



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 29, 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> | Celly Manirakoze   |
| <i>Lector</i>             | Felix Opoku  |
| <i>Ministry of Music</i>  |  |
| <i>Organ/Piano</i>        | Jeanette Price   |
| <i>Guest Pianist</i>      | Mikhail Lennikov   |
| <i>Flutists</i>           | Anne Johnson   |
|                           | Amy MacLeod  |
| <i>Trumpeter</i>          | Karl Maier   |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>       | June Schramm<br>Ingrid Bielenberg                                |
| <i>Communion Servers</i>  | June Schramm<br>Ingrid Bielenberg<br>Lanny Harris<br>Karen Duddy |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>  | Debbie Powell<br>Karen Duddy                                     |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>        | June Schramm<br>Caroline Weger<br>Nicole Weger                   |
| <i>Offering Counters</i>  | Ernie Neumann<br>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 Two*

*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 welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

### PRELUDE

*Andante (Trio Sonata in C minor)  
Prelude on "Morecambe"*

George Philipp Telemann  
William France

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

**GATHERING HYMN** # 641 *"All Are Welcome"*

### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

**"THIS IS THE FEAST"** (*congregation sings all parts*)

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### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

**PSALM 89:1–4, 15–18** (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)  
*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
    from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
<sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
    you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**  
<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
    I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
<sup>4</sup>**I will establish your line forever,  
    and preserve your throne for all generations.**  
<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
    They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.  
<sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily in your name;  
    they are jubilant in your righteousness.**  
<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their strength,  
    and by your favor our might is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
    our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12–23**

*Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*all sing alleluia verse before and after the reading*)

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40–42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

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

<sup>40</sup>Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**        **# 546 "To Be Your Presence"**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*Moment Musical No. 3*

Sergei Rachmaninov

### **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**

### **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”**

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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** # 479 **“We Come to the Hungry Feast”**  
*Lamb of God* Arr. G. Winston Cassler

**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**

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** # 686 **“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Moderato (Suite No. 6)* George Philipp Telemann

**PAINTING DAY**  
**Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5** Psalms 141-145  
**July 12** Psalms 146-150 (last session)

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

## **This Week**

**Monday - Saturday**  
Confirmation camp in Nanoose Bay

**Tuesday**  
Canada Day, Office Closed

**Wednesday**  
Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am

**Saturday**  
Psalms Study, 11 am

**Next Sunday**  
Pentecost 4, 10:30 am

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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.

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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

## **DIRECTORY**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ministers</b>               | God's People   |
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| <b>Liturgical Artist</b>       | June Schramm   |
| <b>Church Council</b>          |  |
|                                | Lanny Harris - Chairperson                                     |
|                                | Cheryl Conant - Vice Chairperson<br>Education & Adult Outreach |
|                                | Ernie Neumann - Treasurer                                      |
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|                                | Debbie Powell - Adult Outreach (seniors)                       |
|                                | Mikhail Lennikov - Outreach Technology                         |
|                                | Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adult                     |
|                                | June Heywood - Education                                       |
|                                | Marly Zell - Member at large                                   |



## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

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.*

Fill your church with bold witnesses who will work for justice, serve with compassion,  
share your love, and spread the gospel. We pray especially Good Shepherd Lutheran and King  
of Life Lutheran in Coquitlam. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour out your Spirit on those without access to fresh water, and on those who dig wells  
to provide it for them, that they may be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir in the hearts of those who thirst for justice, that they bring peace,  
speak out against oppression, and preserve human dignity across the globe.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make families everywhere be places of safety, encouragement, and love. Protect and uphold  
healthy relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children,  
friends and neighbours, and all your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wherever there is brokenness, bring healing. Bind up our wounds, teach us compassion,  
and dry our tears. Be with those we name now, *especially...* Give them comfort, reconciliation,  
and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our loved ones no longer with us, who have shared their faith, *especially...*  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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