



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 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

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lector</i>	June Schramm
<i>Acolyte</i>	Benie Gakiza Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy Collins
<i>Guitarist/Violinist</i>	Bruce McIver
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	June Schramm Eulalie Niyungeko
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Sandi Strate Eve Luong Janet Ray Nelly Gateka
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Kim Hoath Sarah Speidel Les Speidel
<i>Altar Guild</i>	June Schramm Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley 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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*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

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

Psalm

Prelude and Fugue in F

Gordon Young

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

876 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

GREETING AND KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1–7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. Nevertheless, the Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a dramatic and positive answer.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

PSALM 78:1–4, 12–16 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD. (Ps. 78:4)

Refrain



We will re-count to gen-er - a-tions to come the pow-er of the Lord.

Tone



¹Hear my teaching, ¹O my people;
incline your ears to the words ¹of my mouth.

²**I will open my mouth ¹in a parable;**

I will declare the mysteries of ¹ancient times—

³that which we have heard and known,
and what our fore- ¹bears have told us,

we will not hide ¹from their children.

⁴**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power ¹of the LORD, and the wonderful works ¹God has done. R**

¹²God worked marvels in the sight ¹of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the ¹field of Zoan,

¹³**splitting open the sea and letting ¹them pass through;
making the waters stand ¹up like walls;**

¹⁴leading them with a ¹cloud by day,
and all the night with a ¹glow of fire;

¹⁵**splitting the rocks ¹in the wilderness
and giving them drink as ¹from the deep;**

¹⁶bringing streams out ¹of a rock,
making them flow down ¹like a river. R

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1–13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was I n Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **“Alleluia”** p. 7

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23–32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

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

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 798 **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** v. 3 - women; v. 4 - men

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 *Plenty Good Room* Lloyd Larson

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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

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

“LAMB OF GOD”

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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 # 685 **“Take My Life, That I May Be”**
Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (*All rise*)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 768 **“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Toccata in Seven* John Rutter

Announcements

This Week

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Memorial Service
for Augusta Hergesheimer, 1:30 pm

Next Sunday

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

On Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9, 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.

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 6th Vancouver Pathfinder Unit will sell cookies after our **October 2** service.

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. 2nd 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 "Apres 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

Many thanks to Edward Roller
for fixing the hot water tank
downstairs.

Thank you!

Sunday School is in need of a volunteer to model faith in life to children in their junior age on Sundays. The person needs to be available on a regular basis. If you are interested in joining the Sunday School team, please contact Dawna McIver or the church office. Thank you.

Summer has almost concluded. We'd like to thank everyone who has participated in helping lead the worship services not only during the summer season, but also all year round. We ask for your continued commitment and support. Therefore, please put your names down on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex as we are in great need of help in October. Thank you for your willingness and availability.



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