



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 19, 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

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| <i>Presider/Homilist</i> | Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford |
| <i>Assisting Minister</i> | Michael Ray |
| <i>Lector</i> | Karen Kerfoot |
| <i>Ministry of Music</i> | |
| <i>Organ/Piano</i> | Jeanette Price |
| <i>Cantor</i> | Arvid Vimb |
| <i>Flutist</i> | Anne Johnson |
| <i>Trumpeter</i> | Karl Maier |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | Blair Duddy Karen Duddy |
| <i>Tray Holders</i> | Ruby Carson Melody Carson |
| <i>Communion Servers</i> | Karen Duddy Karen Kerfoot Dennis Reid Doreen Reid |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i> | Wayne Wong Deanna Wilson Betty Wong |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Ingrid Anderson Dennis Reid Doreen Reid |
| <i>Offering Counters</i> | Tony Wong Lanny Harris |

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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto
A Quiet Voluntary for Evensong

W.A.Mozart
Basil Harwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 665 *“Rise, Shine, You People!”*

GREETING AND KYRIE p. 3 (red folder)

“NOW THE FEAST” p. 4

SALUTATION p. 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and keep us safe in your care, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

But you, O LORD, be not ¹ far away; O my help, hasten ¹ to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me ¹ from the sword, my life from the power ¹ of the dog.

²¹**Save me from the ¹ lion's mouth!**

From the horns of wild bulls you have ¹ rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name ¹ to my people; in the midst of the assembly ¹ I will praise you. R**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹ spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hid- ¹ den from them;

but when they cry out, ¹ the LORD hears them.

²⁵**From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;**

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied.**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts ¹ live forever! R

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD, who rules o- ¹ ver the nations. R

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*)

“Alleluia”

p. 8

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

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

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 843 *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Mary McDonald

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

our 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 14

*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 # 639 “*When We Are Living*”
Largo in G Antonio Vivaldi

“**THANKS BE TO YOU**” (*All rise*) p. 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 p. 16

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.

SENDING HYMN # 768 “*Lead Me, Guide Me*”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Thaxted* Gustav Holst

This Week
Monday
Centering Prayer, 7 pm
Wednesday
Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Next Sunday
Pentecost 6, 10:30 am
Children & Youth Ministry Meeting
at St. Thomas after worship

All are invited to the hotdog BBQ/potluck after service today on the lower level.

New church phone directory is now available. A hard copy has been placed in each mailbox. If you would like to have an additional copy, please let the office know.

While all are keenly expecting the arrival of fun-filled summer, it is becoming especially challenging to find volunteers available to help with Sunday worships as lectors, communion servers, tray holders and gift bearers during these months. It will be immensely appreciated if you are able to share some time and assist with worship on a Sunday or two. **Please help and sign up in the narthex.**

DIRECTORY

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| Ministers | God's People |
| Pastor | Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford 604.720.7255 |
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**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

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THE 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.*

We pray for the well-being of creation. Tend and nurture plants and animals, lands, seas, and skies. Restore the vitality of lands and waters suffering from human misuse or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Work in and through governments, humanitarian organizations, and local partnerships to cast out the forces of evil and establish your life and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Establish and renew our faith, strengthen our ministries, and bless those preparing for baptism. Bless fathers and all who provide fatherly care in their vocation to raise up our children in love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be with those who know demons of any kind, and clothe them with Christ's freedom and healing. 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.