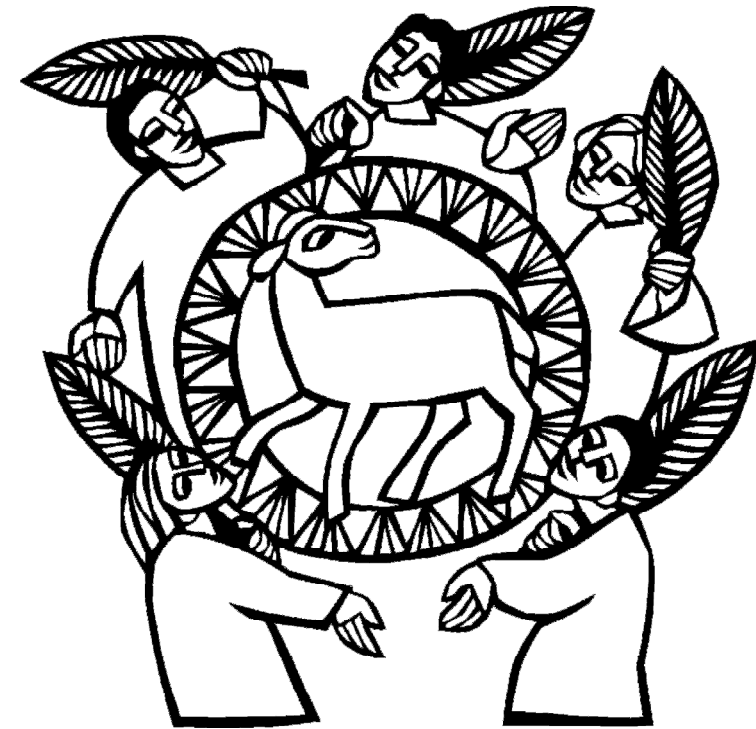




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890**

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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

*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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**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.**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2011**  
“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**

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

**PRELUDE**

*Litany For The Feast Of All Saints  
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Franz Schubert  
George Frideric Handel

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #422 “For All the Saints”** vv. 1-4, v. 3 - unaccompanied

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,



<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Response to the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.*

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 418 "*Rejoice in God's Saints*" v. 3 - unaccompanied

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."*

**LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE** (see p. 8 - 9)

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *There'll Be Peace In The Valley* Thomas A. Dorsey

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

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **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** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**FRACTION** The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



*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** #423 "*Shall We Gather at the River*"  
*Behold the Host Arrayed in White* arr. Edvard Grieg

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

Let us pray. God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** #422 "*For All the Saints*" v. 5 - women; v. 6 - men; v. 7 - all

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

**POSTLUDE** *St. Anne* Healey Willian



## LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

Using lighted candles as symbols, we remember and give thanks to God for those who, through baptism, have joined the church on earth since All Saints last year and for those who, through death, have joined the church in heaven. The presider will speak the names of the past and present saints. When the reading of the roll is concluded, all are then asked to speak aloud the names of loved ones who have gone ahead of us into glory. A brief prayer will end the rite.

Antiphon

Give rest un-to your ser-vants with your saints O God, give rest, — give rest where  
there is nei-ther pain or — sor - row, nei-ther sigh-ing, but life ev - er - last - ing.

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### Antiphon

\*Paul of Tarsus, 65  
Martyrs of Uganda, 1886  
Mary Magdalene  
\*Justin Martyr, 165  
Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430  
+Augusta Emma Hergesheimer  
**September 12, 2011**  
Julian of Norwich, 1416  
Meiyang Zhu Yin  
**Baptized, April 24, 2011**  
Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 464  
\*Olaf, King of Norway, 1030  
David, Son of Jesse  
Perpetua and Felicity,  
Martyrs of Carthage, North Africa, 202

### Antiphon

Mary, Mother of Jesus  
+Bayush Hagos  
**September 1, 2011**  
Hildegard of Bingen, 1179  
Grace Uwera Bizimana  
**Baptized, June 19, 2011**  
\*Martin Luther King, Jr., 1968  
\*Oscar Romero  
Archbishop of El Salvador  
Sarah  
Ignatius of Antioch, 177  
+Helene Enders  
**May 27, 2011**  
Simon Peter, 65  
Mark the Evangelist

### Antiphon

+Lydia Neumann  
**February 19, 2011**  
John Milton  
Jacob Jaivanth Singh  
**Baptized, September 11, 2011**  
\*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945  
\*John the Baptist, 30  
John Donne  
+Rose Nyilakamana  
**June 27, 2011**  
Abraham  
Matthew the Evangelist  
Aiden Hongyuan Zhu  
**Baptized, September 11, 2011**  
Soren Kierkegaard, 1855  
+Marie Jose Henry  
**January 5, 2011**

### Antiphon

\*Mohandas K. Ghandi, 1948  
+Wai Ying Lee  
**February 2, 2011**  
Teresa of Avila, 1582  
Moses  
Martyrs of Japan, 1597  
+Noordin Nurani  
**February 6, 2011**  
Francis of Assisi, 1226  
Martin Luther, 1546  
Joseph, Guardian of Jesus  
Thomas, Apostle  
James, Brother of Our Lord, 67  
+Gerhard (Garry) Becker Jr.  
**November 26, 2010**  
John XXIII, Bishop of Rome  
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750

### Antiphon

\* Martyred/put to death for their faith  
+ Passed away since All Saints' last year

## Today's Worship Theme

In the very last book of Holy Scripture, St. John is permitted a vision of that last day (Rev. 7:9-17) when multitudes of every nation, tribe, people and language are gathered before the throne of the Almighty. Asking who they are, John is told that "These are those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

There are two elements in today's worship: Remembering with joy those brothers, sisters, friends and all who become saints by holy baptism as well as those have trusted in the Lord and gone on to glory; and to look forward to the day when we, together with them, shall "walk in the light of God's own place."

In the very earliest days of the church, martyrs (those who had been put to death for their faith) were honoured with special services held on the anniversaries of their deaths. By 360 C. E., Christian communities set aside a particular day to commemorate all the faithful departed (both those who were martyred and those who died of natural causes) and eventually November 1st became that festival day. November 1 was chosen, with its celebration beginning already the evening before, to take over the pagan night of Samhain on October 31st. Whereas superstitious people of northern Europe in the 9th century used witches, bats, owls and grotesque costumes to try and scare off evil spirits, Christians quietly walked together to cemeteries and churches with torches and lighted candles, convinced that, in the resurrection of Christ and in the promised resurrection of believers, the power of death had been conquered. It was a night--and a day--

in which the church celebrated that evil and the grave were defeated. *(In many churches, there is always a special "All Saints" service on November 1. If one is not held on that day, the celebration falls on the first Sunday after November 1).*

Though the church of the middle ages confusedly tried to pray for the souls of the dead--adding an All Souls' Day on November 2--the 16th century reformers stubbornly kept the observance of the day even while defiantly confessing that it is by Christ's grace alone that we are saved. It was on All Hallows Eve (All Holy Evening. . .or "Hallow-e'en") on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his now-famous 95 Theses (topics for debate) to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. Since then, protestant Christians have continued to highlight the next day, All Saints, in order to underline the importance of the "communion of saints" confessed in the Apostles' Creed.

Saints are all who trust in God. . .and that strong fellowship is commemorated today. But we also look forward to the time when we'll be among the multitudes spoken of in Revelation, and it is in the hope of that great and glorious day that we cry out with the early Christians: **Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly!**



## Reuse A Shoe Drive!

Help Save the environment by Recycling your old Shoes!

Shannon and Jocelyn are part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Pathfinders and are currently working on the service aspect of our Canada Cord (a high guiding award).

They invite you to help save the environment by donating old shoes to their shoe drive!

A box has been placed in the church narthex and you can drop off your old shoes up until November 29<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Your sport shoes will be transformed into sport surfaces like the basketball court by the Hastings community center! Your other shoes will be donated to a thrift shop so someone else can find them! That's much better than degrading in a dump!

Running shoes in any condition and all other types of shoes in good condition **ONLY**. Please.

If you have any questions please feel free to email at [6vanpathf@hotmail.com](mailto:6vanpathf@hotmail.com).  
Thank You!



# Announcements

## This Week

### Monday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am

### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Friday

Office Closed for Remembrance Day

### Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Worship, 10:30 am

Joseph Nurani would like to extend a warm invitation to our congregation members, their families and friends to a superb hearty fundraising lunch downstairs following the service on November 27th in the loving memory of Asma and Noordin Nurani. It has been nearly two years since Asma, Joseph's mother, departed to heaven and it will have been a year on February 6th, 2012 since Noordin, his father, joined Asma in heaven.

Those wishing to join our parish family in a few weeks are asked to speak with Pr. Hergy soon. Thank you.

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