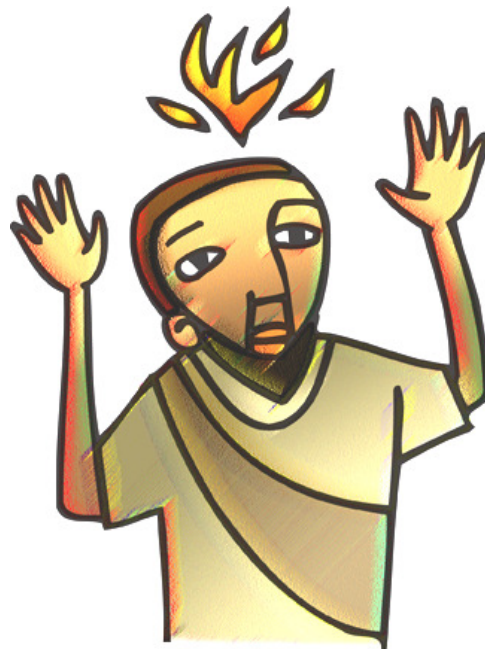




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



DAY OF PENTECOST
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
MAY 15, 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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**DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 15, 2016**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Tray holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Julie Bauming Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Ingrid Bielenberg Christine Neumann Janet Filippelli
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Deanna Wilson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong Frank Filippelli

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.

DAY OF PENTECOST
Now the Feast and Celebration
MAY 15, 2016

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

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PRELUDE

*Christ Thou Art Our Light and Day
Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

George Bohm
Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 786 *“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God our creator, the risen life of Christ Jesus offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY # 396 “*Spirit of Gentleness*” vv. 1-2

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ’s body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

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

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

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

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 396 *“Spirit of Gentleness”* vv. 3-4

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Presentation

*Profession of Faith - **Jordan Manu***

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Blessing of Parents and Sponsor

(Parents/sponsors place hands on confirmand's head and speak a blessing):

“Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.” *(Philippians 4:5-7)*

Blessing of the Parish - A parish representative blesses Jordan:

May God bless you as you journey with us and share your gifts with us. We welcome you into our midst as an adult disciple of the Lord Jesus.

(Presenting Jordan with a candle):

Let your life shine as a light in the world so that all may give glory to God.

Blessing of the Assembly

People of God, let us rejoice with Jordan in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SONG OF COMMITMENT # 574 *“Here I Am Lord”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of life: Refresh us.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Lead Me Lord* Doris Akers

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MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

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

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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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **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 # 399 “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ Plainsong Mode

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 627 “O Day Full of Grace”

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

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe (Water Music)* George Frederic Handel

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Mutual Ministry Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday

Ministerial in Grace Lutheran, 11 am

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Holy Trinity, 10:30 am

Conversations about Living Our Faith

Thank you to Karen Duddy, Janet Filippelli and Christine and Ernie Neumann for hosting conversations at their homes in the last couple of weeks. Your hospitality is much appreciated.

From Friends InDeed

**Potluck Gathering
with Families with Children**

Saturday, May 28, 3-6 p.m.

at the home of a parishioner in Vancouver.

Time to enjoy being together and chat about connecting with the parish.

Please let Pastor Margaret Marquardt, Friends InDeed Lead Coordinator know if you would like to come by **Tuesday, May 24th**. She'll provide more details.

Call the parish office and leave a message for Pastor Margaret.

Congratulations to Jordan Manu as he bravely shares his faith and affirms his baptismal covenant on this Confirmation Sunday! We would like to thank Jordan's family and his sponsor, Jeanette Price, for accompanying Jordan all the way along to the special day.

Please update your directory with John Morley's new email address.

morleyjohng@gmail.com

Sunday School 2016: May 29

JULY 4 - 9, 2016 BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp (Just north of Nanaimo)

Any youth aged 12 and up interested in attending, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

Registration fees: **\$360 by June 2, 2016**

\$385 June 2-19, 2016

Dean for 2016 Camp is Pastor Kristen Steele, Shepherd of the Valley - 604-530-1311

The registration fee for the current confirmation students will be covered by FLC; however, donations are appreciated. We can also cover as much as needed for other youth who are interested in attending the camp in our congregation from our Love Fund. Donations earmarked to confirmation camp are welcome and a tax receipt will be issued.

Fort McMurray Wildfire Appeal

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) issue an appeal for prayers and financial support for all those suffering loss due to the wildfires striking northern Alberta and the city of Fort McMurray in particular.

Fort McMurray fire officials are facing challenges as firefighters try to save the city from a massive wildfire that has destroyed homes and businesses, and forced the largest wildfire evacuation in Alberta's history. Tens of thousands of people have fled Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Fuelled by soaring temperatures that hit 32 C and tinder-dry forest, the fire breached the city limits and a mandatory evacuation order was issued for the entire city.

"Today has been a devastating day. We have had explosive fire conditions on the landscape brought on by extremely high temperatures and low relative humidity," said Bernie Schmitte, wildfire manager at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, on Tuesday night during a news conference.

"The fire is still out of control," Schmitte said. "We have been challenged on many fronts as the fire came through the community. It has entered the community and it has gone through the community."

Fort McMurray will require a great deal of aid to assist individuals to rebuild their lives. Canadian Lutheran World Relief is appealing for funds to assist in the rebuilding efforts. Emergency funds received will be channeled through the city's Lutheran churches.

Lutherans are encouraged to participate in the appeal through prayer and financial support.

Remember the people who live in Ft. McMurray in your prayers and donations.

Donations to the "Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief" appeal may be made in the following ways:

1. By making a designated offering donation through any ELCIC or LCC congregation.
2. By giving online at ["Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief."](#)
3. By calling CLWR at 1.800.661.2597 (locally at 204.694.5602) to donate by credit card.
4. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. **Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief."**

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of life: **Refresh us.**”*

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.*

O God, move among your people and send forth your Spirit to make your church a holy place where people find welcome, Christ’s compassion, and new life. We pray especially for Jordan today, and for your spirit to continue to guide him on his journey.

God of life: **Refresh us.**

Send forth your Spirit to renew the earth in the wake of storms, earthquakes, or human misuse. Breathe life into every mountain and valley, stream and ocean.

God of life: **Refresh us.**

Send forth your Spirit to unite all nations in caring for those who are vulnerable or in need. Help us to put aside our differences and to seek your will. God of life: **Refresh us.**

Send forth your Spirit to knock down barriers that prevent people from receiving your good news. Guide interpreters and cultural ambassadors who open lines of communication.

God of life: **Refresh us.**

Send forth your Spirit to aid people in distress. Sweep them up in the movement of your Spirit, and fulfill your everlasting promises for all. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God of life: **Refresh us.**

Send forth your Spirit to unite us with the saints of every time and place. By the gifts of your Spirit, rouse us to deeds of mercy and words of kindness. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .

God of life: **Refresh us.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of 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.