



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 10, 2016

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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 - 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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**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.**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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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**

*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

**PRELUDE**

*Accept O Lord The Gifts We Bring  
How Firm A Foundation*

David Cherwien  
Robert Hobby

**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, 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 # 532 “Gather Us In”**

**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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbours with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God’s commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people’s own hearts.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

**PSALM 25:1-10** (*congregation reads the bold*)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.  
<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**  
<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.  
<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**  
<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.  
<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*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: Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

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

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 659 “*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*”

**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**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Holy God, Holy and Glorious* Anne Krenz Organ

**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**

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**INVITATION**

Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you. **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”**

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**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 639 “When We Are Living”**

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake*

Richard Farrant

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All 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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, 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**

*# 720 “We Are Called”*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz

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Please review the quarterly Statements of Givings that are placed in your mailboxes. If you find any incorrect information, please speak to Sylvia Harris.

**This Week**

**Today**

Discussion, noon - 1 pm  
“*Transforming Community Connections*”

**Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

**Saturday**

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am

**Next Sunday**

Pentecost 9, 10:30 am

**Transforming Community Connections**

Are you interested in exploring opportunities to connect with the neighbourhood around the church? Come and join the discussion today from 12 pm - 1 pm in the Narthex. We also want to encourage you to walk around the neighbourhood, listening and observing who lives here, what they're up to, etc. This is not a requirement, however, you can come and join the conversation anyway, as we continue to explore what it means to be a transformative Christian community.

Please speak with Pr. Margaret or Elina for more details.

A walk to support Parkinson's Disease research will be held September 12, 2016 from 1:30-3:30 PM at Confederation Track, 4548 Albert Street in Burnaby. Members and friends are encouraged to attend to support this worthy cause. Posters with more information are posted in the narthex. All who register and walk will receive a free T-shirt. Please indicate your name and T-shirt size on the yellow sheet in the narthex.

All are invited to join the **youth group** on **July 23 at 1 PM to make sandwiches** that will be later delivered to downtown eastside. Donations of peanut butter and jam are appreciated.

The refugee committee wants to extend our support of Naw Lwe and her family for a further three months. We have some funds to cover this but are \$1750 short of the total needed. If you would like to contribute please donate to the love fund with the direction "For Refugees"

**~Mark Your Calendar~**

Family gathering with potluck Saturday, July 23 at 5:30 PM at the home of a parish family.

Please let The Rev. Margaret Marquardt, Lead Coordinator for the Friends InDeed, know if you would like to come.

It is a planned potluck. We will have Denise Pawliuk lead a story activity with the children as well as a simple table communion, followed by sharing a meal and hanging out together.

E-mail Pastor Margaret at [mmarquardt@telus.net](mailto:mmarquardt@telus.net).

Please update your directory with **Betty and Wayne Wong's new contact:**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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

Gracious God, your word is very near to us, building up your church and keeping it faithful to your word. Make our witness to your love strong and clear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, even the seas, the rocks, and the trees are our neighbours. Increase the vitality and beauty of your whole creation, and move us to work for its health and well-being.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, guide and direct the nations of the world to be good neighbours one to another, and to reach across the human barriers that divide us. We pray *especially for ...*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listening God, encourage this assembly in its ministries of prayer and service.

Enlarge our capacity for hospitality and our willingness to welcome those who are not like us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, sustain police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and others who attend to public safety. Uphold those who are sick, injured, or who will die this day, and those who care for them. We pray *especially for...* and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.***