



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SUNDAY OF THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 11, 2015

**WELCOME TO
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FOUNDED 1890**

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Those Serving the Servants Today

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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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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

PRELUDE

*We Plough the Fields and Scatter
Now Thank We All Our God*

Michael Burkhardt
Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

835 *“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”*
v.3, women; v.4, men; v.5, unaccompanied

GREETING AND KYRIE

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“NOW THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and Gracious God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit help us to see your goodness, and to joyfully give thanks for all you do for us. Teach us to live our lives as gracious givers, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Joel 2:21-27

The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when the Lord will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.

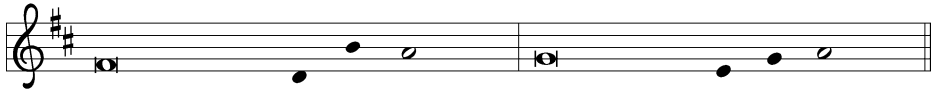
²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them." R

³The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING:1 Timothy 2:1-7

Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people, including rulers (who were pagans rather than Christians). We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Give Thanks to the Lord”

Mark Patterson

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*)

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.

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

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed

your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 821 **“Shout Out to the Lord”** (sung twice)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace, we give you thanks.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” (*All rise*) p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 10

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 12

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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*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 # 679 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Thanks Be To Thee George Frederic Handel

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 693 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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

POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Mark Your Calendar!

First Lutheran will be hosting another exciting event on **October 18 after the morning service on the lower level– Oktoberfest!** Put on your German or Bavarian costume and join the fun!

This is a free event for everyone to partake; therefore an accurate count of participants is required to send to Fellowship and Hospitality Committee to help with supply purchasing and food preparing. Please let one of the Committee members know today if you plan to attend.

At the same time, it is crucial to get a good number of volunteers to ensure the Oktoberfest will be carried out. Please consider helping with set up and clean up. It is also a great way to establish fellowship while working on the same team!

This Week

Monday - Office Closed
NO Centering Prayer

Wednesday
Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Council, 6:15 pm

Thursday
Ministerial at Our Saviour Lutheran, 11 am
Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday
50 plus group potluck, 12:30 pm

Friday - Sunday
“faith.forming.faith” Event
at Trinity Lutheran in Delta

Next Sunday
Book study on Ephesians, 9:30 am
Pentecost 21, 10:30
Pulpit exchange with Rev. Michael Batten
Oktoberfest, after service
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Evening service, 5:30 pm
“Welcoming Peace”

Book Study!

Join us next Sunday at 09:30 in the parish hall to begin a short study of the **Book of Ephesians**. For six weeks we will let this book address our lives as we seek to hear God's message to us through its pages. Led by Pastor H. Paul Schmidt, the study needs **you**. (Sounds like an election pitch.)

“Welcoming Peace” **evening service** begins next Sunday **at 5:30 pm** and on the following Sundays. All are welcome!

October 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
December 6, 13, 20
No service on Dec 27 and January 3, 2016.

First **Confirmation class** starts next Sunday **at 4:30 pm** and on following dates:

October 18
November 1, 22
December 13

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

There will be 2 new programs this year at FLC - **Youth Study** starting **Nov 8** and **Adult Study** starting **Nov 29**. Meeting monthly on a different date, both groups explore a series called “Animate Faith”. See bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

Sunday School resumes on following dates:

October 25
November 8, 22

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October 16-18 at Trinity Lutheran, Delta
Featuring guest speaker Paul Hoffman

FLC congregational team attending: Donna Dufresne, Adolf Manz, Denise Pawliuk and Pr. Lori-Anne.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you".

My sincere thanks to all who have sent me greetings, cards, gifts, e-mails, called by phone, visited me and for all your prayers on my behalf over the course of my treatments. The love and support that you have extended to me has helped me in so many ways and I am overwhelmed by God's goodness to me and how His love has come to me through you in so many ways. My hope and prayer is that I will soon be able to be amongst you again.

*God bless you all,
June Schramm*

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH **125TH ANNIVERSARY**

First Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 15th, 2015**, only 5 weeks away. Formed by Scandinavian immigrants on November 15th 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.

OPEN MIC!

7 - 10 pm, First Friday of the month
Sign up: 6:30 pm

Bring your songs, stories, poems, dance!
All ages welcome!

Heartwood Community Café
317 E Broadway, Vancouver
604-872-3166

Hosts: Root n Branch
(Shannon Ingersoll & Rich Sawyer)

Thank you to all who donated items to the display in our sanctuary, and our thanks to Janet Schreiber for coordinating the Thanksgiving display.

Halloween Fun at First Lutheran

Families are invited to a Halloween theme gathering on Saturday, October 31 from 2-4 pm on the lower level of FLC. There will be pumpkin carving, games, and songs and stories for the under-6 crowd. Come in costume/ makeup (or not) and bring a pumpkin to carve if you like!

50 + Group Meeting

The group had a great gathering in September and will be **meeting again this Friday at 12:30 pm** for a **potluck lunch** on the lower level at FLC.

To: All members of BC Synod Council, all Rostered Ministers, all Congregations

Official Notice of BC Synod Annual General Meeting 2015

As required by the Bylaws, the Synod Council calls the Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2015. It will be held Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 375 West 10th Ave, Vancouver; phone: 604-874-2212.

Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote.

Agenda: (first draft)

- Call to order, devotion, prayer
- Minutes of the 2014 AGM
- Business arising from the minutes
- Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2015

Please note that no on-site parking will be available at Spirit of Life.

SILENT AUCTION at FLC 125th Anniversary Celebration November 15, 2015

Items are needed for our Silent Auction Fundraiser. Hand knitted, quilted, or sewn items or new Christmas decorations are welcome! Also think about making gift baskets with assorted cheeses, wines, chocolates, or bath products. Anything that can be given as Christmas gifts would be appreciated. Please place your donations in the box in the Fireside Room no later than Sunday, Nov. 8, or give them to Janet Schreiber.

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

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First Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flwifi
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: "God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**"*

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.*

For all who seek you, gracious God, we give thanks for your goodness and their openness to the Spirit. Surround them with a community of love and guidance. Nourish them with your holy word. God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**

For the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, sustaining God, we give thanks for your creative act. Provide clean air, rich soil, and fresh water for all plants and animals. God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**

For nations with little and nations with plenty, gracious God, we seek your mercy. When we have an abundance of food, help us to share. When we are hungry, empower us to ask for food. God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**

For children and families with empty stomachs and empty cupboards, eternal God, we seek your mercy. And for those who seek your hand to touch their lives, *especially...* Stir up your Spirit and move your church to act for justice and peace. Give us our daily bread. God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**

We remember with gratitude family and friends who died this year, *especially...*and will not share our Thanksgiving meal, loving God. May their lives teach us how to share your love until we join them at your heavenly feast. God of Grace, **we give you thanks.**

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.**