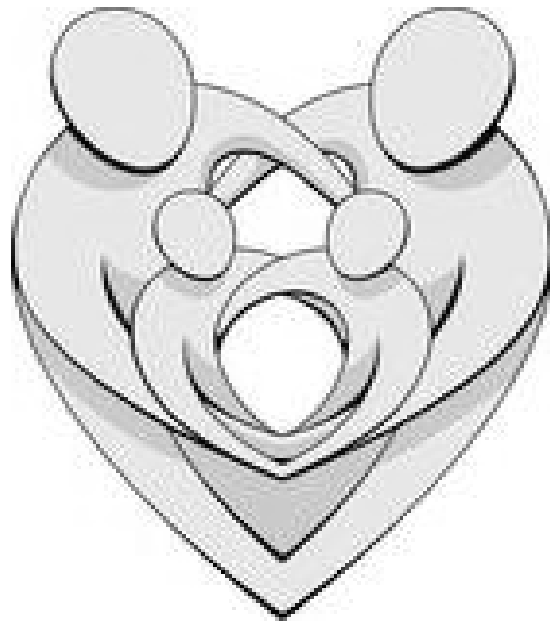




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 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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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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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>	Julie Bauming
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Trombonist</i>	Takahiro Kasuya
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Ernie Neumann
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Abigail Hergesheimer Beatrice Hergesheimer
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Mikhail Lennikov Ernie Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Elina Singh Ingrid Tymm Ruby & Melody Carson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Wong Ernie Neumann

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 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

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

PRELUDE

Be Thou But Near
Aria in F Major

Johann Sebastian Bach
George Frederic Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 825 “*You Servants of God*”

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

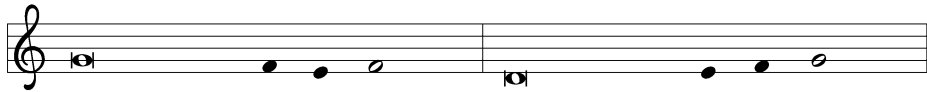
Let us pray. All-powerful and everlasting God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 130 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those

who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel

from all their sins. R

READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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GOSPEL: Mark 3:20–35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

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

²⁰And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

"How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 670 “Build Us Up”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, build us up.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *On Eagle’s Wings* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*) p. 129

MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 130

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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.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 135

*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 # 595 *“Jesus Loves Me!”*
Now We Join in Celebration

Paul Manz

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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 # 537 *“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Build each other up! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ebenezer

Paul Manz

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!

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

MVA AGM, 7-9 pm

St. Augustine's Church, 2028 W 7th Ave

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 3, 10:30 am

Sunday School 2015

June 7, 21

You will be able to follow what's happening at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada event in Ottawa. Please include this event and all who are gathering together from across the country in your prayers. This is not an ending but a new beginning for Canada and all its peoples.

To that end I commend to you a site established by the Anglican Church of Canada at www.22days.ca. Go there for a thorough historical introduction to the matters that led to the TRC and inspiring ideas to mark this historical ending now and through to National Aboriginal Day on June 21st. As its secondary title indicates, this is just the beginning...

All blessings,
Rev Brenda Nestegaard Paul

BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp

(Just north of Nanaimo)

June 29th to July 4th, 2015

Any youth aged 12 and up interested in attending, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

**Registration fees: \$350 by June 2
\$375 June 2-19**

The registration fee for the current confirmation students will be covered by FLC; however, donations are appreciated. We can also cover as much as needed for other youth who are interested in attending the camp in our congregation from our Love Fund. Donations earmarked to confirmation camp are welcome and a tax receipt will be issued.

FIRST LUTHERAN/ST THOMAS JOINT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Are you interested in becoming more involved in outreach to our local community?

Have any ideas for our future?

Would you like to help our churches join their resources in connecting with our neighbours?

Please contact Pr Lori-Anne

There will be a shower for Baby Jessica (and parents Phil and Leanne) today after church. Anyone wishing to sign the congregational card, contribute to a group gift, or help out, please see Anne Johnson.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Our Mutual Ministry Committee looks in two directions: toward strengthening the ministry of the professional leader, and toward strengthening the mission of the congregation. Such a committee strives to strengthen the ministry of pastor(s), lay professional(s) and congregation. Our Mutual Ministry Committee is accountable to Congregation Council and reports directly and regularly to it. Committee members are accountable to one another for maintaining strict confidentiality of all personal information shared during their work together. The committee meets a minimum of four times a year.

General tasks of Mutual Ministry Committee:

1. Dialogue about perceptions and concerns within the congregation.
2. Provide early warning of misunderstanding within the congregation.
3. Be a “listening post” for the pastor, the lay professional, staff, and the congregation.
4. Discuss and resolve conflicts.
5. Appraise the ministry of the pastor, the lay professional, staff, and the congregation.
6. Listen sympathetically to the pastor, the lay professional, and staff in time of personal or professional stress.
7. Identify continuing education that would assist the ministry of the pastor, staff, or lay professional and the goals of the congregation.
8. Indicate concern for the spiritual, emotional and financial needs of the pastor, staff, or lay professional.

Members of Mutual Ministry Committee:

Sandi Strate - Chairperson

Russell Collins

Arvid Vimb

Anne Johnson

Shannon Ingersoll

Volunteers are needed to help clean, pressure-wash the car park, and also to pain the lines after they have been pressure washed on Saturday June 13, 2015 commencing 10.00 a.m. Please contact Alex Wilson at alexalx@telus.net or 604-430-5893.

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.

A HUGE thank you to Wayne and Betty Wong for organizing the food parts of our BBQ last Sunday and all their help with cleanup etc as well as to all those who attended and brought food and their talents. We had a lovely time closing out the season of evening services. And thank you to all those who brought their voice to the worship team this season and shared their talents of leadership and wisdom as well. See you in the fall!



**Canadian Lutheran
World Relief**

& Settlement Orientation Services

World Refugee Day Celebrations

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Walk with us in support of refugees

10:15 a. m.

Settlement Orientation Services (SOS)
744 West Hastings Street

Join us for a free Services Fair

11 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Library Promenade at the Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia Street

- Music
- Face-painting
- Refugee services info fair

Events are free and all are welcome! Please email senait@clwrbc.ca for more info.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Our refugee family of young parents and Daughters aged 1 and 4 may well arrive before the end of June. We need to find enough furnishings for a two bedroom apartment or similar space. Some people have already donated but we need much more, if you have any items in reasonable condition that may be of use please contact directly the following.

Do not just drop off at Church.

For general furnishings - Phil Schulze – philschulze@hotmail.com

For Children's items and Kitchen equipment – Holly Hergesheimer
joshnholly@hotmail.com. Currently Holly is specifically looking for:

Kids Items: - a play pen, cloth / disposable diaper supplies for the 1 year old, kids plates / bowls / cutlery / cups, warm coats, rain coats, boots, crock type shoes, tights.

Kitchen Items: - big pot for boiling, large good quality wok, frying pan, cutting boards, dish rack, dish cloths, bowls / plates / cutlery, good chopping knives.

If anyone has some storage room in a garage or other space please call Phil.

We have not yet finalized the accommodation, if anyone has any suggestions where we could house this family please contact Karen Duddy – 604-742-1607.

For general [questions](#) call John Morley - 604-435-5674

The following is a list of the current Refugee Working Group Portfolios:

Holly Hergesheimer – Children's item and Kitchen utensils

Karen Duddy - Contact other Church organizations to solicit suitable accommodation.

Cheryl Conant - Liaise with Burmese Karen Community.

Phil Schulze – Furniture for two bedroom apartment and Transportation.

Janet Filippelli – All Financial records and Payments from PCC,

Help with finding Interpreters.

Janet Ray – Coordinate registering with Government organizations.

Liaise with CNH and Mosaic.

Fikre – Responsible for all matters at Welcome House.

Senait – Assist Janet Ray and Holly with Medical matters.

Between 1947 and 1953 immigrants, displaced persons, and refugees came to Canada on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Lines ship, MS Beaverbrae. A Large contingent came via sponsorship of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Sailings took place between Bremrhaven, Germany and the Canadian ports of Halifax, St. John, Montreal and Quebec City. Most passengers were of German origin, and from countries of Eastern Europe where they fled from their home lands as a result of the Second World War.

If you're among those who came to Canada aboard the Beaverbrae; or if you're a family member, a descendant or a friend, please contact CLWR BC office. The purpose is to hold a reunion in order to capture and retain this important milestone in Canadian Immigration history among those still living who came to Canada aboard the Beaverbrae. The 2015 Reunion will be marked in Various Canadian Regions. We can make this happen in our city too with your help!

If you would like to be a partner with CLWR to make this Event happen please call CLWR, BC office or email at senait@clwrbc.ca.

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	Marly Zell - Human Resources
	Jen Langerud - Human Resources
	Brad Langerud - Music and Worship
	Ray Hartley - Member at large

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**"*

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence.

O God, we pray for the church, for all who labour in building up your church,
for ministries of forgiveness, for unity as the body of Christ in the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

For the creation: for soil and water, for all animals, for an end to divisions among those
who care for the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

For houses of government, tribal leaders, and civic officers; for judges and legislators;
for all entrusted with power, that it be used in service to those in need.
Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

For this faith community: for broken relationships, for divided families, for all ministries
in need of renewal. Empower us for lives of reconciling love.
Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

For those who cry out to you: those who are abused, addicted, broken-hearted, ashamed,
and ill *especially*... Comfort those who mourn, *especially*...
Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have died in Christ *especially*...
Joined to them in baptism, we trust in the eternal home Christ prepares for us.
Lord, in your mercy, **build us up.**

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**