



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2017

**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 and Homilist</i>	Pr. Ken Kuhn
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Karen Duddy
<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>	John Morley Ernie Neumann
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Tymm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	John Morley Ernie Neumann Julie Bauming Ingrid Tymm
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	50th Anniversary Celebration for Linda & John Dawson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Soriya
<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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.

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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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

PRELUDE

*Now the Green Blade Rises
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

French carol
Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 865 *"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"* (please rise)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

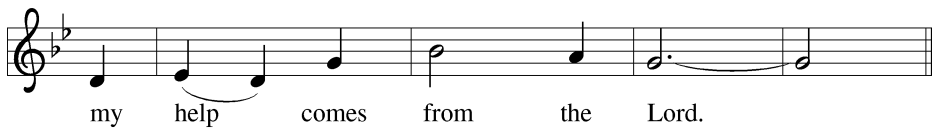
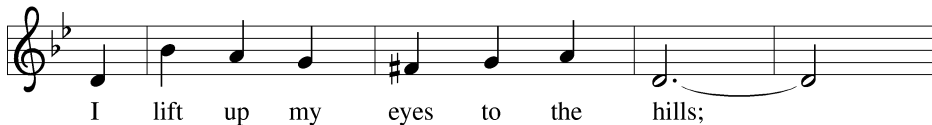
Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121(Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)

Tone



Refrain



I lift up my eyes ¹to the hills; from where is my ¹help to come?

²My help comes ¹from the LORD, the maker of heav- ¹en and earth.

³The LORD will not let your ¹foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you ¹fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keep- ¹er of Israel will neither slum- ¹ber nor sleep; R**
⁵the LORD watches ¹over you; the LORD is your shade at ¹your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike ¹you by day, nor the ¹moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will preserve you ¹from all evil and will ¹keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your ¹coming in,
from this time forth for- ¹evermore. R**

LITURGICAL DANCE: Isaiah 52: 7 (*Burnaby International folk dancers*)

*How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."*

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

SOLO (*sung by Megan Smith*)

"Hallelujah"

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **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 # 834 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Oh Perfect Love (Music below)**

1 O per - fect Love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing,
 2 O per - fect Life, be now their full as - sur - ance
 3 Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row;

Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore your throne,
 Of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
 Grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,

That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
 Of pa - tient hope and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
 And to life's day the glo - rious un - known mor - row

Whom you for - ev - er - more u - nite in one.
 With child - like trust that fears no pain or death.
 That dawns up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(Please rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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SENDING HYMN # 545 *“Lord, Dismiss Us”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

Congratulations to Linda and John Dawson on their 50th wedding anniversary.

You are invited to join the potluck downstairs after the service.

Our thanks to Pr. Ken Kuhn for leading the service as Pr. Lori-Anne is unable to be here this morning. Pr. Ken Kuhn is Linda Dawson’s brother.



This Week

Today

Dawson's Anniversary celebration potluck
Lower level after service

Monday

Office closed for Canada Day

Next Sunday

Pentecost 5, 10:30 AM

Members of The Lower Mainland
Ministry Areas, BC Synod-ELCIC

Are cordially invited to attend
A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

DATE: Sunday, July 30th, 2017

REGISTRATION: 11:15 a.m.

PLACE: Spirit of Life Lutheran Church
375 West 10th Avenue,
Vancouver BC V5Y 3V1

Both Pr. Lori-Anne and Jeanette will
be on holiday starting tomorrow.
Jeanette will be back on July 12.
Pr. Lori-Anne on July 19. For pastoral
emergency **from July 3-9**, please
contact **Pr. Cliff Reinhardt** at
604-874-2212 or prspiritlife@shaw.ca;
from **July 9-19th**, please contact
Pr. Nathan Fong at 604-433-1515
or pastor@graceburnaby.com.

Missional Renewal Update

The Missional Renewal guiding team
needs your help! We have been asked
to conduct interviews in the
neighbourhood surrounding the church,
to get to know people who live around
here, and to find out what God is doing
in the community. If you are interested
in helping out, even with one or two
interviews over the summer, please let
us know! Please talk to Adolf, Donna
D. or Elina for more details.

We will have a short info meeting for
those interested on Sunday, July 9th,
after the service.

**The Altar Guild needs more
volunteers. There is a lot that goes
on before and after a worship
service! Would you like to learn
how to set up the altar for
communion? We will teach you!
Or you could choose to be on the
clean up crew, and learn how to
wash and store the communion
vessels after worship is finished.
Know that you are welcome to join
the team! If you are interested,
please contact Janet Schreiber
(janetmts0108@gmail.com).**

**No Table Talk this week due to the
potluck; it'll resume in two weeks.**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.
A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For exiled Christians, oppressed churches, and all who suffer persecution because of faith in you: deliver freedom, courage, and partners in peacemaking. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and its creatures. For sage grouse, wolverines, and all vulnerable species; for humans and the choices we face: sustain life and guide our stewardship of all that you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our world, especially for Canada and the United States as we celebrate the founding of our nations. For Prime Minister Trudeau and President Trump; for the parliament and congress: grant wisdom and hearts for justice, that all our people flourish. And today in our world, we remember *especially*...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who worship you today. For wise elders and curious seekers, joyful spirits and burdened souls: give holy welcome, share tender mercies, and deepen trust in your goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those in need. For those who seek jobs, shelter, food, health, and love; for dear ones known to us: meet their need by your bountiful compassion and our community's action. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith and received the reward of the righteous. Bless their memory among us and their life with you. We remember *especially* ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . .Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through 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.