



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 9, 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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Graham Pudek
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Soriya Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Soriya Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Lanny Harris Alex Wilson

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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A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

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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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *# 765 "Lord of All Hopefulness"*

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

PSALM: 145:8-14 (*congregation reads the bold*)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung before and after the gospel reading. Please rise*)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 Hal - le - lu - jah.
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”
¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”
²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 726 *“Light Dawns on a Weary World” (please rise)*

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he gave himself for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

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.**

*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 *# 790 "Day By Day"*

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 God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,
restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *# 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

This Week

Monday
Centering Prayer, 7:15 PM

Next Sunday
Pentecost 6, 10:30 AM

Our thanks to Pr. Sylvia Schmidt for leading the worship this morning, and also to Graham Pudek for playing the service while Pr. Lori-Anne and Jeanette are away on holidays.

**Table Talk will resume
next Sunday, July 16.**

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).

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 Dufresne or Elina Singh for more details.

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

Both Pr. Lori-Anne and Jeanette are still on holiday. Jeanette will be back this Wednesday, July 12, Pr. Lori-Anne on July 19. For pastoral emergency, please contact **Pr. Nathan Fong** at 604-433-1515 or pastor@graceburnaby.com.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries and Young Adults in Global Mission as they raise up leaders to serve the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cultivating God, bless and encourage all who work the land to feed your people.
Give them joy in their vocation. Shower rain on crops and health on livestock.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, you command peace to the nations. Give peaceful hearts and discerning minds to world leaders and citizens alike, that all who suffer violence and hunger come to know the fullness of life. *We remember especially...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of everything, you have compassion for all that you have made. Show our congregation what mercy looks like in our own community, that we become faithful partners in your ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you bid the weary come to you for rest. Renew energy for bone-tired people. Support our brothers and sisters who are burdened by grief, loneliness, and illness.
We pray especially for...and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks and praise for all the people who have blessed our lives, for saints among us whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours.
We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**