



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022

**WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED IN 1890**

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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.

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. We have proudly served as a Reconciled in Christ Congregation since 2000.

We acknowledge that we gather, worship, work, and play on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations. We are committed to learning and raising awareness of our country's historical relationship with First Peoples and continue to work toward true Reconciliation.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

As a sign of our care and love for one another, we are requiring everyone over the age of 3 to wear a properly fitted mask covering both nose and mouth while inside the church building. (Masks can be briefly lowered for Fellowship Hour while eating). We strongly encourage all worshippers age 5 and up to be fully vaccinated.

Worship attendees will be greeted at the 42nd street entrance off of the narthex when doors open at 10am. Please be sure to sign in when you arrive! All are welcome to join us for conversation and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

If you feel unwell for any reason or cannot follow our COVID restrictions, please remain at home and participate online. We will continue to stream our services via YouTube.

(www.youtube.com/firstlutheranchurchvancouver)

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building. Accessible, gender neutral washrooms are on the main floor in the northwest corner. There are additionally two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A wheelchair accessible entrance (also our office entrance) is located near the parking lot on the 42nd street side.





Those Serving the Servants Today

Asst Minister	Linda Collins	Coffee Hour Hosts	Ingrid Tymm
Lector	Russell Collins		Charlotte Ditsche
Musician	Graham Pudek	Church Admin	Norita Dobyns
Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran		

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SETTING TEN

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with a heart for reconciliation that First Lutheran Church acknowledges that we meet and work and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples — the Musqueam, the Squamish, and the Tseil-Waututh nations.

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

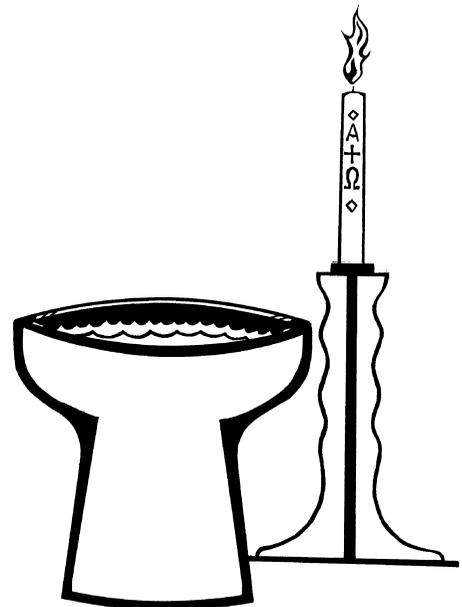
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that
sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of
new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
forever.

Amen.



GATHERING SONG — God is Here (ELW 526)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *(You may be seated)*

WORD

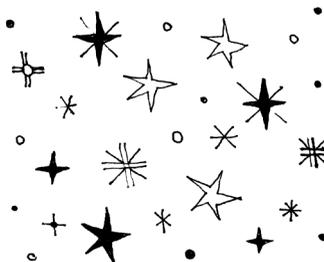
FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.





PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

*(The Psalm will be spoken responsively. The congregation will speak the portions in **bold print**.)*

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.





SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God. (*You are invited to stand*)





GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”



The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(You may be seated)*

SERMON— Bishop Jason Zinko, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

HYMN OF THE DAY — Have No Fear Little Flock (ELW 764)

(You are invited to stand. The offering will be brought forward at this time.)



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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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 the 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. (*A brief silence*).

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.





Guided by the British Columbia Synod Prayer Cycle we pray; for our bishops Susan and Kathy, for our Assistant Bishop Rebekah, for St. Paul's Lutheran in Maple Ridge - Rev. Roland Ziprick, for Matsqui Lutheran in Matsqui - Rev. Art McCaughan, Interim. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayers Cycle, we join voices all over the world in praying for the following countries & territories this week; for Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. We pray especially for Ukraine, for Yemen, for Ethiopia, for Syria, and all those who live in war-torn lands. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.





Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(You may share a visual sign of peace to those around you but please do not leave your seat.)

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother, 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.



SENDING



BLESSING

Almighty God, Father ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN — Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

Donna D.

Dmitri L.

WATERING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers who could assist with watering the plants at the church intermittently. Please contact the church office if you are interested!

NEW INTERIM ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

Rev. Rebekah Swanson has been hired by the BC Synod to serve as the Interim A2B (Assistant to the Bishop). A2B Swanson began her work with the BC Synod on Monday, July 18th. She will serve full-time for 6 months to 1 year as she continues to discern where God might be calling her next. Her new email address is rswansonbcsynod@gmail.com

SPECIAL SYNOD FINANCIAL APPEAL- LAKELAND LUTHERAN, COLD LAKE, ALBERTA

Bishop Larry Kochendorfer - Synod of Alberta and the Territories - invites you to consider donating to the Special Synod Financial Appeal for Lakeland Lutheran Church, which is currently dealing with significant damage caused by fire to the interior of the church building in a suspected case of arson.

Funds raised will go towards incidental items not covered by insurance, including hymnals and other worship supplies. Donations may be remitted directly to the ABT Synod office (10014 – 81 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6E 1W8); please clearly mark them for 'Lakeland Lutheran' in the memo line. Cheques must be endorsed to "Alberta Synod, ELCIC".



UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday, August 7

9th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, August 14

10th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, August 21

11th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, August 28

12th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, September 4

13th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, September 11

14th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, September 18

15th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)



DIRECTORY

Ministers	God's People
Office Administrator	Norita Dobyms [Sunday 8-1, Mon-Thurs 9-2, Fridays Closed]
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Altar Guild Coordinator	TBD
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