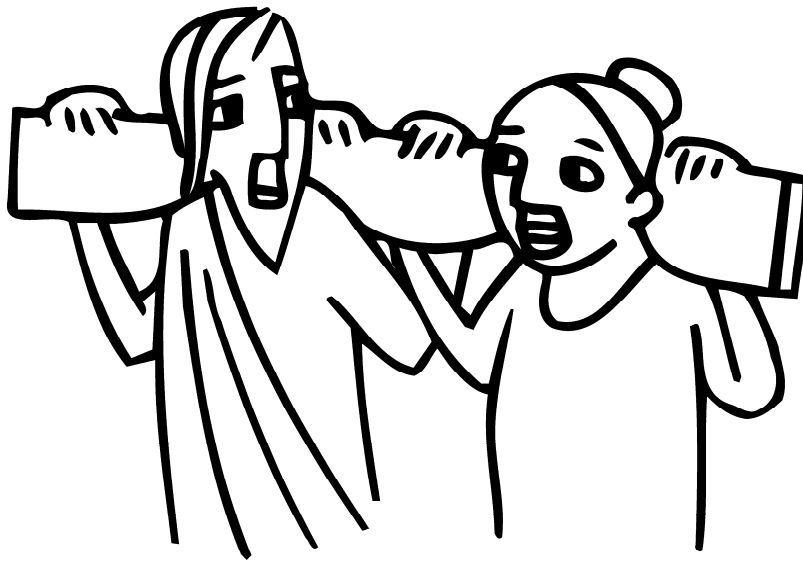




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 6, 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 Boutian-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Karen Kerfoot
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann Mikhail Lennikov Ernie Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Karen Kerfoot Janet Filippelli
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Daniel Luong Eve Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Betty Wong

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.

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Holy Communion, Setting One

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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

PRELUDE

Aria
Holy God We Praise Your Name

Domenico Zipoli
arr. Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our strength,

we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.

We put ourselves first and others last.

What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more.

Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite.

Rescue us from death's grip on our lives,

and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, by God's grace, forgiveness comes to us as a gift.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus,

in whom we have forgiveness of sin, and in whom we have life and salvation. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 726 *“Light Dawns on a Weary World”*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. You are great, O God, and great is your love. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9–12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

PSALM 145:8–14 translated by Nan C. Merrill (*Read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

The Beloved is gracious and merciful,
allowing every soul to follow
the ego's illusions or to choose Life.

**Gratitude and quiet joy overflow
as I recall the abundant blessings of your grace!**

**Lift up your hearts,
all you who choose the path of Life!
My heart is lifted up!**

“Do you not know that your whole being is encompassed by My Love?
I am the infinite and the eternal within your soul;
O, that I might make Myself known to you!
Choose Love that you might overcome oppression and blind obedience to false idols!”

“Divine Light shines in those who are in my Love.
I shall uphold all who are burdened with fear, and raise up all who call to Me.
The time is nigh for you to choose, for great is the new dawn that fast approaches;
I call each of you to open your inner ears, to see with spiritual eyes,
and to trust that even amidst the outward chaos,
I am working toward the wholeness of humanity.”

**O, Heart of my heart, envelop me!
I know You are near to all who call upon You.
Bring to my recollection all that I have denied,
that I might be accepting and free
to help rebuild the soul of the world with radical trust, love, and wonder!**

**When I speak, let it be of blessing and gratitude;
let your glory within me shine out to the world!**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15–25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.
²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

WON BY ONE TESTIMONY BY JAMES BOUTIN-CRAWFORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 777 "*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of love: **Fill our hearts.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Pepper Joplin

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

FRACTION

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112

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 # 608 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*
Largo in D Antonio Vivaldi

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving grace of Christ Jesus. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 711 *"O Day of Peace"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are in Christ’s hands. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Minuet* George Frederic Handel

This Week

Wednesday

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 5, 10:30 am

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 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."

Technology Outreach

PAINTING DAY

Saturday, July 19th 9:00 to 4:00

Weather permitting, the E. exterior wall of the S.W. stairwell and the Exterior of the windows on the S. side need painting. Volunteers please contact John Morley 604-435-5674. Sign up for the morning, afternoon or all day.

Psalms Study Schedule

July 12 Psalms 146-150 (last session)

All are welcome to drop in and join our study.

On July 20, 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.

First Connect Group BBQ

(formerly named Young Ault)

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!

Name Tag Day Today!

There will be blank tags available at the door and downstairs. All are invited to wear a name tag upon arrival at church.

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).

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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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of love: **Fill our hearts.**"*

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens. *A brief silence.*

O God, strengthen and empower your church. Where it is weak or timid, raise up leaders. Support it with your gift of inner strength and peace. We especially pray for the congregations of Benediction Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran in Delta.
God of love: **Fill our hearts.**

Creator God, the earth groans when we do not regard it with loving care. Forgive us for polluting the water and the air, for stripping the land of its natural resources, and for caring more about our own comfort than the long-term health of the planet. God of love: **Fill our hearts.**

How beautiful it is when people dwell together in unity. Help us appreciate the differences among us, to seek to understand one another, and to work together for harmony.
God of love: **Fill our hearts.**

Holy source of hope, so many people are in pain today. Give us hearts of compassion, hands that heal, and lips that speak words of comfort and encouragement. Surround with your love all those in need *especially*... God of love: **Fill our hearts.**

Alpha and Omega, you are with us from our first breath to our last. We give thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in your loving arms *especially*.... May the promise of the resurrection sustain those who trust in you. God of love: **Fill our hearts.**

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**