



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 25, 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>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
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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, "Tree of Life"

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

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

PRELUDE

*Prelude on 'Union Seminary'
Beautiful Saviour*

Paul Manz
William Cassler

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Tree of Life, Entrance Hymn"

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray:

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 21:8-21

Unable to conceive a child, Sarah selected Hagar, her Egyptian maid, to be a surrogate mother. Though Hagar gave birth to Ishmael, Sarah subsequently gave birth to a son named Isaac, which led to Sarah's sending away of Hagar and Ishmael. God, however, heard Ishmael's cry and promised to make of him a great nation.

⁸The child [Isaac] grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:1–10, 16–17 (*congregation reads the bold*)

- ¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.
- ²**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**
- ³Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
- ⁴**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- ⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy to all who call upon you.
- ⁶**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.
⁸**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**
⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.
¹⁰**For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**
¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷**Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing before and after reading. Please rise*)

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GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-31

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES: Marly Zell & Claire Landry

PRAYER FOR A MARRIAGE BLESSING

All couples desiring a blessing are invited to come forward.

Celebrating God, whose love enfolds the whole of life,
who calls us into union with you and with one another,
and who in created blessed the partnership of marriage:
we thank you for the many ways you are present in our love.

On this day, we celebrate with all of the couples in our congregation,
with thankful hearts for the gifts of the past, with joyful hearts for this day’s blessings,
and with hopeful hearts for what is still to come.

In the name of God the Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer, one God in community. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *(please rise)* # 798 “*Will You Come and Follow Me*”

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 *Notturmo* Joachim Andersen
“**COME, LET US BRING**” *(Please rise)* p. 13

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 14

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 17

*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.*

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 17

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 781 *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*
Joyous Light Marty Haugen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE” (Please rise) p. 18

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION p. 19

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 # 848 *“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Rondeau Jean-Joseph Mouret

This Week

Today

Anniversary Celebration
for Marly and Claire, after service

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7:15 PM

Thursday

Lower Mainland Ministerial BBQ, 11am
MVA Appreciation Gathering, 5:30 pm
Lower Level at FLC

Friday

Memorial service for Hildur Head, 10 am
(see announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

Pentecost 4, 10:30 AM
Dawson's Anniversary celebration potluck

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).

Celebration of Life - Hildur Head

Hildur's memorial service will be Friday, June 30, 10 am at Burquitlam Funeral Home. Coffee & tea to follow. All are welcome.

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Table Talk

We are trying something new during the coffee hour. Table Talk is an opportunity to engage in conversations beyond small talk and everyday greetings. Every other Sunday, one of the tables downstairs has been set aside for this conversation. The table is clearly marked, and there will be questions to talk about. Participation is voluntary, but encouraged if you are looking to get to know others at First better.

Metro Vancouver Alliance invites the members of FLC to join their 2017 summer party and office warming this Thursday, June 29 at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall on the lower level.

Please RSVP by emailing
info@metvanalliance.org.

THANK YOU

to all of you who helped make yesterday's Neighbourhood BBQ a success.
We couldn't have done it without you all!

Our special thanks goes to God who blessed us with the wonderful weather.
Also, we want to thank several other organizations and companies for their
generosity. Those are:

Vancouver Foundation, for neighbourhood small grant to help with the costs;
The Valley Bakery, for all the buns;
The Home Depot, for a generous donation towards the new barbecue;
Killarney Market; London Drugs; McDonalds; Starbucks; Safeway;
Meadowlands Nursery; 7Eleven and Dairy Queen for various donations
towards food and door prizes.

Please review and edit your contact info posted in the narthex that will be
included in the upcoming church phone directory.

Calling First Lutheran to come celebrate with us! Claire and Marly were
married here 5 years ago by Pr. Lori-Anne. Join us as a special blessing is
said during Sunday service June 25th, then let's share fellowship downstairs...
All are welcome!

— Marly and Claire



ELCIC Members Encouraged to Support Stop Famine Together Appeal

More than 20 million people in South Sudan, Yemen, Somalia and Nigeria are facing a food crisis and in need of urgent humanitarian aid. In addition, the countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Niger, Chad and Cameroon, are facing their own hunger crises or are feeling the effects from their neighbours. The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada \(ELCIC\)](#), through its partnership with [Canadian Lutheran World Relief \(CLWR\)](#), calls on its members to respond through prayer and financial support to help meet the needs of drought-affected people through the promotion of climate resilient food production.

The Government of Canada announced that for every eligible donation made by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities between **March 17 and June 30, 2017**, it will contribute an equivalent amount to the Famine Relief Fund.

If you have any questions about this, please contact:

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***You, the congregation, are invited to a Parkinson Potluck Party
to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Linda and John Dawson.***

After the morning service, July 2, 2017 at FLC

Please bring your favourite appetizers, casserole, platter or dessert to share.

In lieu of gifts, a donation may be made to either BC Parkinson Society or FLC.
You may also bring non-perishables for the food bank.

Please sign the list in the narthex if you are coming.

Please also sign on a "Helper" list also.

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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.**"*

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

God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every.
Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance.
Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with
your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, thank you for the gift of this congregation. Bless all who are new
here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love.
Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who
faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all
your people. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently
in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest
in the fullness of Christ's resurrection. 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.**