



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 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>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Lector</i>	Karen Duddy
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Flutists</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Karen Duddy Lanny Harris
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Felicia Quayson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
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Now the Feast and Celebration

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

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto
Hanover

W. A. Mozart
arr. Robert Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 729 *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”*

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you are a gracious giver. Give to us, your servants, the peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may obey your way of justice and love. Defend us all from fear, so we may live in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19

The ark of the covenant, long a symbol of God's presence with Israel, is brought into Jerusalem by David. The entrance of the ark into this new capital city is marked by great rejoicing, and David himself is the chief dancer. His wife Michal, King Saul's daughter, considers such behavior undignified.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by

the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. ^{12b}So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. ¹⁷They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

PSALM 85:8–13 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING : Ephesians 1:3–14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for

adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Response: Holy word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*)

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: Mark 6:14–29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse

her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 720 **“We Are Called”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Mary McDonald

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” (*All rise*) p. 10

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **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. **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 # 479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Largo in G

Antonio Vivaldi

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 neighbour and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 717 “Let Justice Flow like Streams”

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

POSTLUDE

The Happy Trumpeter

Gordon Young

This Week

Today

Parish Care Center Meeting after service

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 8, 10:30

THE CUPBOARDS ARE ALMOST BARE

Please help us restock our food pantry with non-perishable food items so that we might continue to help those in need.



Centering Prayer group will continue to meet during the summer on Mondays (except statutory holidays) at 7 pm in the sanctuary of First Lutheran.

You are cordially invited
to the Installation of

Reverend Carolina Glauster
3:00 pm, Sunday, August 9, 2015
Mount Olivet
1700 Mountain Highway,
North Vancouver

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

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED!

A female friend of First Lutheran is now looking for an apartment or a single room to rent. The renter does not smoke or drink and she is a quiet individual. Please contact Pr. Lori-Anne if you are able to assist.

We would like to thank the FLC community for their generous and thoughtful baby shower gifts for Jessica and her parents. The items we received will be very helpful and we are extremely grateful for this supportive and loving community.

Jessica Schulze, Phil & Leanne

Fellowship and Hospitality Committee invites you to be part of the team either by signing up to be a host or by donating supplies, such as cookies, cakes, pies and sandwiches, and also by volunteering to help set up and/or clean up. Goodies can be marked "Fellowship supplies" and dropped off in the kitchen before service. There will be a donation box downstairs during coffee hour for anyone desiring to contribute financially to our Sunday fellowship. Thank you for your engagement, participation and willingness to make our church welcoming and hospitable!

Looking for rest, inspiration or challenge this summer? Come to Sorrento Centre! An inviting, family-friendly retreat on the edge of Shuswap Lake, with options for every person, family, group, and budget. Full information at: www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca.

***“Welcoming Home” Retreat
Rivendell, Bowen Island,
Sept 11-13, 2015***

*Needing a time of rest before the busy fall season begins?
Looking for a place of peace and quiet away from the noise,
distractions and pressures of the city, in a picturesque environment?*

*Join us for a retreat at the beautiful Rivendell Retreat Centre
on Bowen Island, where you will have time to explore the forest paths,
and also explore your earthly rest in God...*

*Pr Lori-Anne will gently lead a time of spiritual renewal on
“Welcoming Home,” welcoming who you are,
welcoming God’s home within you,
and welcoming your home in God.*

There will be structured times of prayer and rest,
but no compulsion to follow any agenda than the one you need...
The retreat formally begins with dinner on Friday, Sept 11,
and closes with check-out by noon on Sunday, Sept 13.

Sign up early, as a maximum of 22 people can attend.

Cost includes ferry trip (\$12) and shared vehicle cost (\$35),
low food cost (under \$50) for all meals
from Friday evening-Sunday lunch,
and as much as you are able to pay Rivendell per day
(income tax receipts given on request for more than \$60/day).
Please contact Pr Lori-Anne if you are in need of financial assistance...

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16-18 October 2015 at Trinity Lutheran, Delta, BC

Pastor Paul E. Hoffman and Donna Linn, leaders

This event is designed to assist congregations in re-tooling their ministries to welcome persons into a community of faith and prepare them for a life-long journey of discipleship beginning with baptism. It's modeled after the ancient catechumenal process and twenty years of spiritual renewal at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle.

*What's a **faith.forming.faith** Immersion Weekend and why should I come to one?*

Every healthy congregation wants to share its greatest treasure, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thing is, these days it's harder and harder to do that. Many of the assumptions by which congregations operated around "welcoming new members" in a by-gone era no longer work for "raising up disciples" in the present.

Most men and women who come seeking something need time to raise questions, learn to know who Jesus is and why that might matter to them, and thoughtfully prepare before plunging into baptismal waters.

Based on 20 years of solid experience of bringing men, women, and children to the waters of baptism and beyond through a yearlong discipleship process, this event will take participants through the entire church year in a single weekend. Placed in small groups for Bible study and walking the actual path of a disciple-in-formation, those who participate will not only have a rich and satisfying time of spiritual renewal for themselves, they will return to their congregations prepared to initiate a process of welcome and discipleship in their own communities.

For: Pastors/Rostered Leaders, Laypersons, Students

Date: Friday, 16 Oct 5pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday, 18 Oct 9am-3pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church 11040 River Road Delta, BC V4C2S2

Cost: \$100 CDN per person or \$215 per congregational team 4-5 people

For more information contact paulhoffman56@gmail.com. To register:
www.trinitylutherandelta.ca

The registration includes all training, materials, and six meals across the course of the weekend. It is imperative to the integrity of the training that participants attend the entire event. Travel to and lodging in/near Delta are for each participant to arrange. Thank you to B.C. Synod Missions Committee for subsidizing the weekend.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

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.*

Mighty God, raise up prophets in every age who speak truth through and to your church so that your life-giving gospel is proclaimed. Give us leaders who consider the needs of all, especially those who have no advocate. Protect those who speak truth to power. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen families, guide parents and caregivers, and enfold children with the riches of your grace. Send this assembly to share the gifts of love we have received. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Tend to all victims of violence, those unjustly imprisoned, and those who are running out of hope. Heal those who are sick and comfort those who grieve *especially...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all your saints who were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit *especially...* United with them in baptism, keep us faithful until all things are gathered in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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