



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 31, 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 - 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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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. H. Paul Schmidt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Karen Duddy
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Christina Hutten
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Karl Maier Pr. Adolf Manz
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Marion Manz Felix Opoku
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<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 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

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG # 731 *"Earth and All Stars"*

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: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure
what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM 49:1-12 (congregation reads the bold lines)

¹Hear this, I all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell I in the world,
²**you of high de- I gree and low, rich and I poor together.**
³My mouth shall I speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on I understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear I to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- I on the harp.**
⁵Why should I be afraid in I evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my I heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in I their own prowess,**
and boast of I their great riches?
⁷One can never re- I deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- I other's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life I is so great that there would never be e- I nough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forev- I er and ever and never I see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- I pid they perish**
and leave their wealth to those who come I after them.
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to I generation,
though they had named lands af- I ter themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot I live forever;**
they are like the I beasts that perish.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

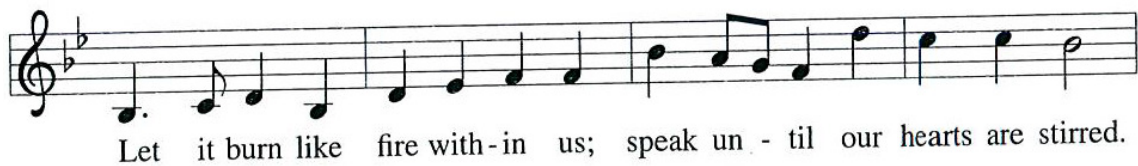
Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

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



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 678 "*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*"

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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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”

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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 # 655 **“Son of God, Eternal Saviour”**

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 favour and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 538 **“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

This Week

Monday
Office closed for BC Day

Wednesday
Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Next Sunday
Pentecost 12, 10:30 am

Our thanks to both Pr. Sylvia and Paul Schmidt for leading the worship this morning. We also thank Christina Hutten for playing the service this morning while Jeanette Price is on holidays.

Pr. Lori-Anne is now on holidays and 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:

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Aug 17-24: Pr. Jennifer Wilson
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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.

O God, enliven the body of Christ with energy and creativity. Work through partnerships across towns, denominations, and ministry contexts, that Christ be shared with all.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guard your creation against greed and over-consumption. Restore polluted air and waters, protect animal habitats, and send new growth where it is needed.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Break down barriers between neighborhoods, peoples, and nations *especially...*
Sustain community leaders, legislators, volunteers, peacemakers,
and all who seek the good of their communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire our congregation to live in the present moment, O God, and to trust in you.
In committee meetings, classrooms, and all ministries, give us flexibility to follow where you lead. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Soothe furrowed and fevered brows. Give energy and compassion to caregivers,
those who sit at bedsides or wait by the phone. Comfort all in need of healing.
We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died recently and across the ages, and we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection. 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.