



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 7, 2011

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:* You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship.

*First Lutheran is easily accessible* via major city routes - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.



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### *Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Hergy
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<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Acolyte</i>	Jean-Pierre Bizimana
<i>Lector</i>	Julie Bauming
<i>Ministry of Music</i> <i>Guest Organ/Piano</i>	Jocelyn Pritchard
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Mikhail Lennikov Christine Neumann Betty Wong Vedaste Niyonsaba
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Ingrid Bielenberg Sherry Liebrecht
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Wayne Wong Betty Wong Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Randy Enders Ernie Neumann

**If you would 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 would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Julie Bauming at 604 986-5389.**

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*A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*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

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."*

*Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

### PRELUDE

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit;  
our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven.

Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of heaven and earth,

**we name before you the sin that enslaves us,**

**the sin that wounds us and others,**

**the sin that scars our world.**

**Forgive us and heal us.**

**Guard us from all evil.**

**Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.**

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens.

As tender as parent to child,

so gentle is God to us.

As high as heaven is above earth,

so vast is God's love for us.

As far as east is from west,

so far God removes our sin,

renewing our lives in + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 400 "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind", v. 3 - unaccompanied

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.

Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear,

and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

*Though Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. Judah, who protected Joseph's life, later gives a moving speech before Joseph in Egypt, indicating that the brothers had changed their ways (44:18-34).*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.

<sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

<sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"

<sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

**LESSON HYMN # 325 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5–15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

<sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22–33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

<sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."  
<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

**HYMN # 756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save", v. 3 - unaccompanied**

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 737 "He Comes to Us as One Unknown", v. 3 - women; v. 4 - men**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

O God: We pray for all who gather today in your name in every land. Increase their faith and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From the tiniest ladybug to the grandest ocean - your entire creation is a masterpiece, full of power and beauty. Help us treat this gift with respect and care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all nations in conflict, we ask for your presence, O God. We pray for peace and for all who fight for the rights of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are suffering *especially...* that relief might come and grief be quieted. For those who are afraid, give them courage and strength. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with mercy on this congregation, O God. Be present in this place to guide our steps and light our path. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for the faithful service of all who abide with you in heaven, *especially...* May their examples of faith give us insight for own pilgrimage on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(Giving thanks over the gifts)*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE 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 gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### **SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER**



*It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family  
—and all our guests—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. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink  
from the first (common) cup or, if desired, have an individual glass filled  
from the second (pouring) cup.*

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** # 785 *“When Peace like a River”*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(All rise)*

Generous God, we give you thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hand  
and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ.  
Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** # 763 *“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”*, v. 3 - unaccompanied

### **DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

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Ernie Neumann, our parish delegate to the recent convention of the ELCIC, will give a brief  
report following worship today.

# Announcements

This morning's guest proclaimer is the Rev. Ron Redder of Cincinnati, Ohio. Ron was Pr. Hergy's internship supervisor in 1969; has remained a long-time friend of the family for almost 40 years; has preached here before several times; and, along with Ardelle Duffy has been visiting with Pr. Hergy and Trudy for the past two weeks. We welcome Ron and Ardelle into our midst and look forward to the word Ron brings.

Our thanks to our guest musician Jocelyn Pritchard who is accompanying our worship this morning in Jeanette Price's absence. We are fortunate to have someone of her ability (and availability).



## Important!

The roof and skylight at FLC will be under construction from August 15 - 31. We will worship at St. Thomas Anglican on August 21 and August 28. **Please note that their Sunday service starts at 10:00 am.**



Congratulations to Ruby He who gave birth to her first child, a boy named Aiden Hongyuan Zhu on Tuesday, July 26. May God watch over Ruby, her husband and their new baby.

Starting this Sunday, Anne Johnson will be collecting donations for baby shower tentatively scheduled on September 18 for Jason & Elina Singh and Ruby He & Bin Zhu.



If you have an unused adult bicycle collecting dust & rust, we can put it to use. Please, contact Mikhail at 604-435-6020.



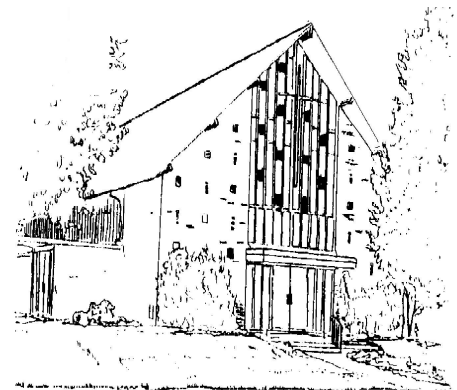
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*Financial support* of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent in our service to Christ and to others.

*Have you remembered First Lutheran in your will?* Consider how a bequest or gift might continue supporting our mission and ministry.



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