



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2013

**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: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A special welcome to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

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</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lectors</i>	Heather Robbie Janet Filippelli
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Singer/Instrumentalists</i>	Shannon Ingersoll Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson Derek MacNeill Karl Maier
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann Jackie Cleroux
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Wong John Morley

If you'd 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'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.

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A Service of Lessons and Hymns

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.

PRELUDE

*Pastoral Symphony (Messiah)
My Lord, What a Morning*

George Frederic Handel
Robert Hobby

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

(all four Advent candles will be lit)

“King of Glory”

Anne Krentz Organ

GATHERING HYMN

253 “He Came Down”

DIALOGUE

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.

Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,

the majesty of our God.

Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

This is the Lord for whom we wait;

let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord our God, you break into our world with messages of comfort, peace, and joy. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light on those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth.

Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of us all. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

- First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
Carol # 260 *“The King Shall Come”* v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - unaccompanied
- Second Reading Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9
Carol # 266 *“All Earth is Hopeful”* v. 3—unaccompanied
- Third Reading Isaiah 35:3-7
Carol # 245 *“Creator of the Stars of Night”* v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - unaccompanied
- Fourth Reading Isaiah 40:1-2, 9-11
Carol # 280 *“Midnight Stars Make Bright the Night”*
- Fifth Reading Luke 1:26-38
Carol # 265 *“The Angel Gabriel”* v. 3 - unaccompanied
- Sixth Reading Matthew 1:18-25
Carol # 247 *“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”* v. 3 - unaccompanied
- Seventh Reading *“The Magnificat”*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow* arr. Jack Schrader

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

O Lord our God, be gracious to us;
we wait for you.
Dispel the darkness,
that all nations may come to your light.
Establish your peace on the earth.;
join our voices to sing your praise.
Comfort the sick and weary;
renew their strength and power...

*The names of all in need are spoken aloud or in silence by the congregation.
The silence is broken with:*

Be with them and grant them wholeness;
come to console and restore all with your presence.
O Lord our God, come to us,
that the earth may behold your glory.

LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Saviour Christ taught us:

**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.**

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from your path.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christchild.

And may the Eternal One, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 290 *“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

The Three Kings

Gordon Young

Today we joyously welcome our new members, Brad Langerud, Jennifer Penner, and James Boutin-Crawford to the family of First Lutheran Church. Christ’s gracious blessings fill their hearts with peace and love throughout this joyous season.

Advent / Christmas Schedule 2013

December 22

10:30 a. m. Advent IV: A Service of Lessons and Carols – Sunday School in service
5 - 6 p. m. Potluck with Chinese Methodist Church at FLC
6:30 p. m. Holden Evening Prayer

December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30 p. m. Traditional Candle Light Service (with Communion)
7:30 p. m. Traditional Candle Light Service (with Communion)

December 25

10:30 a. m. Christmas Day Service

December 29

10:30 a. m. First Sunday after Christmas

January 5

Feast of Epiphany

10:00 a. m. Shared worship with St. Thomas Anglican AT St. Thomas Anglican

The church office will be closed on December 24, 2013 at 2 pm and re-open on January 2, 2014.

If you have not already, please share your voice and insight with the congregation by placing your answer to the question of the month into the box provided in the narthex.

**Community Potluck Dinner
5-6:30 pm, FLC lower level**

All are welcome to partake in the potluck this evening at 5 pm!

Please remember our special “Fourth Sunday in Advent Dessert Feast” today. After lots of wonderful music and musicians, an array of Christmas goodies will make for a rich and full morning.

Please keep in mind that many people react to scents such as those in perfumes, colognes and strong soaps. Your help in reducing the use of scented personal products at church will ensure that services are comfortable for everyone. With thanks from Church Council.

We are in great need of worship leaders on December 24 and 25:

Readers:

1 at 4:30 pm service on December 24

Communion servers:

2 at 4:30 pm service on December 24

3 at 7:30 pm service on December 24

Ushers:

2 at 4:30 pm service on December 24

2 at 7:30 pm service on December 24

2 at 10:30 am service on December 25

If you are available to help, please put your name down on the sign up sheet posted in the narthex. Thank you for your willingness to help lead worship.

Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm

or

www.livestream.com/flcv

Welcome to join us online

if you are unavailable to worship at church. The recording of the service is available for the whole week.

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