



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



DAY OF PENTECOST
JUNE 4, 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. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Violinist</i>	Elina Singh
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Karen Duddy Alex Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll Karen Duddy Lorna Hau
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt Pr. Paul Schmidt
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Phil Schulze

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

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world.

PRELUDE

*Christ, Thou Art our Light and Day
Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

George Bohm
Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

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GREETING AND KYRIE

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"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of your Spirit, grace us with your wisdom, and enliven us with your joy and your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

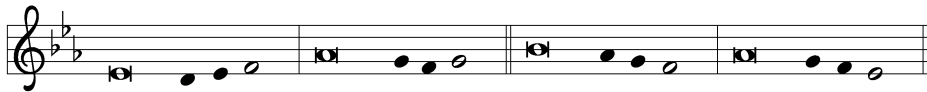
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (cantor sings the refrain first; then all sing refrain)

Tone



Refrain



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

How manifold are your ¹works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ¹of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- ¹y to number,
living things both ¹small and great.

²⁶**There go the ships ¹to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the ¹sport of it.**

²⁷**All of them ¹look to you to give them their food ¹in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they ¹gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled ¹with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, ¹they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹to their dust.

³⁰**You send forth your Spirit, and they ¹are created;
and so you renew the face ¹of the earth.**

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- ¹dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in ¹all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth ¹and it trembles;
you touch the mountains ¹and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long ¹as I live;
I will praise my God while I ¹have my being.

³⁴**May these words of ¹mine please God. I will rejoice ¹in the LORD.**

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul. Hal- ¹lelujah! R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **“Alleluia”** p. 8

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

HOMILY

SHARING OUR STORIES: Melody Carson

HYMN OF THE DAY # 396 **“Spirit of Gentleness”**

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Presentation

Profession of Faith - Melody Carson

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Blessing of Parents and Sponsor

(Parents/sponsors place hands on confirmand's head and speak a blessing):

“Do not worry about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.” *(Philippians 4:5-7)*

Blessing of the Parish - A parish representative blesses Melody:

May God bless you as you journey with us and share your gifts with us. We welcome you into our midst as an adult disciple of the Lord Jesus.

(Presenting Melody with a candle):

Let your life shine as a light in the world so that all may give glory to God.

Blessing of the Assembly

People of God, let us rejoice with Melody in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SONG OF FAITH # 581 “You Are Mine”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Spirit of God, Inspire Us.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Prelude in Classique Style* Gordon Young

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” p. 11

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please rise)* p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

LORD’S PRAYER p. 13

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 14

*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 # 401 “Gracious Spirit”
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ Plainsong Mode

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (Please rise) p. 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (please rise)

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING p. 16

SENDING HYMN # 579 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

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

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

Congratulations to Melody Carson as she bravely shares her faith and affirms her baptismal covenant on this Confirmation Sunday! We would like to thank Melody’s family and faith community for accompanying her all the way along to this special day.

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7:15 PM

Wednesday

NO Soup Meal

Thursday

Clergy Cohort, 9:30 am-3:30PM, Langley
Friends InDeed
Working Group Meeting, 6-7:30 PM

Friday

Mission Committee at FLC, 5-9 PM

Saturday

Mission Committee at FLC, 9 am - noon

Next Sunday

Holy Trinity, 10:30 AM

Free! COMMUNITY BBQ
11 am – 2 pm, Saturday, June 24th

First Lutheran Church
Food, live music, kids' activities

We're looking for a few volunteers to help plan and coordinate the food, entertainment, publicity, etc... Please talk to Elina Singh or Janet Ray for more details, or if you're able to help.

SOUP DINNER RESUMES IN FALL

Please note that through the warm months of June, July and August we will not host mid-week soup dinners. Wednesday soup meal will resume in the fall.

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

After the morning service
on 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.

Table Talk

We are trying something new on Sundays
during the coffee hour, starting today!

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.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**”*

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Inspire us with your Spirit. Unite us in your love. Raise up faithful leaders from among our youth and our elders to guide your church throughout the world.

Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

For city parks and wildlife refuges. For community gardens, farms, and ranches. For agricultural workers, seafood harvesters, and subsistence farmers. Nourish the earth with seasonable weather and adequate rainfall. Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

For people of every land and language. End violence, warfare, and ethnic strife. Lead us from fear to friendship, from injustice to equality, from oppression to freedom. We pray *especially for...* Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

For those who work with children. For those discerning a call to ministry. For all the baptized, especially for Ashlee, and those who have newly affirmed their baptism, especially for Melody. For visitors, new members, and those who are absent from us today. Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life. We remember *especially ...* and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Spirit of God, **Inspire Us.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus 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.