



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 2, 2011

WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890

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### *Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Ken Harris
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<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Duddy Mikhail Lennikov Christine Neumann Betty Wong Vedaste Niyonsaba
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Jack Kuyer Diana Kuyer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Anderson Dan Luong Eve Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Randy Enders Ernie Neumann

*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.**

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*Holy Communion, Setting Two*

*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

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

## PRELUDE

*Benedictus*

Alex Rowley

*Now the Silence*

Carl Schalk

## GATHERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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## GATHERING HYMN

# 824 "This Is My Father's World"

## GREETING

## KYRIE

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## "THIS IS THE FEAST"

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

## FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

*The God of the Exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbour.*

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house

of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Response after the reading:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 19** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart. (Ps. 19:8)*

*Refrain*



The stat-utes of the Lord are just and re-joice the heart.

*Tone*



The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.

<sup>3</sup>**Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,**

**and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat. **R**

<sup>7</sup>**The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.**

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb. **R**

<sup>11</sup>**By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.**

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*all sing alleluia verse twice before and after the reading*)

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–46**

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

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

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**# 774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

## RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

### 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

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Draw Me Nearer*      Jack Schraeder

### OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

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**      p.129

“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**”

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

“**LAMB OF GOD**”      p.135

### FRACTION *(as the bread is broken)*

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**      # 595 “*Jesus Loves Me*”  
*Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“**NOW, LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT**”      p. 135

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

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**      # 729 “*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*”  
*v. 3 - women; v. 4 - men*

### DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE**      *Psalm 19*      Benedetto Marcello

# Announcements

## This Week

### Thursday

Confirmation, 4:30 - 6 pm

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Next Sunday


Sunday School, 9:45 am

Thanksgiving Worship, 10:30 am


Rasmussen - Edenshaw Wedding, 3 pm

## Car for sale

2008 Toyota Yaris 5-door hatchback, blue, automatic, 25,680 km. Remote keyless entry, power windows/locks/mirrors. For more details call Mikhail 778-378-0322.



**Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies**  
\$4/box



Cookie profits supports Girl Guides of Canada at the provincial and local levels. Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Pathfinder Unit will sell cookies after today’s service.

Our thanks to the Rev. Ken Harris for his word of good news today — and for his willingness to step in and provide Pr. Hergy with some needed relief.

*Thanks*



Next Sunday, October 9, is Thanksgiving. All are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable goods as well as special gifts of money. We will use these gifts to stock our parish pantry for folks who are in need of some short-term help. . .or for those non-members who come to our office doors during the week asking a bit of help to get through the next few days or a week. Your donations are warmly welcomed and appreciated.

The Hergies wish to express their deepest thanks to all who have offered their condolences, support and prayers in words, hugs, cards and emails. We draw strength from your presence with us and your assistance to us, and we are certain that our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother would share our gratitude.

We need volunteers to sign-up to serve Coffee, Tea and goodies following every Sunday Worship Service. There are a great selection of dates available between Oct. 9th, 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.

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", on Sunday, October 16.

**Where:** First Lutheran  
**When:** October 16  
**Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
**General Admission: \$20**  
**Students: \$10**

 The morning we recognize  and thank those who pass on the faith to the youngest ones in our parish family: Dawna McIver, Cheryl Conant, Donna Dufresne, Ursula Neumann, Linda Collins and Andrew Enders.



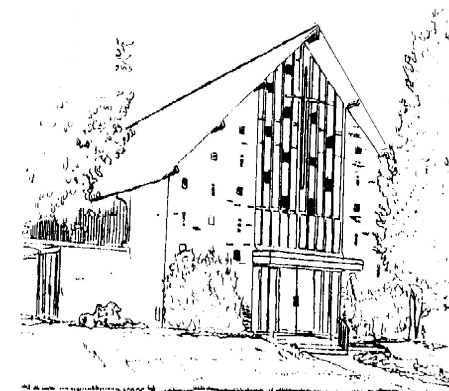
Our Sunday School staff is in need of a volunteer or two to model faith and life to our children. Those persons need to be available regularly on Sundays. If you are interested in joining the Sunday School team, please contact Dawna McIver or the church office. Thank you.

Correction to the Keitel's phone number  
**1 - 250 - 707 - 1176**

*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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