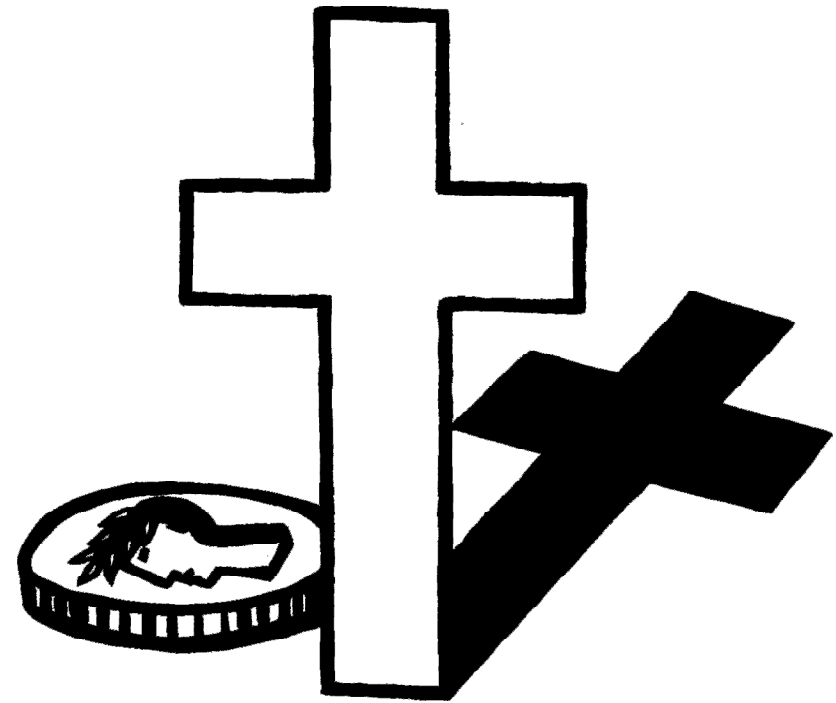




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 16, 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 - 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 races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.



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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Peter Fischer
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Karen Kerfoot
<i>Acolyte</i>	Traben Fischer
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy Collins Anne Johnson Dawna McIver
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Karen Kerfoot Betty Wong Jonah Fischer
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Sherry Liebrecht
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy Collins Frank Filippelli

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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*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

When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE

*Christ Thou Art Our Light and Day
Abbot's Leigh*

Georg Bohm
Robert Hobby

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love. **Amen.**

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

God of abundant mercy,
**we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others.
We hold too closely your gifts to us.
We trample your vineyard, our good earth.
Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others;
and grant that we may live for you and die in you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

526 "God Is Here"

GREETING AND KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12–23

Moses successfully interceded with God to accompany Israel to the holy land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display his glory, God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Old Testament: “I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious.” Moses is not allowed to see God’s face, but only God’s back.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 *(Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)*

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God. (Ps. 99:5)

Refrain

Tone

¹The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

²**The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,
is high a- ¹bove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ¹tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ness in Jacob. R**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and fall down be- ¹fore God's footstool;
God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your ¹ name, O LORD;
they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- ¹lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their ¹ evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One. R

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?"

¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 708 **“Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *On Eagle’s Wings* Anne Krentz Organ

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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

LORD’S PRAYER

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 11



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 # 686 **“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**
Ave Verum Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (*All rise*) p. 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 878 **“Soli Deo Gloria”**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Dialogue* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Announcements

This Week

Monday - Thursday
Pr. Hergy in Alberta

Thursday
Confirmation, 4:30 - 6 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Worship, 10:30 am

Tonight at 7:30 pm Cary Chow, a classical concert pianist, will present "The Wanderer & Other Strange Tales", masterpieces framed by Schubert's "Wanderer Fantasy" and Liszt's "Après une lecture du Dante".

Where: First Lutheran

When: October 16

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

General Admission: \$20

Students: \$10

Our thanks to Pr. Peter Fischer for leading our worship today and next Sunday, October 23 while Pr. Hergy is away in Edmonton, Camrose and Calgary, Alberta , delivering three presentations on “The Church as Sanctuary”. Pr. Hergy will return on Thursday, teach the Confirmation class and then take the weekend of the 21st—23rd to spend with Trudy as a way of recovering from the stress and events of the last several weeks. While he is away, please call Pr. Peter Fischer (604.228.4676) for emergency pastoral care. Thank you.

Thanks to Ed Roller for fixing the plumbing in the lower level men's washroom.



Our Sunday School staff is in need of a volunteer or two to model faith and life to our children. Those persons need

to be available regularly on Sundays. If you are interested in joining the Sunday School team, please contact Dawna McIver or the church office. Thank you.



We welcome any and all volunteers to sign-up to serve Coffee, Tea and goodies following our worship every Sunday. There are a great selection of dates available between December, 2011 and Feb. 26th, 2012. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex OR contact Julie Bauming if you have questions or would like more information. Thank You.

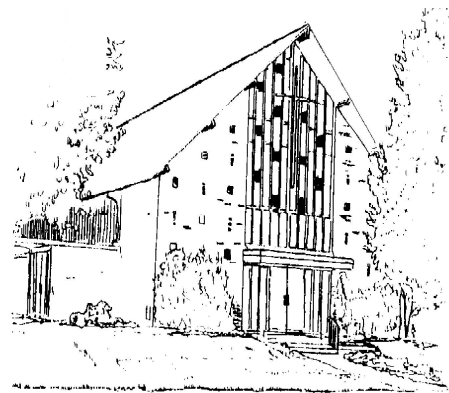
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Financial support of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent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