



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THE HOLY TRINITY  
JUNE 15, 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 - 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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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Philip Schulze
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek MacNeill
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<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Ingrid Anderson Karen Kerfoot Sandi Strate
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sylvia Harris Lanny Harris Betty Anderson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Tony 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.**

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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**

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

**PRELUDE**

*Largo Concerto in D*  
*Arioso*

Antonio Vivaldi  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**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** # 413 *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"*

### **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the love that he has given us. Glory and praise to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

*This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

**PSALM 8** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)  
*How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe | and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**
- <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11–13**

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16–20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**HOMILY** *(Silence for reflection follows)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# 735 *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Life: **We trust in you.**"*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Michael Burkhardt

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(All rise)*

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**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"**

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

## “LAMB OF GOD”

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*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 # 819 “Come, All You People”

*Veni Creator Spiritus*

Plainsong

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray: **We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand. 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

## BENEDICTION

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN # 412 “Come Join the Dance of Trinity”

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

Dennis Bedard



## **This Week**

### **Wednesday**

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am

### **Friday - Sunday**

Rivendell Retreat

### **Saturday**

No Psalms Study (due to retreat)

Won by One, 1:30 pm

### **Next Sunday**

Pentecost 2, 10:30 am

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A group of 13 parishioners and Pr. Lori-Anne will be heading to Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island for a peaceful and quiet retreat this Friday. Pr. Lori-Anne will return to Vancouver early Sunday morning to lead the worship at 10:30 am.

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### **Psalms Study Schedule**

**June 21**    **No class due to retreat**  
**June 28**    **Psalms 136-140**  
**July 5**     **Psalms 141-145**  
**July 12**    **Psalms 146-150 (last session)**

**All are welcome to drop in and join our study any time.**

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We are excited to hear that Brad Langerud and Jennifer Penner are engaged and will celebrate their marriage at First Lutheran. More information will be announced closer to their wedding date. Christ's blessings be with them as they prepare for their special day!

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

## **Funding for Confirmation Camp**

We are in need of financial support to sponsor youth in our congregation to attend Confirmation Camp in early July. Please contact the office or Pr. Lori-Anne if you wish to make a donation; you may also make a donation to the Love Fund designated to "Confirmation Camp." Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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Today after worship we will be celebrating the recent marriages of Phil Schulze and Leanne Harder, and Denise Pawliuk and Karl Maier as well as the upcoming marriage of Veronica Okoree and Boadu Mensah Sarpong. Anyone wishing to sign the cards and/or contribute to a gift, please see Anne Johnson.

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Our Love Fund at FLC was created in 1993 to help those in need of temporary financial relief. We have a multitude of members and friends who have contributed generously over the years. The funds in Love Fund also helped graduates in our congregation in form of scholarship to pay the tuitions of their higher education.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL will take recess during summer and resume in September.**

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### **STUDY THE TORAH!**

*Meet the Torah* - a four-week introduction to the history and content of western culture's most important text.

**Wednesdays at 11am, repeated at 7pm  
June 4 – 25 at St Thomas Anglican Church  
with Rev. Michael Batten**

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](mailto: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."

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**Happy Father's Day to all fathers!**

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*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.

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