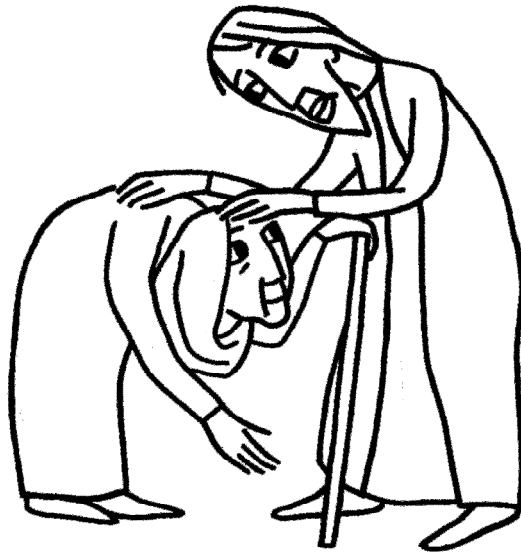




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2016

**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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Alysha Ingersoll

Communion Servers Julie Bauming
Shannon Ingersoll
Dennis Reid
Doreen Reid

Tray Holders Ashlee Van Spronsen
Stephanie Van Spronsen

Coffee Hour Hosts Eulalie Niyungeko
Celly Manirakoze

Altar Guild Shannon & Alysha Ingersoll
Betty & Wayne Wong

Offering Counters 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 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

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 SONG # 526 “*God Is Here*”

GREETING

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-8 (congregation reads the bold lines)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Response after the reading: Holy Word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing before and after reading. All rise*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

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

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 627 *“O Day Full of Grace”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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 and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 208

*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 # 623 "Rock of Ages"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please rise)*

Let us pray: **O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the life-giving presence of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 796 "How Firm a Foundation"

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

POSTLUDE

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayers, 7:15 PM

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday

Pentecost 15, 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 pastor:

Aug 21-24: Pr. Jennifer Wilson
604-584-0111

Thanks to all volunteers who helped with clean-up yesterday.

Our thanks to Pr. Adolf Manz for leading the worship this morning. We also thank Christina Hutten for playing the service again this morning while Jeanette Price is on holidays.

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.

DIRECTORY

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Altar Guild Coordinator	Janet Schreiber
Liturgical Artists	Linda Collins Marion Manz June Schramm

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

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Ernie Neumann - Treasurer
Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources
Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary
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June Heywood - Education & Human Resources
Brad Langerud - Music and Worship
Ray Hartley - Member at large

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.

Lord of all languages, we pray with and for Christians in worship all over the world. Make your church joyful to reflect the diversity of your people and the unity of your love.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit speaks in creation. We thank you for watered gardens, for abundant yield, for clean water, for sunlight, for communities where people and nature live in peace together.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remove the yoke of destructive partisanship, the pointing of the finger at our enemies, and bless nations in need *especially*... Empower all to speak the truth, encouraging honorable leadership. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who must be absent from this assembly while they work. Give them and all people sabbath rest. Refresh our hearts in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring strength, health, and wholeness in the parched places of our lives. Bless those in need this day and surround them with care and hope. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Our stories are shaped in community. We thank you for people young and old, women and men, who have witnessed to your love. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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