



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SUNDAY OF THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 9, 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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Emmanuel Manu
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Heidi Ackermann
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Emmanuel Man Jordan Manu
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Felicia Quayson John Morley Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Pr. Adolf Manz Irina Lennikova
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Soriya Salehi Christine Neumann
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson 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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

SUNDAY OF THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 11, 2015
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's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

PRELUDE

*We Plough the Field and Scatter
Now Thank We All Our God*

Michael Burkhardt
Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 870 “We Praise You, O God”

GREETING AND KYRIE

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“NOW THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious Giver, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to see and share your goodness, to give thanks for your abundant blessings, and to serve you with joyful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Gracious Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

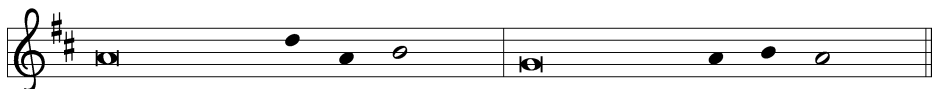
The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today’s reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshippers remember and proclaim God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

PSALM 100 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



En - ter God's gates with thanks - giv - ing.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, ¹all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence ¹with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom ¹we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep ¹of God's pasture. R**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the ¹ courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's ¹ holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is ¹ everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from ¹ age to age. R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let Every Thankful Heart”

Douglas Nolan

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

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: John 6:25-35

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

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

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him,

“Sir, give us this bread always.”³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Response to conclusion: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 765 “*Lord of All Hopefulness*”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

“**AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**” (*All rise*) p. 10

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**” p. 11-12

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,
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 (as the bread is broken)

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 # 487 “What Feast of Love”

Thanks Be To Thee George Frederic Handel

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (All rise)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the life of Christ Jesus. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world to serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 680 “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God’s bountiful goodness. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Thank you for your Thanksgiving monetary donations and those of non-perishable goods. We will use these gifts to stock our parish pantry for folks who are in need of some short-term help. . .or for those non-members who come to our office doors during the week asking a bit of help to get through the next few days or a week.

This Week

Today

Friends InDeed Lunch after service

Monday - Office Closed

NO Centering Prayer

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Soup & Study, 5:30 pm

Exploring Worship Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Clergy Cohort in Langley, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Next Sunday

Book study with Pr. Paul Schmidt, 9:30 am

Pentecost 22, 10:30

Pulpit exchange with Rev. Michael Batten

Children's Worship, 10:45 am

Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

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. Dates are:

Oct 16 Nov 6, 20 Dec 4

There will be a pulpit exchange next Sunday, October 16. Pr. Michael Batten will be leading service here at FLC and Pr. Lori-Anne at St. Thomas. Pr. Michael is looking forward to connecting with you.

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).

Thank you to all who donated items to the display in our sanctuary, and our thanks to Elina Singh for coordinating the Thanksgiving display.

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

To all who are going out for lunch to a restaurant today, please meet in the narthex and the group will leave by 12:15 pm.

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.

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). 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 12.**

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 15.

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.

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. (Please read the insert - report from Karen Duddy - for more information.)

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.

"THANK-YOU" FROM JUNE

The generous response at my recent tea at Langley Gardens was overwhelming. The many loving expressions of caring through hugs, gifts and cards were deeply touching. It is impossible to adequately express my feelings of gratitude to each and every one of you. Not all the cards are open yet, so as the time ahead unfolds and each card is read, my gratitude for the generosity and love expressed to me will continue to be renewed and will comfort me.

June Schramm

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**”*

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world,
we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

For the church, and all of its ministers, for those who proclaim the gospel
through preaching, music, and action, and for all people gathered in prayer,
that they know the Lord is near. Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

For fields and all the food that they yield, for those who plant and harvest,
and for those who care for land, sea, and air, that creation continue to reveal God’s
goodness. Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

For leaders in government at every level, for police and firefighters,
and for judges and attorneys, that all in authority justly use power and promote peace.
Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

For those traveling, for those anxious with holiday activities, for those absent from worship,
and for our families and friends, that all the events of our lives be grounded in the love of
Christ. Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

For the afflicted, oppressed, hungry, and homeless, that God raise up advocates to journey
with them; for the sick, suffering, and grieving, that God send them compassionate
caregivers. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our
heart. . . . Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their witness to God’s ways may inspire us
in our doings. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently
in our heart. . . . Gracious God: **We give you thanks.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name.
We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy;
through your Son, 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.*