



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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 - 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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<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
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<i>Lector</i>	Karen Kerfoot
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
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<i>Cantor</i>	Heidi Ackermann
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Marion Manz Ingrid Anderson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Abigail Hergesheimer Beatrice Hergesheimer
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Kerfoot Holly Hergesheimer Marion Manz Ingrid Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Hawaiian Theme BBQ
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Sarah Speidel Soriya Salehi
<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.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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*Holy Communion, Setting Two*

*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 we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*  
*Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)*

Paul Manz  
George Frederic Handel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN**      # 524 “*What Is This Place*”

**GREETING AND KYRIE**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*Today’s reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God’s word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

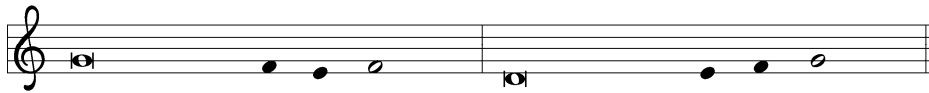
<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!”<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

**PSALM 54** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*

God is my help - er; it is the  
 Lord who sus - tains my life.

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name;  
 in your might, de- | fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my | prayer, O God;**  
**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,  
 those who have no re- | gard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God | is my helper;**  
**it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
 in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**  
**and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
 and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

**SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*all sing alleluia verse before and after the reading*)

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**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

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

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 397 “*Loving Spirit*”

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life: Inspire us.”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Scenes from Childhood* Robert Schumann

**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**

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”** p. 130

**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 (as the bread is broken)**

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 135

*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** # 359 “*Where Charity and Love Prevail*”  
*Be Thou My Vision* Irish Traditional

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO” (*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

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 # 551 “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*”

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love one another. **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

*Minuet*

George Frederic Handel

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Laef Kucheran, a member of FLC, has designed and launched a website in which people can poll themselves for the upcoming election. It only takes a few minutes to sign up and take the poll for your riding. For those who want to have a more in depth experience, you can also ask questions of candidates. The more participants, and the broader the political base, the better its accuracy. He needs at least 2000 people for it to work properly. So please sign up and spread the word to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbours. **You can sign up at [votevancouver.org/signup](http://votevancouver.org/signup).** Thank you all so much.

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**Mark your calendar!**

**There will be a special service on November 15 to celebrate First Lutheran’s 125th anniversary. More details to follow.**

## **This Week**

### **Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

### **Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

### **Friday**

50+ group potluck, 12:30 pm

### **Saturday**

Youth Bowling, meeting at FLC at 2:50 pm

### **Next Sunday**

Pentecost 18, 10:30

Calling all crafters! The Craft Drop-in will resume again for a new year on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 - 12:00. We meet in the lower level and invite any people who have a project on the go to join us with their project and materials for a time of crafting and socializing. Coffee will be provided. There is no long term commitment required -- just show up on the first Saturday of any month with your project in hand. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, please contact Linda Collins.

Note: There is no craft drop-in for October due to a wedding in the church on that Saturday.

Everyone is invited to the BBQ after morning service today on lower level.

### **50 Plus Group Potluck Lunch!**

**Date:** Friday, September 25

**Time:** 12:30 - 3 pm

**Where:** Lower level at FLC

Please sign up in the narthex or contact Debbie Powell.

### **Sound Technician Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to look after the sound system at FLC. If you are tech savvy or interested in learning about the system, please let the office know or see Brad Langerud on Sundays. Brad will be facilitating training sessions for new recruits to get familiarized with our existing system.

### **Youth Bowling Day!**

**When:** Saturday, September 26

**Time:** 3-5 pm, meeting at FLC

**Address:** 10576 King George Blvd, Surrey

The Altar Guild is in need of more volunteers. For a variety of reasons, several people are no longer able to help. Time commitment is approximately one Sunday per month, 45 min before or after worship. New volunteers can work together with an experienced volunteer for the first 3 months. If you are interested, please contact Janet Schreiber.

Thanks to all who came to help with maintenance work yesterday!





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# FEDERAL ELECTION ACCOUNTABILITY ASSEMBLY AND LIVING WAGE CELEBRATION

September 30, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Come early! Registration begins at 6:00 pm

## VANCOUVER GRANVILLE FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Mira Oreck (NDP), Jody Wilson-Raybould (Liberal), Erinn Broshko (Conservative), and Michael Barkusky (Green) have all been invited to our first federal election assembly.

## LANGARA COLLEGE, LECTURE HALL A130 100 WEST 49<sup>TH</sup> AVE, VANCOUVER

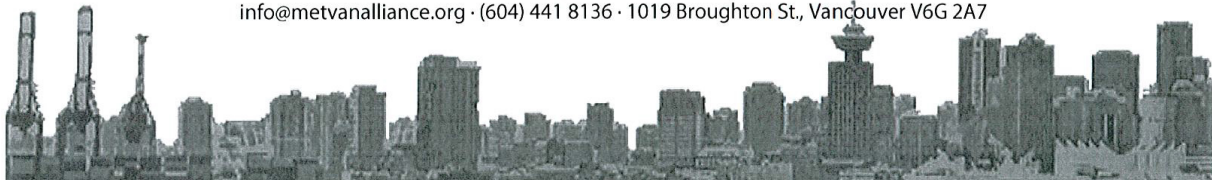
5 minutes from the Langara-49<sup>th</sup> Skytrain Station, parking available.

Representatives from MVA's over 50 member organizations will make presentations on four issues - social inclusion, transit, income justice, and affordable housing - to candidates in the upcoming federal election and ask for a response and a commitment to work with MVA to make Metro Vancouver a better place for all.

MVA members will also celebrate and recognize the City of Vancouver's recent commitment to become a living wage employer.

## Be there to add your voice for a **better** Canada!

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## HELP US RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF SYRIAN REFUGEES

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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## *faith.forming.faith*

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 if you are interested in being part of a congregational team.

For more information contact [paulhoffman56@gmail.com](mailto:paulhoffman56@gmail.com).

To register: [www.trinitylutherandelta.ca](http://www.trinitylutherandelta.ca)

*The registration includes all training, materials, and six meals across the course of the weekend. It is imperative to the integrity of the training that participants attend the entire event. Travel to and lodging in/near Delta are for each participant to arrange. Thank you to B.C. Synod Missions Committee for subsidizing the weekend.*

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### Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
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Sandi Strate - Chairperson  
Russell Collins  
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**Free Wifi is now available at  
First Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flcwifi  
Password: flc1890**

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

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for the church in its many expressions. Give it the gift of discernment to know what is needed and the humility to ask for what is necessary.  
God of Life: **Inspire us.**

We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to share the earth's abundance with all who hunger.  
God of Life: **Inspire us.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. God of Life: **Inspire us.**

We pray for children in this congregation and community. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. God of Life: **Inspire us.**

We pray for those affected by shortened daylight hours, for those who struggle with envy, and for those who suffer from impulses that are at war within them. We pray for all those in any kind of need *especially...* God of Life: **Inspire us.**

We give thanks for the saints and all those who have seasoned our lives of faith *especially...* Preserve us in faith until we join them in your eternal kingdom.  
God of Life: **Inspire us.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**