



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 4, 2015

**WELCOME TO
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FOUNDED 1890**

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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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<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Karen Duddy
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson Julie Bauming Ernie Neumann
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Christine Neumann Soriya Salehi Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Betty Wong

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 Eight

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 combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

*Largo (Concerto in D)
God Himself Is Present*

Antonio Vivaldi
arr. Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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 # 879 “For the Beauty of the Earth” v. 3 - unaccompanied

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of steadfast love, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, embracing the life you give us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

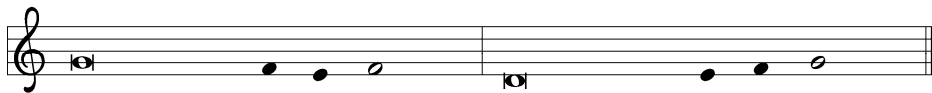
Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

PSALM 8 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 188

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 643 “We Are All One in Christ”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life, hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY CWM Rhondda Paul Manz

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 p. 190

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 190

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p.191

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

“LAMB OF GOD” p.191

This Week

Today

PCC Board meeting after service

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Presentation on Mission and Renewal, 7 pm
by Rev. Kathy Martin at FLC

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Pentecost 19, 10:30

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125TH ANNIVERSARY

First Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 15th, 2015**, only 6 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 after the Service today the organizing committee will have an information session for those interested in being involved.

Evening service will resume **at 5:30 pm** on the following Sundays:

October 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

December 6, 13, 20

No service on Dec 27 and January 3, 2016.

Confirmation class will now meet **on Sundays at 4:30 pm** 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 and Adult Study. Meeting monthly at a different date, both groups explore a series called "Animate Faith". Please read insert for more details.

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)

Sunday School resumes on following dates:

October 25

November 8, 22

December

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.

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16-18 October 2015 at Trinity Lutheran, Delta, BC

Pastor Paul E. Hoffman and Donna Linn, leaders

This event is designed to assist congregations in re-tooling their ministries to welcome persons into a community of faith and prepare them for a life-long journey of discipleship beginning with baptism. It's modeled after the ancient catechumenal process and twenty years of spiritual renewal at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle.

For: Pastors/Rostered Leaders, Laypersons, Students

Date: Friday, 16 Oct 5pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday, 18 Oct 9am-3pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church 11040 River Road Delta, BC V4C2S2

Cost: \$100 CDN per person or \$215 per congregational team 4-5 people

Please contact Pr. Lori-Anne immediately if you are interested in being part of a congregational team from FLC. Registration deadline is October 12.

For more information contact paulhoffman56@gmail.com.

To register: www.trinitylutherandelta.ca

Please remember to save the ice cream buckets, your used postage stamps, Campbell soup labels, and "no longer needed" eye glasses and drop them off in the church office.

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**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

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TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Life, **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.*

God of all wisdom and truth, send your Spirit on all your people, opening our mouths to prophesy and speak truth to one another. Give us words that make your loving will known. God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold farmers and field workers who harvest as nights grow longer and days get colder. Use their labor to deliver sustenance to humans and animals. God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Lead public servants and government officials to work on behalf of all people. Send advocates to halls of justice and guide legislation that breaks the bonds of injustice. God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Fill those who are hungry with good things. Enfold those who are weary in communities where their bodies and souls may be fed. Redeem all who struggle *especially...* Speak healing words to them, and restore them to wholeness, that praise may flow from their lips. God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

You have drawn your people into one great community. Show to us the same faithfulness you have shown your saints throughout the ages *especially...*, and lead us to live faithfully. God of Life, **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.**