



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 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>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lector</i>	June Heywood
<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>	Julie Bauming Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Melody Carson Ruby Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Ingrid Tymm Julie Bauming Ingrid Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sarah Speidel Sherry Liebrecht
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Mikhail Lennikov Soriya Salehi
<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 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

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 532 *“Gather Us In”*

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. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 B.C. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 23 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11–22

The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one

new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for 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: Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

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

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and

moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 502 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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 # 471 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

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 neighbour 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 # 883 *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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

This Week

Monday
Centering Prayers, 7 pm

Wednesday
Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday
Mutual Ministry Meeting, 7 pm

Next Sunday
Pentecost 9, 10:30

Fellowship and Hospitality Committee invites you to be part of the team either by signing up to host the fellowship 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!

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.

**THE CUPBOARDS
ARE ALMOST BARE**

Thank you to all who brought food to restock our pantry. Your continued support/donations will enable us to continue helping those in need.



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, BC

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

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.

There will be a book sale on the lower level during coffee hour this morning. The books are from Ray Hartley and at a cost of one dollar each. Proceeds will go to First Lutheran.

**Due to unforeseen circumstances,
the retreat at Rivendell has been cancelled.**

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

Cancelled

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Imagine a young couple with two small daughters travelling from a remote refugee camp with minimal facilities in Thailand to a modern city like Vancouver.

Well, our refugee family from Burma will arrive on July 29th at Vancouver International Airport flying from Bangkok via Seoul, we will meet them at the airport and take them to Welcome House in downtown Vancouver where they will stay for about ten days and we will help in their orientation to their new surroundings. A two bedroom apartment in Langley City has been found for them and a deposit paid. In early August we will finalize the collection of furnishings and be looking for help on moving day. Langley City has a small Karen community, is convenient for immigrant services and rents are reasonable. It will be a long way for us to travel to help them settle in but our research finds it is the best location for the family to start life in B.C.

We continue to work on the myriad of details still to be completed to prepare for their arrival. We expect that English will likely not be spoken, suitable clothing and food will be needed, and the first days after arrival will be a tremendous challenge for them as they adjust to their new surroundings.

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

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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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**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

You can find First Lutheran on:
FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Grace, **Shepherd 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.*

Holy One, give hope to your church around the world and nurture it with a shepherd's care so that all will remember your faithfulness and love. God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

Restore the earth to the goodness you provided at creation. Protect and renew the quiet places of the world. God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

Break down walls and hostilities that divide people and nations. Teach us to be neighbours to each other instead of strangers and aliens. God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

Bring calm to those who are troubled because of frantic schedules and lack of leisure. Make this assembly a place of rest and refreshment. God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

Give rest to those who care for others in homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and hospice. Be with those who are dying, comfort those who grieve, and heal those who are sick *especially...* God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

We give thanks that we are citizens with the saints and members of your household, *especially...* Keep us in communion with all the faithful departed until we join them around your throne. God of Grace, **Shepherd us.**

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