



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

5745 Wales Street, Vancouver V5R 3N3
Phone: 604-435-6020 Fax: 604-430-6930
Email: info@firstlutheranvancouver.com
www.firstlutheranvancouver.com

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Margaret Marquardt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Filippelli
<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>	Ingrid Bielenberg Julie Bauming
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Teresa Bradley Joy Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Filippelli Julie Bauming Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Harvey Wagner Soriya Salehi
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Frank Filippelli Tony 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
Holy Communion, Setting Seven

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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

*Voluntary No. 2
Evening Prayer*

*Denis Bedard
Englebert Humperdinck*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

THE ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.
By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

737 *“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”* v. 3, flute & organ

GREETING

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

KYRIE

p. 175

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:
God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

BLESSING FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

For the marvels of your creation,
For the opportunity to explore and study,
For those who guide us, challenge us, and mentor us,
Teach us your ways and guide us in your path,
For you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen. Amen.

**We praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.**

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge.
Grant the children's worship leaders the gift of joy and insight.
Grant the children the gift of joy and openness,
That all may grow in what is good and honest and true.
May we all hear your Word with us, learn to tell its stories,
discover its mysteries, and rejoice in the good news.
May God's life-giving word inspire us anew.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - By Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

Jeremiah's primary task as God's prophet was to announce the terrible destruction that awaited the people of Judah and Jerusalem because of their sin. In this passage, a griefstricken Jeremiah anguishes over the sadness of that message and weeps for his people.

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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

PSALM 79:1-9 (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing the refrain*)

Refrain

De - liv - er us and for - give our sins,
for your name's sake.

Tone

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your ¹holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a ¹heap of rubble.

²**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds ¹of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts ¹of the field.**

³They have shed their blood like water on every side ¹of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to ¹bury them.

⁴**We have become a reproach ¹to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to ¹those around us. R**

⁵How long will you be an- ¹gry, O LORD? Will your fury blaze like ¹fire forever?

⁶**Pour out your wrath upon the nations who ¹have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called up- ¹on your name.**

⁷For they have de- ¹voured Jacob and made his dwell- ¹ing a ruin.

⁸**Remember not our past sins;**
let your compassion be¹ swift to meet us; for we have been brought¹ very low.
⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory¹ of your name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins,¹ for your name's sake. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,² for leaders and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 179

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 710 **“Let Streams of Living Justice”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Hope: **Inspire us with courage.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Jack Schrader

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray. **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people,

a sign of your presence in the world.
 When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
 When we injure others,
 you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.
 You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
 whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.
 Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
 forever praising you and saying (singing):

All **HYMN # 473** **Sanctus** (Spanish 1x; English 1x)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has two lines of lyrics: Spanish and English. The second system also has two lines of lyrics: Spanish and English. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One:
 when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
 you followed her and gave her hope.
 When Joseph was sold into bondage,
 you turned malice to your people's good.
 When you called Israel out of slavery,
 you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
 When your people were taken into exile
 you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.
On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer

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

“LAMB OF GOD”

p. 182

*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 # 732 **“Borning Cry”**

When Peace Like a River

Philip P. Bliss

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **Living God, when we do not understand, we gather by this table. When mystery stretches ever wider, we break bread. When the wonder is more than our souls can hold, we share the cup. Holy, holy, holy God, breathing, living resurrected Saviour, peace-making, truth-giving, world-changing Spirit, hear us as we have broken bread together, in the eternal echo of new life, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of † Christ Jesus, the Beloved One, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

604 **“O Christ Our Hope”**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds

Robert Hobby

Parish Listening Gathering

On behalf of Friends InDeed, thank you to all who participated and those who offered leadership.

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Mutual Ministry, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 PM
MVA AGM, 7-9 PM
(see announcement elsewhere)

Saturday

Community BBQ, 11 am - 2 pm

Next Sunday

Pentecost 18, 10:30 am
Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

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

Oct 2, 16 Nov 6, 20 Dec 4

Community BBQ

Saturday, September 24, 11AM - 2 PM

Please sign up in the narthex to help connect with our neighbours.

Bread Ministry Continues!

Artisan Bake Shop is now donating their excessive bread to First Lutheran to support our bread ministry! Bread is first come first served. Specialty organic bread with no preservatives and it must go in freezer.

Our thanks to Pr. Margaret Marquardt for leading the service this morning while Pr. Lori-Anne is on study leave. She will return to the office on Wednesday, September 21.

Confirmation Class Schedule

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

September 25 October 2, 16, 30
November 13, 27 December 11

MVA 2016 Annual General Meeting and Delegates' Assembly will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 7:00 – 9:00 pm, St. Augustine's Church 2028 W 7th Ave, Vancouver

Sign up is in the narthex. FLC is a member organization. Please let Pr. Margaret or Pr. Lori-Anne know if you can attend.

We will have a baby shower to welcome Amy and Justin's baby, Irene and Veronica and Boadu's baby, Samuel 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.

Wayne Wong is looking for donations of soil and three large plant pots of 14-20 inches in diameter. He plans to repot the plants on the lower level. If you have extra ones at home, please let him know.

DIRECTORY

Ministers	God's People
Pastor	Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford 604.720.7255
Minister of Music	Jeanette Price 604.251.2656
Friends InDeed Lead Coordinator	The Rev. Margaret Marquardt
Friends InDeed Information and Communication Coordinator	Elina Singh
Office Administrator	Iris Kong
Caretaker	Peter dela Torre
Altar Guild Coordinator	Janet Schreiber
Liturgical Artists	Linda Collins Marion Manz June Schramm

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
Deanna Wilson - Fellowship and Hospitality
Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality
Debbie Powell - Outreach Adult (seniors)
Francis Antobre - Outreach Technology
Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adults
June Heywood - Education & Human Resources
Brad Langerud - Music and Worship
Ray Hartley - Member at large

Mutual Ministry Committee:

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

**Free Wifi is now available at
First Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flcwifi
Password: flc1890**

You can find First Lutheran on:
FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan