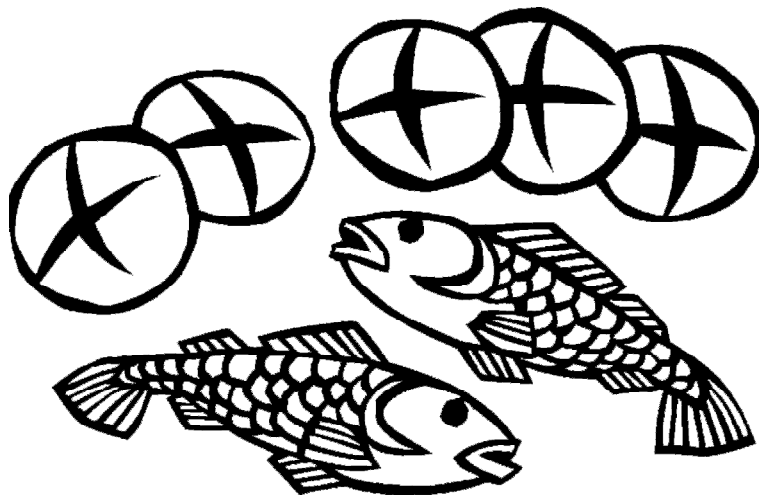




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 6, 2017

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

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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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<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	John Morley
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Wong Ernie Neumann

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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.

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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

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

*Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)
Prelude on 'Union Seminary'*

George Frederic Handel
Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 658 "*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*" (Please rise)

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.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face to face.

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

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

PSALM 17:1-7, 15 (*Congregation reads the bold*)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous loving kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

¹⁵**But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sung before and after the reading. please rise.*)

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GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

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

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

*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 # 689 **“Praise and Thanksgiving”**
When Peace Like a River Philip P. Bliss

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please rise)*
Let us pray. **Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. 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 # 535 **“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”**

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Love one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Ebenezer* Paul Manz

Children's Ministry Meeting
Sunday, September 10th, after the service

Are you interested in helping with our children's ministry? We're looking for a new way of doing things! Come and join us for planning and brainstorming on Sunday, September 10th, after the service. Let's make sure our young members will continue to feel welcomed and valued in our worship.

This Week

Monday

Office closed for BC Day

Next Sunday

Pentecost 10, 10:30 AM
Table Talk after service

Our thanks to Pr. Michael Rodgers to lead the worship this morning as Pr. Lori-Anne is on holidays. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Pr. Michael Batten from St. Thomas at 604-434-6111 or priestst@telus.net.



OPEN MIC!

4th friday of every month
7-10 pm (sign up 6:30)

Bring your stories, songs, dance and poetry!
All ages and performance styles welcome!

at First Coffee House

Basement of First Lutheran Church
5745 Wales street
(4nd street east of Victoria)

Hosts: Shannon Ingersoll and Rich Sawyer
for more info email: singerso@hotmail.com

Our Sunday Coffee Hour is in great need of volunteers at this moment. Please consider hosting a Sunday or two and sign up in the narthex. Please see Wayne Wong for financial assistance to purchase supplies.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. We pray *especially* for Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless us as we remember the saints at your everlasting feast until we join them at your bountiful table. We remember *especially* ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **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.