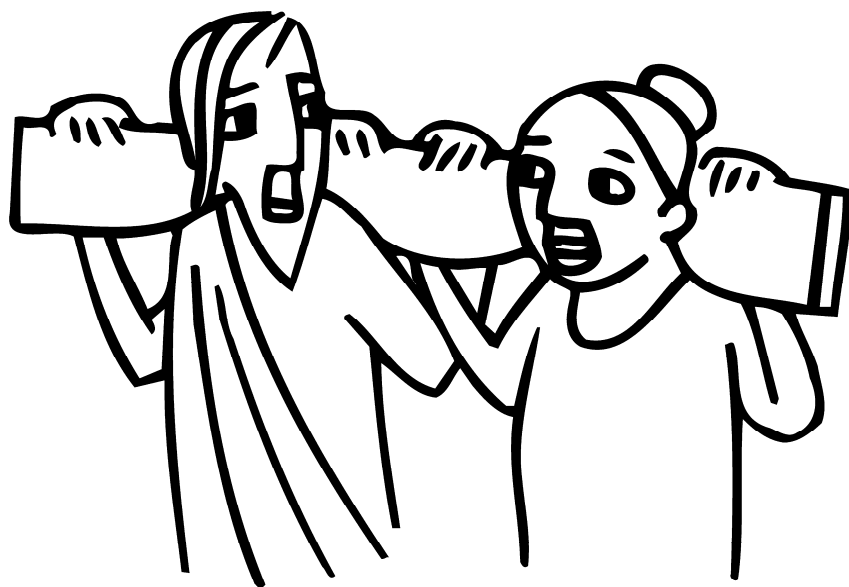




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## 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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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 3, 2011

### *Those Serving the Servants Today*

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Lector	Julie Bauming
Ministry of Music	
Organ/Piano	Jeanette Price
Flutists	Anne Johnson Amy Collins
Gift Bearers	June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov
Communion Servers	June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov Jackie Cleroux Betty Anderson Vedaste Niyonsaba
Coffee Hour Hosts	Echo Zhu Ruby He Marion Manz
Altar Guild	Jackie Cleroux Betty Anderson Daniel Luong Eve Luong
Offering Counters	Randy Enders Russell Collins

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**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.**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 3, 2011**

*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**

*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**

*Coranto*

Orlando Gibbons

*Intermezzo*

Healey Willan

**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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 a parent to a 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 the east is from the west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Congregation's Choice*

**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. **And also with you.**

**SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67**

*The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God's promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations. While her family urged delay, Rebekah eagerly set out to meet Isaac.*

<sup>34</sup>So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' <sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" — let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

<sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

## 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.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but 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.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

## LESSON HYMN

*Congregation's Choice*

## 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.**

<sup>16</sup>But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the 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."

<sup>25</sup>At 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; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For 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

**# 886 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

v. 3 - men; v. 4 - women

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Led by the Holy Spirit, and 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.*

Guide your church, that, freed from the law of sin, it may delight in serving you and your gospel for the sake of all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless our efforts to care for the earth and its resources so that it may flourish from generation to generation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your wisdom to the leaders of all nations, that they may lead with humility and justice. Grateful for our country's freedoms, help us work for peace around the globe. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give rest to all who are weary or burdened: those who are poor, hungry, oppressed, ill, dying, or grieving (*especially...*), that they may know your peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Empower this congregation to take on Christ's yoke, serving one another with gentle and humble hearts, that this community may witness the strength of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reinvigorate our confession of the faith until that day we join the saints who have received their eternal rest in glory, *especially the apostle Thomas, whom we remember today and ...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*Canzoetta*

Stephen Heller

### 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 LORD'S 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 # 790 "Day by Day"**

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Alice Jordan

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

Let us pray. 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 give 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**

*Congregation's Choice*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Entrada in D Major*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**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.**

# Announcements

While Pr. Hergy is on vacation until July 21, please phone **Pr. Ken Harris (604.271.8292)** for any pastoral emergencies.

Please remember to pray for our call committee which continues its work of finding the best candidate to present to our congregation for our approval as the second pastor.

The ELCIC National Convention in Saskatoon concludes today. May God grant safe journeys homeward to all delegates, especially our own, **Ernie Neumann.**



Congratulations to Elina and Jason Singh on the birth of their firstborn, Jacob Jaivanth Singh, on June 27. Our delight is abundant, and our thanks to God for a safe delivery for both mother and child is boundless.



Our thanks to **Pastor Adolf Manz** for leading our worship and praise this morning. Pr. Hergy is away until July 21. We are fortunate, indeed, to have Pr. Manz, along with Pr. Ken Harris and Pr. Sylvia Schmidt to preside and preach. For their ministry to us and with us, we thank God.



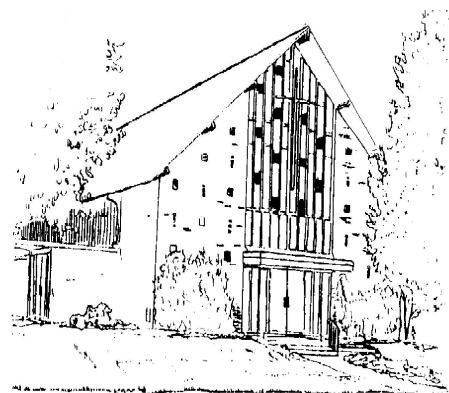
**New Wine** is a music/drama group of 34 Lutheran high school students from Minnesota. The troupe will perform *Kingdom Tales* at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Cumberland and Tenth Ave) in New Westminster **next Sunday, July 10 at 7 pm.** No charge. Free-will offering only. The students and their pastor will also lead Mt. Zion's worship in the morning.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jonathan Service and James Bennett** who were married this past week. May God's grace and mercy be upon them and with them now and always.

*First Lutheran Church* is a member of the *British Columbia Synod* (one of five regions) which make up the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)* which in turn belongs to the *Lutheran World Federation* which represents the 80 million Lutherans around the world. For more information on the ministries of the ELCIC (office in Winnipeg, Manitoba), visit its website at [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca). For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at [www.bcsynod.org](http://www.bcsynod.org).

*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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