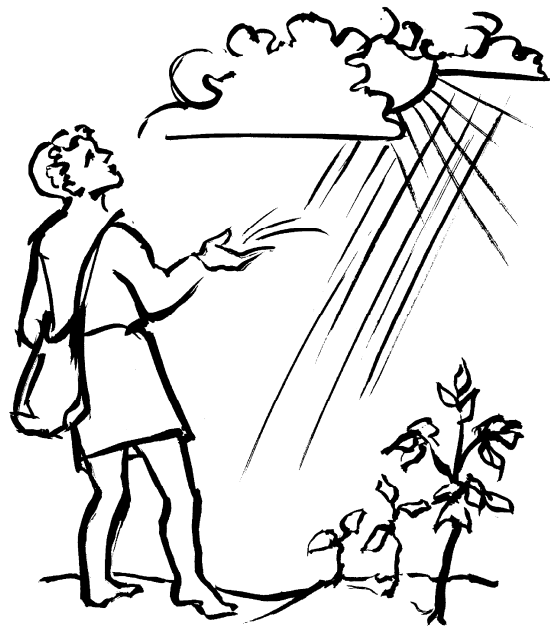




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 13, 2014

**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>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lector</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Flutists</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Lanny Harris Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

If you would 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 would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:1–13 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)
Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all ¹ flesh shall come.**
³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.
⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**
⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 512 "*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*" (*sing 3x*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of grace, sow in us your love."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers*

Michael Burkhardt

"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" (*All rise*)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 12

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 (as the bread is broken)

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 13

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. All are welcome to the table of grace! Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 824 **“This is My Father’s World”**
It Is Well with My Soul Alice Jordan

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (*All rise*) p. 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

p. 15

SENDING HYMN # 551 *“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu

Francois Couperin

Announcements

This Week

Wednesday

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Saturday

Painting Day, 9 am - 4 pm

*Volunteers please contact John Morley
604-435-5674*

Next Sunday

Pentecost 6, 10:30 am

(Baptism and New members)

Pr. Lori-Anne will be on a four-week holiday starting on Wednesday, July 20. She will be out of the province and won't be able to respond to any communication via email or cell phone until she returns to the office on August 23. The Rev. Michael Batten will fill in for any urgent need of pastoral care. He can be reached at 604-434-6111 or via email at priestst@telus.net.

Next Sunday we will have two baptisms and a rite for new members. Anyone interested in baptism or becoming an official member of First Lutheran, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required!

Volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays are 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).

From Confirmation Campers 2014

Hi First Lutheran, it's been a thrill as going into my third year into confirmation class. As a level 4, I've learned many things such as learning to communicate with others and learning to send messages in various different ways. It wouldn't have been possible for me to meet old friends, eat delicious food and have a tremendous amount of laughter without your support. So again, thanks for helping us send the kids (and me) to confirmation camp and remember this event in our memory.

Yours truly,

Emmanuel Manu

Hello, confirmation camp was very entertaining, especially the class with Pastor Cliff. Campfire was also great fun, unlike some other camps I've been to. Thank you for sending me and that other child in my house to confirmation camp.

Alin Kucheran

Hey congregation, thank you for giving me this opportunity for a new experience. This was my first time at the camp. I learned new things and been to many fieldtrips. My favorite activity was when we played soccer. It was fun to meet new people that I hope I meet next year. I liked how we were able to go campfiring. I enjoyed singing songs and hearing stories from Pastor Terry. Thanks for this experience.

Yours truly,

Jordan Manu

Hello, thank you for sending my brother and me to Confirmation Camp. Camp was enjoyable and, I think, worth going to. I would certainly be delighted to go again. The classes were fairly fun, especially the ones leading up to and including the simulated wedding on Friday. Campfires were great. I also enjoyed the extent to which we sang (before many meals, sometimes after, during worship and during campfire). Again, thank you for sending me.

Laef Kucheran

Dear congregation, thanks for sending me to camp. I really enjoyed everything at camp. The thing I really liked is that I made new friends. Also I learned lots of things during the amazing sermons. One of the main things I learned there is not to waste freedom and to use our freedom wisely, like to live it for Christ. I really enjoyed the games and jokes at the camp. But overall this one week journey would not have happened if it was not for the congregation. Thank you.

Your friend,

Omari Hakamineza

Thank you for sending me to camp again. If I hadn't gone my summer would be boring. At camp I made a lot of new friends and I saw a couple of friends from last year. This trip was important to me because I learned a lot of new things. Camp was such an amazing experience for me this year. Thank you again.

Vedaste Niyonsaba

FLC Technology Outreach is working on a promotional video for our website. It will include several short testimonials (30-60 seconds, mother tongue is welcome) from the members of our congregation and friends, telling how long they have been with First Lutheran Church, what brings them here (apart from the personal or public transportation), what makes First Lutheran special. If you would like to give a testimonial, please contact Mikhail Lennikov (778-378-0322, lennikov@hotmail.com) to arrange video recording. Even if not included in the promotional video, all testimonials will make into the second, longer video with a tentative title "People of First Lutheran."

First Connect Group BBQ
(formerly named Young Adult)

Where: Josh & Holly's
(4097 Welwyn St., Vancouver)

When: Sat. July 26, 5:00pm on,
Show up when you can!
BBQ will be a bit later.

What to bring: Salad, beverage of choice,
lawn chair. Holly has offered
to provide the steak!

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jennifer Penner
via email jenpenner55@gmail.com)
so she can give Holly a number
for food.

Please feel free to invite those who you feel
would benefit from and enjoy our group.
So mark your calendars for July 26th
and we will be in touch with more info soon!

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