



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 22, 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>	Nicolas Alexandre
<i>Lector</i>	June Heywood
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek MacNeill
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sylvia Schmidt Paul Schmidt
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Wong John Morley

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 Eight

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

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

*Thy Goodness Is Our Salvation
Largo (Xerxes)*

Johann Sebastian Bach
George Frederic Handel

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 # 669 *“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”*

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (*congregation sings all parts*) p. 184

“THIS IS THE FEAST” (*congregation sings all parts*) p. 187

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Teach us, gracious God, to follow you and serve you, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your loving will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7–13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Response: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 69:7–18 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

**¹²Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b–11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

^bShould we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has

dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24–39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.

Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Gracious God, heal our hearts.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *This is my Father's World* arr. Marshall S. Barnhouse

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 p. 190

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 190

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD'S PRAYER p.191

INVITATION

Everyone who hungers, come to the table. Christ gives to you what is good, that you may have life. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER



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.

“LAMB OF GOD” p.191

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 639 “When We Are Living”
Teach Me O Lord Thomas Attwood

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

BLESSING

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 Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 796 “*How Firm a Foundation*”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

March in G

Henry Smart

Announcements

This Week

Wednesday

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am
Won by One, 1:30 pm

Next Sunday

Pentecost 3, 10:30 am

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**

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.

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

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.

Dear members of First Lutheran Church,

We were very touched and pleased to have our marriage celebrated today. You gave us a re-taste of the joy we first felt on our wedding day. Thank you!

Your shower gift to us was jaw-droopingly wonderful. Our plan is to use it to buy very good bedding, together, at Heirloom Linens in Victoria (the city where we were married). We have wanted to do that, but have been putting off.

Blessings and peace on you and your relationships,

Karl & Denise

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in June today after worship. All are invited to the party.

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."

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An update from Metro Vancouver Alliance

Research/Action Teams

On April 10 MVA held the first meeting and training for the Research Action Teams interested in working on the four issues - poverty, housing, transit and social isolation - identified through our listening campaign. Four Research Action Teams are now carrying out their research, with a regular schedule of meetings to bring the results together. Meeting dates are posted on the MVA website www.metvanalliance.org (<http://iafnw.org/canada/metrovancouveralliance/events>) .

The Research Action Teams will develop a set of concrete, achievable proposals that can be brought to the Municipal Election Accountability Assembly in October 2014.

The **Poverty Research Action Team** has heard presentations from Michael McCarthy-Flynn, coordinator of the Living Wage for Families Campaign, Trish Garner, director of the Poverty Reduction Coalition and SFU Economist Krishna Pendakur. The Group attended a Raise the Rates information session to learn more about the issue of welfare rates in BC.

Members of the **Social Isolation Team** have been combining pot luck suppers with their research efforts. Members of the team have been exploring the experience of social isolation in our own MVA institutions, as well as the wider community.

The **Housing Research Action Team** is looking at existing models of social and supported housing to gain an understanding of what works best. The team is exploring the way housing is dealt with by the various levels of government, and they are going back to MVA members to hear stories about the most acute housing needs in our communities.

On June 12 **Transit Research Action Team** Co-Chair Maria Robinson spoke at a press conference of unions and transit groups calling for the Province to support the Mayors' Council transit plan. The plan proposes significant increases in bus service and expansion of the transit system.

We're looking forward to hearing from our four Teams as we work towards our Municipal Accountability Assembly in the fall. If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved with any of these Teams, please contact Deborah Littman (<mailto:deborah@metvanalliance.org>) , MVA Lead Organizer.

Have you hugged a public servant today? Read this powerful article on the community impact of public service cuts (<http://www.straight.com/news/656676/crystal-warner-have-you-hugged-public-servant-today>) by Crystal Warner, of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, one of MVA's member institutions.

Join MVA and community partners at **Where Change Happens** - Reconciliation in Action 2014. This conference will bring together ALIVE and various community partners including non-profits, service providers, local business associations, youth leaders, local government, educational institutions, residents and community organizations to mark the close of Vancouver's "Year of Reconciliation" and showcase innovative place-based approaches in Vancouver's inner city. Details at facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/490275457744307/?ref=22>) .