



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 16, 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 - 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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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	The Rev. Michael Batten
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Janet Filippelli John Morley
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ingrid Tymm Melody Tymm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Ray Janet Filippelli Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Esther Ling Michael Ray
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tong 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.**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2016**  
*Holy Communion, Setting Ten*

*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**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou But Near  
Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
George Frederic Handel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN**      # 768 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

**GREETING**

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:  
O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** - By Denise Pawliuk

**FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31**

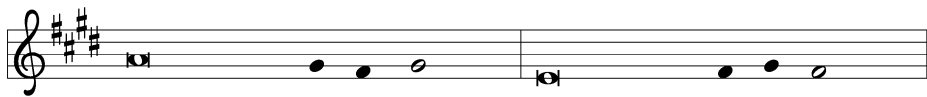
*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*Response after the reading:* Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 121** (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



My help comes from the LORD, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD, the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you; the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day, nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

*Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# 790 "Day By Day"



**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** # 767 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*  
*Hear My Prayer* Felix Mendelssohn

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(All rise)*

Let us pray.

**We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ.**

**Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** # 774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Tocatta in A Minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

**This Week**

**Today**

Children’s Worship, 10:45 am  
Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

**Monday**

Exploring Music, 4 pm  
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Soup & Study, 5:30 pm

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**

Book study with Pr. Paul Schmidt, 9:30 am  
Pentecost 23, 10:30  
Baby Shower, after service  
Girl Guide Cookie Sale after service

Our thanks to The Rev. Michael Batten for proclaiming the good news this morning at FLC while Pr. Lori-Anne leads the worship at St. Thomas Anglican Church.

***Bread Ministry Needs You!***

Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 1-1:30 pm to help distribute bread to the residents of **First Lutheran Court**. Please sign up in the narthex. For additional info, contact church office or James Boutin-Crawford at (604-346-1933).

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

Oct 16, 30    Nov 13, 27    Dec 11

Children’s Worship (formerly known as Sunday School) will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. The dates are:

TODAY    Nov 6, 20    Dec 4

A parishioner is looking for a two/three bedroom rental suite located on or nearby Bus Route #41. Please contact the Church office if you can help. Thank you.

Girl Guide cookies will be available on October 23 after the service.

**We're Fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier!**

**This program gives 25% of the sales back to the FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

On October 23, we will launch a fundraiser to boost our Building Fund. Purdy's chocolates are made fresh in Vancouver from only 100% sustainable cocoa. Product brochures and order forms as well as information on how to order online will be available on that date. Orders are due Nov. 20 and will be here for pickup after the worship service(s) on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11.



## AREA MINISTRY TEAM

At the Synod Convention held on September 17 the Conferences in BC were reconfigured. Now they are divided into 4 regions. Greater Vancouver pairs up with Fraser Valley (25 churches in this new area) to become the Lower Mainland Region. Regional Leadership Teams are comprised of Rostered personnel, who will be meeting 4 times/yr. Within our Region there will be 4 Area Ministry Teams consisting of 6-7 churches. Each team will meet 4 times/yr, one being the Fall Conference. **Our team is made up of Trinity Delta, Mt Olive Surrey, Christ the King Surrey, Emmaus Burnaby, Grace Burnaby, and First Vancouver. The first team meeting is scheduled on Saturday, November 19 at 10 AM at Trinity Delta.** We are now looking for a group of 3-5 individuals along with Pr. Lori-Anne to join the area ministry team. **The deadline to submit names to the Bishop is October 16th.** Characteristics suggested are:

- Curiosity & willingness to learn
- Known & respected in congregation
- Willing to go outside the box
- Mix of perspectives
- Those who have time & capacity

Please let the office know or see Pr. Lori-Anne if you are willing to become a team member.

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## MISSIONAL RENEWAL GUIDING TEAM

The BC Synod's Missional Renewal is welcoming new Guiding Teams from interested congregations in January/February 2017. Guiding Teams are made up of church members and meet monthly with teams from other churches. With 3 committed volunteers from our congregation, we are still in need of another 1-4 participants. **The deadline to register is December 15.** If you are interested in being on FLC's Missional Renewal Guiding Team, please speak with Karen Duddy or Pr. Lori-Anne.

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Our deep condolences and sympathy to Francis Antobre and his family for the loss of Francis' father who passed away this week in Ghana. May they find comfort and strength in God's promise of the resurrection as they mourn their loss and carry on into the future.

*"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon him."*

### **BABY SHOWER ON OCTOBER 23!**

We will have a baby shower to welcome Amy and Justin's baby, Irene, and Veronica and Boadu's baby, Samuel, and Or Khu and Naw Lwe's baby, Liam, **after the service on October 23rd**. Anyone wishing to help out with shopping, decorating, cooking, and/or cleaning up, please speak to Anne Johnson ([a.nnejk@telus.net](mailto:a.nnejk@telus.net)). Also to sign the cards and/or to contribute to a group gift, please see Anne Johnson. Please note that you are invited to sign the cards whether you are contributing to a group gift or not.

### **Community Soup & Bread Meal**

This is a new ministry that **meets weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM** for a simple meal followed by a short scripture study at 6:15 PM. **The second meal is on October 19.**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the soup and clean up. Fresh vegetables are provided. They can meet here at church in the afternoon of Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday to make soup. It is also a great opportunity to develop friendship and make connections. All are welcome whether you want to eat soup or help make soup! Please sign up in the narthex or call the office to confirm your attendance.

### **Sign Up for Our Book Study - "Sabbath As Resistance"**

Feeling the pressures of living in a fast-paced world? Looking for a space to hear something different? **Join us November 16, 23, and 30, 6:15-7 PM** as we explore how our Sabbath rest is a resistance to a culture of now. The cost of the book is \$20. If you need financial assistance, please let Pr. Lori-Anne know.

**If you are interested in attending the study, please sign up in the narthex to order the book by October 18.**

Join *Joe Campos*, Director of *Campos Music* in Killarney, skilled musician, joyful instructor, enthusiastic leader!

### **EXPLORING MUSIC**

**Free music program for youth ages 12-18**  
**Mondays, 4-5 PM, beginning October 17, at FLC**  
Spaces are limited! Please phone the church office to register.

## DIRECTORY

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<b>Friends InDeed Information and Communication Coordinator</b>	Elina Singh
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Iris Kong
<b>Caretaker</b>	Peter dela Torre
<b>Altar Guild Coordinator</b>	Janet Schreiber
<b>Liturgical Artists</b>	Linda Collins Marion Manz June Schramm

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### Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
John Morley - Vice Chairperson & Property  
Ernie Neumann - Treasurer  
Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources  
Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary  
Wayne Wong - Property and Fellowship & Hospitality  
Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality  
Debbie Powell - Outreach Adult (seniors)  
Francis Antobre - Outreach Technology  
Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adults  
Ray Hartley - Member at large

### Mutual Ministry Committee:

Sandi Strate - Chairperson  
Russell Collins  
Anne Johnson  
Arvid Vimb  
Shannon Ingersoll

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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.**"*

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence.*

Protector of all, you guard your people from evil. Help your church to provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars. Bless efforts to restore clean air, that your pure light may shine in the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations. Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of unfailing love, you are our first and best teacher. Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart. Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the dying, and calm the troubled. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you bless all those who cry out to you. We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. We remember especially . . . and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **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.***