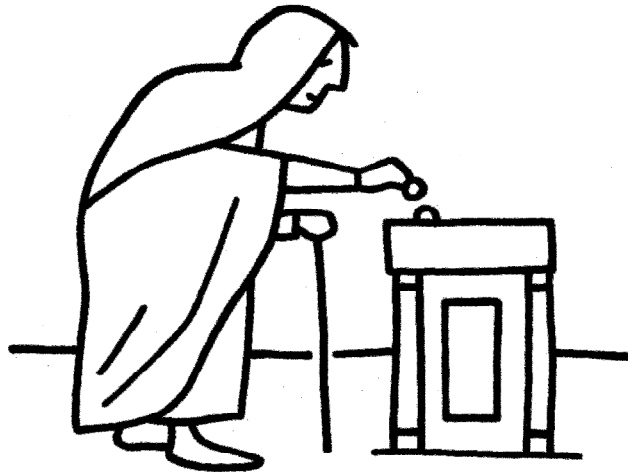




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 8, 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 - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Homilist</i>	Rev. Margaret Marquardt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod
	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jack Kuyer
	Diana Kuyer
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Alex Wilson
	Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jack Kuyer
	Diana Kuyer
	Christine Neumann
	Alex Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett
	Jordan Manu
	Patricia Manu
	Soriya Salehi
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson

**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.**

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2015**  
*Holy Communion, Setting Seven*

*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**

*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

**PRELUDE**

*Siciliana*  
*Panis Angelicus*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Caesar Franck

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING HYMN**

# 843 *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, you show forth your gracious power by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**PSALM 146** (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing the refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**  
**who keeps promis- | es forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**  
**the LORD | loves the righteous. R**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R**

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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#### **GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for all who are with us in this church,  
for all who labour here,  
at home, at work, at school, and in their communities.  
We give you thanks  
for the many ways you work in us and through us,  
extending the gift of friendship.  
We ask you to bless the fruits of our work.**

**Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things,  
and continue your blessings to us  
through the bounty of your creation;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**# 583 "Take my life, that I may be"**

**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**

*In Eudoxia*

Garth Edmundson

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus, Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Prayer over the gifts)*

**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**

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

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** # 720 **“We Are Called”**

*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our 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**                      **# 717 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"**

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

**POSTLUDE**                                      *A Trumpet Voluntary*                                      Gordon Young

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**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

First Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **next Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Formed by Scandinavian immigrants on November 15<sup>th</sup> 1890 the church has now transformed into a multicultural feast of people.

To celebrate the occasion a special service followed by a pot luck lunch of ethnically diverse foods has been suggested with historical displays, photographs, entertainment etc.

**Many volunteers will be required** to make this a memorable event, so if you are interested in joining the team, please contact June Heywood, Debbie Powell and John Morley.

***"Welcoming Peace"* evening service 5:30 pm on Sundays**

November 8, 15, 22

***"Waiting in Darkness"* Advent Evening service starts at 5:30 pm**

November 29

December 6, 13, 20

No service on Dec 27 and January 3, 2016.



**This Week**

**Today**

Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Youth Study, 4:30 pm  
Evening service, 5:30 pm  
*“Welcoming Peace”*

**Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
FLC Office closed for Remembrance Day

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm  
MVA Seminar Series 1, 7 - 8:30 pm  
*Habit of Relating*  
*1019 Broughton St, Vancouver*

**Saturday**

Missions Committee , 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
*at First Lutheran*  
Two CLWR receptions, 10 am & 2:30 pm  
*“What in the World are Lutheran Doing”*  
*(see announcement next page)*  
Youth Meeting, 4 - 5:30 pm at FLC

**Next Sunday**

Bible study on Ephesians, 9:30 am  
FLC 125th Anniversary Celebration, 10:30 am  
Potluck, after service  
*Welcoming Peace* Evening service, 5:30 pm

**Confirmation class 2015, 4:30 pm**

November 22 & December 13

Students and families are enthusiastically invited to stay for the evening service as part of formation.

**Introducing the Metro Vancouver Alliance Seminar Series**

A space to stretch your brain! For those who want to dig a little deeper into the ideas that sustain our work, we'll gather in small groups to discuss readings and events broadly relevant to our goals. Our facilitator is Deb Cameron-Fawkes, an MVA Board member and part of the Leadership Training team. Deb is a theologian and preacher, and also a union steward with the United Food and Commercial Workers.

Our first read is **Going Public: An Organizer's Guide to Citizen Action** by **Michael Gecan**, Anchor Books, 2004.

Copies are available for purchase through the MVA office.

**Dates:**

Nov 12, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Relating  
Nov 19, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Action  
Nov 26, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Organization  
Dec 3, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Reflection

Please RSVP to [MVAseminar@shaw.ca](mailto:MVAseminar@shaw.ca) <<mailto:MVAseminar@shaw.ca>> or at the website <[http://www.metvanalliance.org/mva\\_seminar\\_series\\_relating](http://www.metvanalliance.org/mva_seminar_series_relating)> for our host's downtown address and directions. You need not attend all four sessions, but registration is required as space is limited.

Our thanks to Rev. Margaret Marquardt for proclaiming the good news this morning.

There will be 2 new programs this year at FLC - **Youth Study** starting **today** and **Adult Study** starting **Nov 29**. Meeting monthly on a different date, both groups explore a series called "Animate Faith". **The topic today for Youth Study is "GOD | Faith is a quest."** See bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

### Sunday School 2015

November 8, 22

Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are calling on Canadian Lutherans to make a donation to support Syrian refugees suffering and displaced by brutal violence in their country. **Donations made between September 12, 2015 and December 31, 2015 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government through their Syria Emergency Relief Fund.**

#### How to donate:

- Online at <http://clwr.donorshops.com/product/685132A/syrianrefugeerelief.php>
- By phone at 1.800.661.2597
- By mail (cheques should be made out to CLWR and mailed to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0W5)
- By free-will offering at any ELCIC congregation in Canada

#### TABLE IN NARTHEX

We are looking for somebody to will remove the large table in the narthex. Thank you.

### SILENT AUCTION at FLC 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration November 15, 2015

If you forgot to bring your donations today, the deadline has been extended to Nov. 10th. Please bring your items to the church office by that date.

There will be an assortment of items up for auction including a collapsible treadmill, a hand quilted batik lap rug, hand crafted jewelry, gift certificates, artwork, dinner for two, and a Christmas banner. We are setting up a "Buy It Now" table for small items, with prices starting as low as \$2. This is a good opportunity to pick up some holiday gifts. Bring your cheque-book or cash next Sunday!

The funds raised from the Silent Auction will be given (50%) to Surrey Urban Mission Society ("SUMS") and (50%) to our church building maintenance fund.

## What in the World are Lutherans Doing?

Come find out!

Two receptions on Saturday, Nov 14.

*10 a.m.-noon* GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
1110 Gladwin Drive, North Vancouver, BC  
*2-4 p.m.* REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
499 Laurier Avenue, VANCOUVER, BC

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### Church Council

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**User name: flcwifi  
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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.**"*

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth. *A brief silence.*

Eternal God, you watch over the stranger. Be with missionaries and humanitarian agencies serving in many lands. Give them compassion and grace as they embody your love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creative God, you made heaven and earth. Move us to delight in the earth and care for it as you desire. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you execute justice for the oppressed. Guide global economic and financial leaders and all politicians, and the work of grassroots organizations like MVA to embody your justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abundant God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Provide homes and love for all who are alone, neglected, or abandoned in our community. Open our hearts to care for all your people, especially in the work of Friends InDeed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, just as you set the prisoners free, liberate all who are bound by physical and mental chains. Grant healing and wholeness to suffering communities, families, and individuals *especially*... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints *especially*... We also remember all the veterans who have died to protect our freedom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray.  
Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**