



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



DAY OF THANKSGIVING
OCTOBER 9, 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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Those Serving the Servants Today

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| <i>Presider/Homilist</i> | Pr. Hergy |
| <i>Assisting Minister</i> | Celly Manirakoze |
| <i>Lector</i> | June Schramm |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | Emmanuel Manu Felix Opoku |
| <i>Ministry of Music</i> | |
| <i>Organ/Piano</i> | Jeanette Price |
| <i>Cantor</i> | Arvid Vimb |
| <i>Flutists</i> | Amy Collins Anne Johnson Dawna McIver Bruce McIver |
| <i>Guitarist/Violinist</i> | |
| <i>Gift Bearers</i> | June Schramm Jackie Cleroux |
| <i>Communion Servers</i> | June Schramm Betty Anderson Jackie Cleroux Julie Bauming |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i> | John Morley Karen Duddy |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Mikhail Lennikov June Schramm Betty Wong Wayne Wong |
| <i>Offering Counters</i> | Alex Wilson Betty Wong |

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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Holy Communion, Setting Eight

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

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in F
Now Thank We All Our God*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Paul Manz

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GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN # 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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"THIS IS THE FEAST" p.187

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget the Lord and rely on our own power and resources. But the Lord is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land

where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

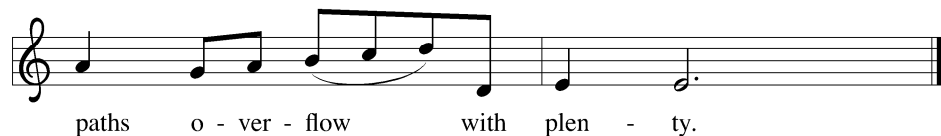
¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

PSALM: 65 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

Refrain



Tone



¹You are to be praised, O ¹God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one ¹who answers prayer,
to you all ¹flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are strong- ¹er than we are,
but you blot out ¹our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your ¹courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness ¹of your temple. R**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of ¹our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ¹far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains ¹by your power;
you are girded a- ¹bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring ¹of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ¹of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ¹marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to ¹sing for joy. R**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ¹full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth ¹out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year ¹with your goodness,

and your paths over- ¹flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be ¹rich for grazing,
and the hills be ¹clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- ¹selves with grain;

let them shout for ¹joy and sing. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant, not stingy, in providing for our lives.

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

Michael Barret

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

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GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

583 *“Take My Life”*

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

Thanks Be To Thee

George Frederic Handel

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Prayer over the gifts)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“LAMB OF GOD”

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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

870 *“We Praise You, O God”*

Accept O Lord The Gifts We Bring

David Cherwien

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

689 *“Praise and Thanksgiving”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Announcements

This Week

Monday

Office Closed

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Music Therapy Coffee House, 7 - 10 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Worship, 10:30 am

Cary Chow Concert, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Next Sunday, Cary Chow, a classical concert pianist, will present "The Wanderer & Other Strange Tales", masterpieces framed by Schubert's "Wanderer Fantasy" and Liszt's "Apres une lecture du Dante".

Where: First Lutheran

When: October 16

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

General Admission: \$20

Students: \$10

Pastor Hergy will be out of the office this week taking some bereavement leave as well as preparing for three lectures he will be giving in Alberta the following week. Therefore, if there is need of emergency pastoral care, please call the Rev. Peter Fischer at 604-228-4676. Thank you.

Music Therapy Coffee House

Come and hear the talented voices of Vancouver's Music Therapy community as they share their music and poetry!

Date: Friday, September 16
Time: 7 - 10 pm
Address: First Lutheran

Suggested donation \$5 at door. Coffee and goodies available.

Proceeds to the First Lutheran and Music Therapy Association of BC.

Please contact Shannon Ingersoll at 778-558-9112 for more info.

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. 16th, 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.

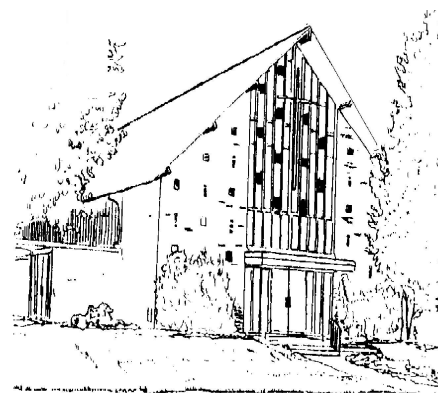
The Hergesheimers thank everyone for their assistance, support and care over the death of our mother. All expressions of comfort, including donations made in her memory, give us reason to give thanks to God for the love you have for us.

Gifts of food items for the special offering today are to be brought forward during the regular offering and placed into or around the baskets at the front. Thank you.

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. For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at 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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