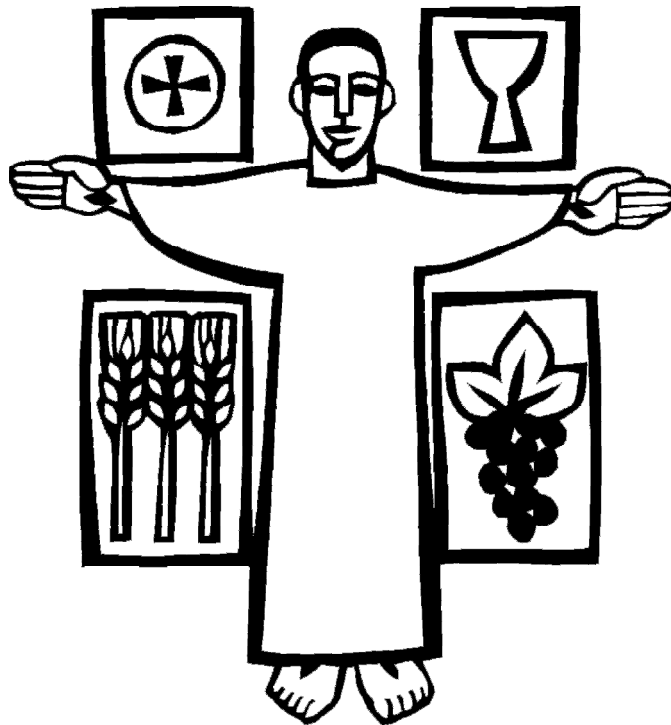




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 2015

**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 people 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>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Christina Hutten
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Alex Wilson Lanny Harris Sylvia Harris
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

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A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

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 says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 522 *“As We Gather at Your Table”*

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. Gracious God, your beloved Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Nourish us with this bread, that Christ may live in us and we in him, and that, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4–8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God; and afterwards Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

PSALM 34:1–8 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

Rescued!

Translated by James Taylor

Thank you, God, thank you!
You brought me through my troubled times,
You resurrected me when I had given up hope.

Bitter tears kept me awake at night.
God granted me the sweet relief of sleep.
I woke refreshed, rejoicing.
I poured out my problems to God; I held nothing back.
I made no excuses for myself.
God calmed my frantic thoughts, and untied the knots in my tender muscles.

Put your faith in God, you can shine like the morning sun;
you need never be ashamed of who you are.
I was a worry wart, a hopeless case, paralyzed by my panic.
But God made something of me.
Those whom God protects live in a bubble of brightness.
Nothing dulls their shine — whatever happens, they have an inner beauty that still shimmers.
Open your eyes! See the light! Put your faith in God, and find yourself.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION (*sung before and after the reading of the Gospel. Please rise.*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

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

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last

day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Grace: Sustain us."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY # 498 *"United At the Table"*

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

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*prayer over and for the gifts of field, vine and work*)

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 *(as the bread is broken)*

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **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. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

658 *“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”*

542 *“O Living Bread from Heaven”*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

543 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Our thanks to Christina Hutten for playing the service while Jeanette is on holiday

This Week

Today

Installation of Rev. Carolina Glauster, 3 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)

Monday

Centering Prayers, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 12, 10:30

Refugee update

Our new family from Thailand will be moving to their home in Langley this Tuesday. The address is

1-210 Maple Manor
20117 56 Ave, Langley V3A 3Y3

Their names are:

Paw, Naw Lwe (na-lu-way) - mother
Htoo, Or Khu (ah-koo) - father
Moo, Way Hay Hsar K’Paw (ju-wah-hey) - first daughter
Moo, Law Eh Pril Surin (la-eh) - second daughter

Clothes hangers needed!!

The family sponsored by FLC arrived last Wednesday from Thailand. Our dedicated team of volunteers are asking for donation of clothes hangers. You may leave the hangers with church office or Janet Filippelli.

**CHURCH WORKDAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th**

Gutters to fix, some taps are leaking, Kitchen needs a thorough clean as well as the sanctuary floor and pews, parking lot needs weeds removed from blacktop.

9:00 Saturday morning until about noon or so. All welcome. Bring cleaning materials and or weed removal equipment

Any questions call John Morley 604-435-5674 or jamor@telus.net

You are cordially invited
to the Installation of

Reverend Carolina Glauster

**Sunday, August 9, 2015
3:00 pm**

**Mount Olivet
1700 Mountain Highway
North Vancouver, BC**

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical colour is green.

Pr. Lori-Anne will be on holidays from tomorrow, August 10 to September 10. Please contact Pr. Nathan Fong in case of pastoral emergency until the end of August. His contact is 604-433-1515 or office@graceburnaby.com.

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**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

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FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace: **Sustain us.**”*

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

O God, build up your church throughout the world. Teach it to share the living bread from heaven that you provide so that all are fed. God of Grace: **Sustain us.**

Send rain and sun in their season so that fields of grain and fields of flowers thrive. Provide clean water for people and animals alike. God of Grace: **Sustain us.**

Draw leaders away from bitterness and into your ways of kindness and mercy. Replace blame and malice with forgiveness and justice. God of Grace: **Sustain us.**

Sustain all whose journey feels too hard to bear. Restore the hope of all who despair. Comfort those who are poor, oppressed, persecuted, or homeless. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving *especially...* God of Grace: **Sustain us.**

Keep us in communion with our ancestors in the faith, *especially...* until we are raised up on the last day and join them at the table of the Lamb. God of Grace: **Sustain us.**

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**