



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 23, 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***

|                           |   |
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| <i>Presider/Homilist</i>  | Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford                                       |
| <i>Assisting Minister</i> | Michael Ray   |
| <i>Lector</i>             | Julie Bauming   |
| <i>Ministry of Music</i>  |   |
| <i>Organ/Piano</i>        | Jeanette Price  |
| <i>Cantor</i>             | Lorna Hau   |
| <i>Flutist</i>            | Anne Johnson  |
| <i>Trumpeter</i>          | Karl Maier  |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i>       | Ingrid Bielenberg<br>John Morley                                    |
| <i>Communion Servers</i>  | Ingrid Bielenberg<br>John Morley<br>Julie Bauming<br>Jackie Cleroux |
| <i>Tray Holders</i>       | Soriya Salehi<br>Joy Anderson                                       |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>  | Jack Kuyer<br>Diana Kuyer   |
| <i>Altar Guild</i>        | Janet Schreiber<br>Betty Wong<br>Wayne Wong                         |
| <i>Offering Counters</i>  | John Morley<br>Tong 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 Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.**

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2016**  
*Holy Communion, “Tree of Life”*

*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**

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God’s forgiveness. Keep the faith. God’s people—“all who have longed for his appearing”—shall be accounted righteous for Jesus’ sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.*

**PRELUDE**

*Hear My Prayer  
Children of the Heavenly Father*

Felix Mendelssohn  
Don Hustad

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING SONG**

*“Tree of Life, Entrance Hymn”*

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**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.**

**KYRIE**

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Holy God, our compassionate judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and teach us that your arms are always open when we throw ourselves into the mercy of your care. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

<sup>7</sup>Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>2</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

**PSALM 84:1-7**(cantor sings the refrain; then all sing refrain)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



Hap - py are the peo - ple whose strength is in you.

How dear to me <sup>1</sup>is your dwelling, O <sup>1</sup>LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts <sup>1</sup>of the LORD;**  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the <sup>1</sup>living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may <sup>1</sup>lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king <sup>1</sup>and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell <sup>1</sup>in your house!**

**They will always be <sup>1</sup>praising you. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength <sup>1</sup>is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the <sup>1</sup>pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a <sup>1</sup>place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with <sup>1</sup>pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from <sup>1</sup>height to height,  
and the God of gods will be <sup>1</sup>seen in Zion. R

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

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**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful

to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 581 *“You Are Mine”*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Joyous Light* Martyr Haugen  
**“COME, LET US BRING”** p. 13

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*) p. 13

## **MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 14

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”** p. 14

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 17

*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.*

**FRACTION** (as the bread is broken)

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 17



## **This Week**

### **Today**

Baby Shower, after service  
Girl Guide Cookie Sale after service

### **Monday**

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

### **Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Soup & Study, 5:30 pm  
Exploring Music, 7 pm

### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

### **Friday**

Let's Talk About It: Expressing Ourselves  
**Cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances

### **Next Sunday**

Book study with Pr. Paul Schmidt, 9:30 am  
Reformation, 10:30 am  
Confirmation, 3-4:15 PM

### ***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 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:

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  
today after the service.

## **Home Study in November**

Would you like to host other parishioners  
in your home for a study? It could be for  
one evening or afternoon based on a  
scripture passage. It could be a 3 week  
study of the book "Sabbath as  
Resistance". A study guide would be  
provided for either of these options.

Please see Pr. Lori-Anne for more  
information.

**Deadline: If you are interested,  
please indicate your interest by Sunday,  
October 30.**



## 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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 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.**

### **BABY SHOWER TODAY!**

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 today. 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 next meal is on October 26.**

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.**

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>Ministers</b>  | God's People                                 |
| <b>Pastor</b>   | Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford<br>604.720.7255    |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>  | Jeanette Price<br>604.251.2656               |
| <b>Friends InDeed Lead Coordinator</b>                          | The Rev. Margaret Marquardt                  |
| <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<br>Marion Manz<br>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: "Compassionate 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.*

Only you are righteous, O God. Lead your church to true repentance so that we reflect your light and truth to the world. Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**

Only you can bring rain, O God. Be with those who lack clean water or must walk miles to quench their thirst. Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**

Only you can judge the nations, O God. Raise up leaders with humble hearts so that your peace spreads across the earth. We pray especially for ...  
Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**

Only you know the depths of our hearts, O God. Call this congregation to loving action in your name and open our eyes to what you are doing among us.  
Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**

Only you can bring healing, O God. Be with all whose hearts ache, who hold out empty hands, who long for forgiveness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .  
Compassionate God: **Your mercy is great.**

Those who live in your house are happy, O God. Keep us by your grace until we join the saints around your throne. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Compassionate 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.*