



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 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>	Rev. Michael Batten
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Julie Bauming Sandi Strate
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Joy Anderson Ingrid Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Holly Hergesheimer Sandi Strate Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann (Oktoberfest)
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

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 10

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 gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

PRELUDE

Be Thou But Near
Entrata in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us.

We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another.

In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts.

Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

In the name of † Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 787 “On Eagle’s Wings”

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, with hearts that always desire your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

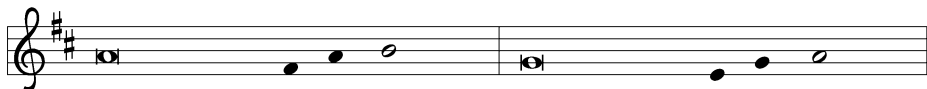
This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. ^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the law and the prophets, ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

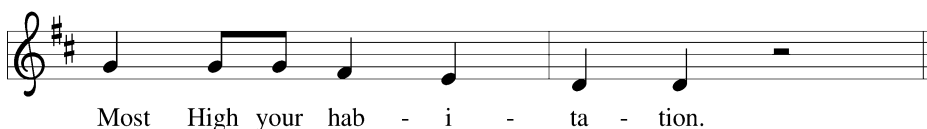
Response: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16 (*cantor sings the refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



⁹Because you have made the | Lord your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation. R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

GOSPEL: GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

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

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 712 “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Lullaby

He Luting

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **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

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

708 “Jesu, Jesu”

It Is Well With my Soul

Alice Jordan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

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

The blessing of almighty God, the Creator of life, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

551 "The Spirit Sends us forth to Serve"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Call

Domenico Scarlatti

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.

This Week

Today

Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Evening service, 5:30 pm
“*Welcoming Peace*”

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Book study on Ephesians, 9:30 am
Reformation, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Evening service, 5:30 pm
“*Welcoming Peace*”

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.

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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.

Our thanks to Rev. Michael Batten for leading the service and sharing the good news this morning. Pr. Lori-Anne is over at St. Thomas Anglican.

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!

Our thoughts and prayers are with John and Linda Dawson, whose mother, Margaret Dawson, passed away on September 29 at the age of 100 years and 6 months. Margaret was laid to rest on October 8.

“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, let light perpetual shine upon her.”

Youth Bowling Day!

When: Saturday, October 31
Time: 3-5 pm, meeting at FLC
Address: 10576 King George Blvd, Surrey

Oktoberfest will be immediately after the morning service on the lower level. Everyone is invited to join the fun! Your help with set-up and clean-up is needed and appreciated!

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

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

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

November 1, 22
December 13

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

MVA leadership institute

Friday, November 6, 6:30-9 pm
Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am - 3:30pm

BCGEU Office
2920 Virtual Way, Vancouver

Free for participant with FLC membership.

Registration: to register online and for further info, visit metvanalliance.org or email info@metvanalliance.org with your name, organization, and contact.

Sunday School resumes today and on following dates: **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)

Thanks to all who brought non-perishables to replenish our food pantry last Sunday.

English Conversation
at South Vancouver Neighbourhood House
(6470 Victoria Dr.)

November 2015 to January 2016
Mondays through Saturdays
1 hour and 15 minutes per session

Call Amie to register 604-324-6212 ext. 142 or to volunteer as the session facilitators.

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First Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

You can find First Lutheran on:
FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One who comes to serve your people, transform us into servants and make us instruments of your will, so that your justice and peace may be accomplished.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve the whole creation so that animals, plants, and land flourish. Protect endangered species and renew polluted waterways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany physicians, researchers, fundraisers, and relief workers who seek to eradicate preventable diseases, such as malaria. Bring forth fruit from their cooperative efforts.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire the work and words of artists, authors, preachers, and teachers in the church. Use their gifts to proclaim your goodness to those who long to hear.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ease the many burdens resulting from illness and mend the brokenness caused by sin. Be with those who suffer and make your people whole, *especially...*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember saints led by your Spirit, *especially...* Give us Christ's Spirit of obedience, while you continue the work of making all things new.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**