



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 14, 2016

**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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Margaret Marquardt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
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<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ingrid Anderson Joy Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Julie Bauming Marion Manz
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Karl Maier
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Tony 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 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

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

### PRELUDE

*Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)  
Prelude on 'Union Seminary'*

George Frederic Handel  
Paul Manz

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### THE ORDER OF 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, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Just and gracious God,

**we come to you for healing and life.**

**Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you.**

**Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you.**

**Show us your mercy, O God.**

**Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, † "Your sins are forgiven."

Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 878 “*Soli Deo Gloria*” v. 3 unaccompanied

**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: O Eternal God, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7**

*The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the God of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are God's pleasant planting;

God expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

**PSALM 80** translated by Nan C. Merrill (congregation reads the bold)

Eternal Listener, give heed to your people, You, who are our Guide and Our Light!  
You, who dwell amidst the angels, shine forth into the heart of all nations!  
**Enliven your people with compassion that peace and justice might flourish.**

**Restore us, O Holy One; let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

You compassion us through the wilderness, through the shadows created by fear.  
You plant your Seed into each heart.  
You uproot the weeds of our sin, You cultivate the soil of our goodness.  
**Truly, in You, we become like a tiny acorn, holding the secret of a mighty oak.**  
**You nourish us with the food of Love, with streams of Living Water.**  
Be our strength as we break down walls that separate and divide;  
let not fear pluck away the gifts we would share.  
Roll away the stones that become obstacles to growth, to producing a bountiful harvest.

**Receive our gratitude, O Heart of all hearts!**  
**Look upon us and see what Love can do; rejoice in the new birth that You create!**

May those who have borne the fruit of love radiate your Spirit into the world!  
May we always walk and co-create with You; receive the gratitude of our hearts,  
as we share in the Great Plan!

**Restore us, O Holy One! Let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword;

they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!  
<sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!  
<sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!  
<sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;  
<sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 757 **“All My Hope on God is Founded”**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God, you hold us. We live and work in hope."*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*Draw Me Nearer*

arr. Jack Schraeder

### OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

## MEAL

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

*People* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying (singing):

*All* **HYMN # 473 Sanctus** (Spanish 1x; English 1x)  
(see next page)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
 when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
 you followed her and gave her hope.  
 When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
 you turned malice to your people's good.  
 When you called Israel out of slavery,  
 you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.  
 When your people were taken into exile  
 you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

*People* **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Celebrant* At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
 to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.  
 Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
 He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
 and offered her the water of new life.  
 Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
 and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
 On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
 took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,



"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."  
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

*People* **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*Celebrant* Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

*People* **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

*Celebrant* Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The service continues with the Lord's Prayer*

### **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** # 759 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*  
*Teach Me O Lord* Thomas Attwood

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

Let us pray. **Living God, when we do not understand, we gather by this table. When mystery stretches ever wider, we break bread. When the wonder is more than our souls can hold, we share the cup. Holy, holy, holy God, breathing, living resurrected Saviour, peace-making, truth-giving, world-changing Spirit, hear us as we have broken bread together, in the eternal echo of new life, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of the God our Creator, the blessing of ☩ Christ Jesus, the Beloved One, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** # 400 *“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”*

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

**POSTLUDE** *Chaconne* Arcangelo Corelli

**This Week**

**Monday**

Centering Prayers, 7:15 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

**Saturday**

Clean-up Day at FLC, 9 am—noon

**Next Sunday**

Pentecost 14, 10:30 am

Pr. Lori-Anne will return to the office on August 25. Friends InDeed is here to support members throughout the summer. Pr. Margaret Marquardt 604-253-0379. For pastoral emergency, please contact the church office or the following pastors:

Aug 14-16: Pr. Nathan Fong  
(604-433-1515)

Aug 17-24: Pr. Jennifer Wilson  
(604-584-0111)

**Parish Listening Gathering**  
**Sunday, September 11, Noon – 1:15 PM**

*Offered by Friends InDeed*

**Community BBQ**

**Saturday, September 24, 11AM - 2 PM**

Please plan to attend these community gatherings. Sign up in the narthex.

**FLC Clean-up Day!**

A clean-up day at First Lutheran on **Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 AM to noon.** Kitchen, Bathrooms, Sanctuary etc. and some painting and repairs.

## DIRECTORY

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### **NEW FURNACE REQUIRED**

It is time to replace the Sanctuary furnace. The existing is the original 1954 oil burner converted to natural gas and is most inefficient by today's standards. It could easily malfunction during the winter months. **The cost will be just under \$12,000 so contributions to the building fund would be in order. All donations welcome, significant ones especially.** Tours of the existing furnace with its clockwork controls can be had on Sunday mornings. Thanks.

FLC Property Committee

### **Church Council**

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
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Ernie Neumann - Treasurer  
Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources  
Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary  
Wayne Wong - Property and Fellowship & Hospitality  
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Ray Hartley - Member at large

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God, you hold us. **We live and work in hope.**"*

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Faithful God, inspire fidelity in your church. Guard it from temptation, and make it place of safety, welcome, and joy for all. God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

God of all that is, we encounter you not only in the grandeur of your creation, but in its smallest and quietest parts. Awaken us to your presence all around us. God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

God of power and might, call the nations of the world to recognize first your authority and justice. Guard all nations from unjust rulers, and bring forth your kingdom of righteousness and peace. We pray especially for ...God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

God of new life, as you bring newcomers, visitors, and seekers into this assembly, give us hearts open to the new perspectives and gifts they bring. God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

God of the lowly, help us recognize hospitality and generosity from unexpected sources, the humanity and goodness of those in prison, the faith and persistence of those who weep. Let our weakness be our strength. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God, you hold us.

**We live and work in hope.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus, The Christ. **Amen.**

*Would you like to add a prayer petition on Sundays? We invite you to write down your prayer request on the music stand in the narthex, which will be included each Sunday in the prayers of the people. Please note that prayer petitions will be refreshed each week.*