



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 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>	Heather Robbie
<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 Sandi Strate
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Helena Fehr Viktor Makinen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Sandi Strate Karen Kerfoot
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Ingrid Tymm
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Alysha and Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Betty 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.

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Holy Communion, Setting One

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

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

PRELUDE

Jesus Lead Thou On
Panis Angelicus

Paul Manz
Cesar Franck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 852 “*Golden Breaks the Dawn*”

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 God of great love and mercy, you look with compassion on your world.
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the life that comes from you, through Jesus Christ,
our beloved Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel’s great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God’s people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

⁹The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM **“Come Share God’s Gift”** Don Besig & Nancy Price

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 102

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 690 “*We Raise Our Hands To You, O Lord*”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Intermezzo (Cavalleria Rusticana)* Pietro Mascagni

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*) p. 107

MEAL


GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 107

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 108

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

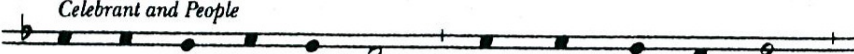
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

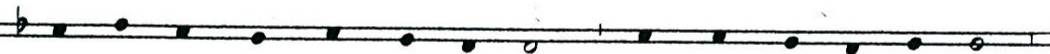


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


Celebrant and People




Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lored be your Name,



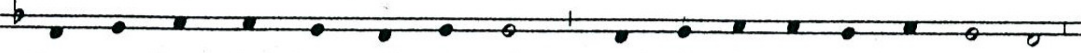
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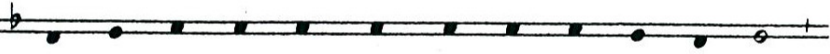
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



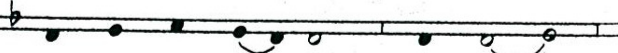
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

INVITATION Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER

*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.*

“LAMB OF GOD”

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 523 “Let Us Go to the Banquet”

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here Johann Sebastian Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

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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

713 “O God of Every Nation”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Choral (Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

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 (new sibling to Way Hay Hsar K'Paw and Law Eh Pril Surin) **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.

This Week

Today

Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Exploring Worship group meeting, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 PM

Friday

Transforming Community Connections, 7-9 PM
(see announcement elsewhere)

Saturday

Craft Drop In, 10 AM to Noon
Friends InDeed Family Potluck, 3-5 PM

Next Sunday

Pentecost 18, 10:30 am
Children's Ministry, 10:45 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

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.

Transforming Community Connections

Friday, September 30, 7 - 9 pm

Come and discover how we can connect with the community around us. If you're planning to attend, please let Pr. Margaret know today.

Confirmation Class Schedule

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

TODAY	October 2, 16, 30
November 13, 27	December 11

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Neighbourhood BBQ yesterday. Your time and energy was greatly appreciated!

Sharing Our Stories

Friends InDeed Working Group is looking for stories of inspiration, community and friendships. There's another week to share your stories, the deadline for them is Sunday, October 2nd. You can find blue sheets for stories in the narthex, along with the box to leave them in. Please note that you don't need to be involved with Friends InDeed to share a story - we want to hear from everyone.

**Craft Drop-In, 10 AM—Noon
Saturday, October 1**

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.

Community Soup & Bread Meal

This is a new ministry that meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM for a simple meal followed by a short scripture study at 6:15 PM. **The first meal is tentatively scheduled on October 5 provided sufficient volunteers are available.** 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. We need the number of attendance to make enough soup for everyone.

Book Study - "Sabbath As Resistance"

The Wednesday joint FLC/St. Thomas book study will begin on November 16. 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.

Hello everyone, below is an invitation to you from June Schramm for a Farewell Tea that she and her family will be hosting on Saturday, October 1.

June Schramm's Farewell Tea

Saturday, October 1, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Langley Gardens Retirement Home, 8888 202 Ave., Langley, BC, V1M 4A7

RSVP to: mathiasen@shaw.ca (preferably), or if email not possible, leave a message at (604) 866-0996.

As a courtesy to June, the family asks that you do not contact her directly. She is increasingly frail, tired, and in pain. Her pain medications make her groggy, and she is sleeping a lot. June would be happy to receive your thoughts by mail at the above address if you are unable to attend her farewell tea. Directions are as follows, eastbound on Highway No. 1:

Regular Hwy. 1 exit - take the 200 Street exit northbound, staying in the right lane to exit immediately right onto 88th Avenue eastbound. Turn left northbound at the 2nd stoplight onto 202 Street. Turn right eastbound at the 1st stop light, and follow the driveway all the way back to the Langley Gardens retirement home.

HOV Hwy 1 exit - take the 202 Street HOV exit and go left northbound from the roundabout on 202 Street. Turn right eastbound at the 2nd stop light, and follow the driveway all the way back to the Langley Gardens retirement home.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

Rejoicing in the Spirit’s work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

God, we thank you for the church, its mission, and its ministry. Help us to share our life of faith we receive in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of all creation. Help us to be mindful and care for your rich and beautiful world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, we pray for peace in places of conflict and war *especially...*
We pray for exiles, refugees, and those far from home, that they may receive your care.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, great friend of the poor, we pray for our brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet. Provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are lonely or homebound, those who are trapped in any kind of prison of body, mind, or spirit, and for those who are sick or injured. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember and give thanks for all your saints in light and for those who have recently died. We remember especially . . . and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Thank you for how they have shared their lives and witness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.