



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 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>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Karen Duddy Blair Duddy
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Duddy Shannon Ingersoll Felix Opoku Felicia Quayson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty 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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Holy Communion, Setting Ten

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

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

PRELUDE

Prayer (Gothic Suite)
Arioso

Leon Boellman
J. S. Bach

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42–44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:10–18 (*read responsively; congregation reads the bold*)

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14–21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:1–21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.
²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.
³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 484 *"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Generous God, **Feed us.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Fanfare

Georg Philipp Telemann

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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FRACTION

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. **Grape juice is now available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

461 “*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*”

Meditation

Jacques Arcadelt

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

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

515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 10, 10:30

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 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 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 be needed, and the first days after arrival be a tremendous challenge for them as they adjust to their new surroundings.

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**

Refreshments to follow

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

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Password: flc1890**

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FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Generous God, **Feed 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.*

God our provider, awaken hunger for your truth in the church around the world so all are fed with your love and mercy. Strengthen this congregation in its service to food pantries and community meal programs. Open our eyes to your abundance when we see only scarcity. Generous God, **Feed us.**

Give rain to the fields that supply our bread, and care for those who tend the crops. Generous God, **Feed us.**

Raise up leaders who love truth and seek justice. Prosper the work of those who supply and oversee feeding programs in our community and around the world. Generous God, **Feed us.**

Comfort those who fear that they will not be able to feed their children. Send them healthy food and surround them with people who care. With your Spirit, strengthen those who are unsatisfied, lonely, rejected, or ill *especially...* Generous God, **Feed us.**

With all the saints, *especially...* root and ground us in love until we know the breadth, length, height, and depth of fullness in your kingdom. Generous God, **Feed us.**

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