



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THE HOLY TRINITY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MAY 31, 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>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Flutes/Piccolo</i>	Karl Maier Derek MacNeill
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Drummer</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Ernie Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<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 8

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 we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

*Arabesque No. 1
Ave Maria*

Claude Debussy
Bach-Gounod

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *# 412 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"*

GREETING

From God our Creator, Christ Jesus our Lord, and the Spirit of all life:
grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Rain Down”

arr. John Carter

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung before and after the reading; refrain sung twice*) p. 188

GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

FAITH STATEMENTS - Omari, Finn, Laef, Vedaste, and Alin (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 814 *"Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am"* (sing 3 times)

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Presentation

Profession of Faith

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Blessing of Parent and Sponsors

Blessing of the Parish

Blessing of the Assembly

People of God, let us rejoice with Omari, Finn, Vedaste, and Alin in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

SONG OF COMMITMENT # 574 *“Here I Am, Lord”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *“Simple Gifts”* Arr. Sydney Carter

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.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“HOLY HOLY HOLY”

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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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 # 413 **“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Father Most Holy Paris Antiphoner, 1681

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”

John Rutter

SENDING HYMN

555 **“Oh, Sing to God Above”**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary in D

Henry Purcell

Congratulations to Finian Kai Maier, Vedaste Niyonsaba, Omari Hakamineza, Laef Erik Swann Kucheran and Alin Domnic Grigore Kucheran as they bravely share their faith and affirm their baptismal covenant on this Confirmation Sunday! We would like to thank their parents and their sponsors for accompanying them all the way along to their special day.

This Week

Today

BBQ and Talent Night, 5 pm

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 2, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 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 by next Sunday, May 31.

**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
if you are interested.

We will be having a shower for Baby Jessica (and parents Phil and Leanne) on June 7 after church. Anyone wishing to sign the congregational card, contribute to a group gift, or help out, please contact Anne Johnson.

METRO VANCOUVER Annual General Meeting and Delegates' Assembly

Monday June 8, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
St. Augustine's Church, 2028 W 7th Ave
Vancouver (near Broadway and Maple)
Wheelchair Accessible – take bus #9 Westbound
from Broadway City Hall Station

Please join us for the Metro Vancouver Alliance 2015 Annual General Meeting and Delegates' Assembly. We will be holding elections for the MVA Board and welcoming new and long-standing member organizations. Please RSVP by e-mail to info@metvanalliance.org with the name of your organization, your delegates and their contact details. Or through the website at http://www.metvanalliance.org/mva_agm_and_delegates_assembly.

The AGM will review MVA's first active and eventful year as a 'founded' organization. On Oct. 9, 2014 we held a Municipal Election Accountability Assembly attended by 800 delegates from MVA's member organizations, invited community leaders, politicians, guests and observers. The assembly succeeded in gaining commitments from all four major Vancouver municipal parties to MVA's proposals and significantly raised our public profile.

The election assembly launched MVA's active campaigning on our four priority areas of Poverty, Transit, Housing and Social Isolation. Come to the AGM to learn more about the progress of these vital campaigns. Help MVA shape the agenda for the year to come.

For the list of board positions open for nomination, please contact church office.

Be there to build your Alliance!

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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

Barbeque and Talent Night!



Sunday, May 31, 2015

BBQ 5:00 pm

Talent Night 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Bring your own meat and/or a salad and join us for a BBQ to celebrate the summer and share your talents! After we eat, share your singing, dancing, theatre, comedy, poems, stories - all are welcome - join us for some community fun!

Our prayers and condolences are with Stephen Holmes and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Caroline. The funeral was on Friday in Calgary.

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!



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.

Dear friends,

June 2nd will mark another anniversary of the compassionate and courageous decision made in 2009 by Pastor Hergy and the Council chaired by Christine Neumann along with the entire congregation of First Lutheran to grant me sanctuary in order to avoid deportation from Canada and separation from my family.

The anticipation of a relatively quick resolution of the situation gave place to the patient work to prepare the legal grounds to have my deportation order overturned. In January 2010, my wife and son moved into the church with me, and First Lutheran became home for the whole Lennikov family. In March 2011, Irina and Dmitri were finally granted the Permanent Resident status, and last November Dmitri received his Canadian citizenship. We can only hope that for Irina this joyous event is just around the corner.

As you may know or heard, in summer of 2012 our newly retained lawyer, Hadayt Nazami located in Toronto, filed a number of very strong applications, but they have been stalled by the government bureaucracy. One of them, Permanent Residence on Humanitarian and Compassionate considerations, was refused, but we were successful in taking the case this April to the Federal Court for Judicial Review. The ruling on the hearing is expected by mid-summer or fall, while other applications remain in process. Waiting is hard, especially when it seems that no light can be seen at the end of the tunnel, but we truly believe that it is a matter of time for the law and reason to finally prevail.

For the long six years, we have been together as the members of the same congregation, building strong and lasting friendships, becoming one big family. Six years ago it was only three of us – Irina, Dmitri and I. Today, fingers on both hands (and feet too) won't be enough to count all our new adoptive fathers, and mothers, uncles and aunts, brothers and sisters!

You have been with us all these six years, helping us go through this ordeal, supporting in all possible ways with your love, care, encouragement, and generosity. Words fail to express in full our feelings of gratitude and appreciation. Yet, we'll try. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts for who you are – loving, kind, compassionate and at the same time very humble, wonderful people, always ready to open the door to the strangers in need and break the bread with them.

Bless you! Bless you all!

Mikhail, Irina, Dmitri Lennikov

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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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

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

Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire your church, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name.
Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you fill the universe with your splendor. Restore right relationships among all living things, both seen and unseen. Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

Saving One, you so love this world. Bring justice to the oppressed, mercy to those who are angry, nourishment to the hungry, and peace to the violent and their victims. We especially remember today all of our First Nation sisters and brothers and for everyone assembled in Ottawa today for Truth and Reconciliation, and for the healing of our nation.
Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

Loving Spirit, in you we live and move and have our being. We especially remember our youth who have shared and affirmed their faith today, Omari, Vedaste, Finn, Alin and Laef.
Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you visit the hurting, giving healing and strength. We pray for your children in any need: the orphaned, the neglected, the grieving, the injured, and those we name this day *especially*... Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we remember your saints *especially* ... With them, may we bear the life of Christ to those around us. Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

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.**