



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
FEBRUARY 10, 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 - 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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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	June Schramm
<i>Acolytes</i>	Omari Hakamineza Bilali Miyonkuru
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dan Luong Eve Luong
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Kerfoot Betty Anderson Dan Luong Eve Luong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sandi Strate Barbara Perry Carol Laslett
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Lanny Harris

**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.**

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*Holy Communion, Setting Ten***

*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**

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Sarabande</i>	Francois Couperin
	<i>Andante (Concerto No. 2)</i>	G. F. Handel

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN # 316 "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"**  
v. – 2 women; v. – 3 men; v. - 4 organ

**GREETING**

The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE** p. 203

**"GLORIA"** p. 204

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29–35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

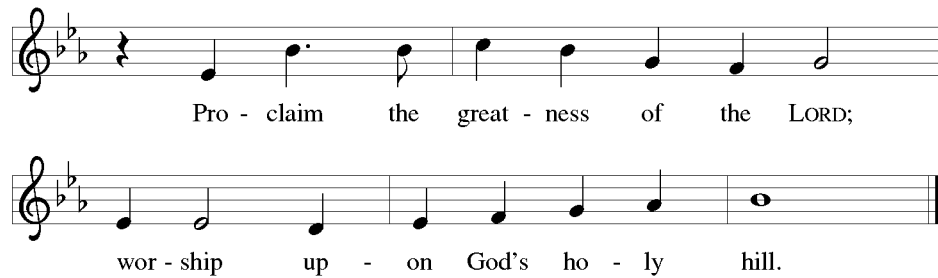
<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**PSALM 99** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

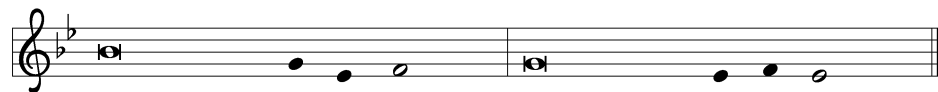
*Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*

*Refrain*



Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;  
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the <sup>1</sup>people tremble.  
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let <sup>1</sup>the earth shake.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, <sup>1</sup>great in Zion,  
is high a- <sup>1</sup>bove all peoples.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is <sup>1</sup>great and awesome; God is the <sup>1</sup>Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- <sup>1</sup>tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- <sup>1</sup>ness in Jacob. R**  
<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- <sup>1</sup>fore God's footstool;  
God is the <sup>1</sup>Holy One.  
<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your <sup>1</sup>name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you <sup>1</sup>answered them,**  
<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pil- <sup>1</sup>lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree <sup>1</sup>that you gave them.  
<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered <sup>1</sup>them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their <sup>1</sup>evil deeds.**  
<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's <sup>1</sup>holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the <sup>1</sup>Holy One. R

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*)      p. 205

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28–36**

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

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

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 815 *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

**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** *Christ, Mighty Saviour* Anne Krentz Organ

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 206

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”** p. 207

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 208

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 208



*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. A gluten free option is available upon request.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION** # 671 *“Shine, Jesus Shine”*  
*Splendor Paternae* Plainsong, 15<sup>th</sup> Century

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** # 866 *“We Are Marching in the Light”*

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE** *Rondeau* Henry Purcell

**This Week**  
**Monday**  
Office Closed  
**Wednesday**  
Ash Wednesday at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Ash Wednesday at FLC, 7:30 pm  
**Thursday**  
Confirmation, 4:30 pm  
Choir, 7:30 pm  
**Next Sunday**  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Lent I, 10:30 am

Please make necessary changes to your listing in the directory posted in the narthex.

First Lutheran’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Friday, February 22. All those who have the responsibility of providing reports for the AGM booklet are to have those reports in to the church office today.

Please remember our first major worship service in the 40 day season of Lent: the Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 13 begins at 7:30 pm. Those who prefer to attend an earlier service and be marked with ashes are invited to the service at St. Thomas Anglican at 10 am.



## JOIN THE SURREY URBAN MISSION AS WE WALK IN SURREY WITH 40 OTHER CITIES ACROSS CANADA ON FEBRUARY 23RD, 2013

The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is a non-competitive 5/10 km winter walk fundraiser that supports Canadian organizations serving those who are hungry, homeless, and hurting in cities across Canada.

The Surrey Urban Mission joins in the walk this year making us the first city in Metro Vancouver to do so. The Mission offers a variety of programs to people in the Surrey community who are living in poverty and those who are homeless. Help us to make this a successful first year by getting involved.

The walk across Canada takes place this year on Saturday, February 23rd. Registration opens at 4 p. m. and walkers begin walking at 5 p. m. This is a family-friendly event - REMEMBER DRESS FOR THE COLD!

Our Surrey walk will begin and end at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre - 13458 107th Avenue with soup and hot chocolate to be served upon completion of the walk. Entertainment and some special surprises will be available for walkers' pleasure.

To register as a Team Captain, a Walker or as a Volunteer, please go to [www.coldestnightoftheyea](http://www.coldestnightoftheyea) - click on the location tab then on Surrey and register your information on the page that comes up. Let us know who you are challenging to a walk on February 23rd!!

If you are interested in participating as a **SPONSOR** - please contact the Surrey Urban Mission at **604-581-5172** or by email at [sums@telus.net](mailto:sums@telus.net) for further information.

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Shannon, a Pathfinder with the 6th Vancouver Pathfinders, is looking for donations of fabric to make pillowcases for Monarch Place, a shelter for women fleeing from abusive relationships. Fabric that is at least approximately 0.8m wide and 1m long and suitable for pillowcases (light cotton, flannel or fleece) only please! You can place donations in the box found in the narthex. Thank you!

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Interested in helping with the potluck suppers or leading worship at Lenten Sunday evening services? Please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

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We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in February today after worship. All are invited to the party.

## OUR LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE

- Feb 13** Ash Wednesday service with St. Thomas at St. Thomas, 10 a.m.  
Ash Wednesday service with St. Thomas at First Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 17** Lent I, 10:30 a.m.  
**Feb 20** Adult Lenten study "CALL TO CHANGE" with St. Thomas at FLC, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 24** Lent II, 10:30 a.m.  
**Feb 27** Adult Lenten study "CALL TO CHANGE" with St. Thomas at FLC, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 3** Lent III, 10:30 a.m.  
**Mar 6** Adult Lenten study "CALL TO CHANGE" with St. Thomas at FLC, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 10** Lent IV, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar 17** Lent V, 10:30 a.m.  
**Mar 20** Adult Lenten study "CALL TO CHANGE" with St. Thomas at FLC, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 24** Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday  
Gathering rite at St. Thomas Anglican, 10 a.m.  
followed by Procession to First Lutheran for joint Eucharistic liturgy
- Mar 28** Maundy Thursday at First Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. - light meal  
Worship (including foot-washing, Eucharist, stripping of the altar), 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 29** Good Friday, 10:30 a.m. - Opening prayer at First Lutheran followed by  
Procession to St. Thomas for solemn liturgy
- Mar 31** Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord  
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m.



Please see documents posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for more info.

30 January 2013

To Pastors, Congregations, and Church Council Leadership,

BC Synod Treasurer's financial update.

1. Attached you will find reports of Financial Gifts received by the BC Synod during the year 2012:

- The first report shows benevolence giving by congregations to support the work of the Synod (and its budgeted support of our national church and seminary).
- The second report represents directed giving which flows through the Synod to designated church organizations and agencies.

These reports reflect giving based upon a calendar year period rather than the Synod's fiscal year in an effort to align with the operation and budgeting cycle of most of our congregations.

2. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> we have completed the first half of the BC Synod's fiscal year and I would like to provide you with a brief update of our financial situation:

Lower than budgeted expenses during the first half of the year along with higher than expected congregational support and significant special gifts from individuals has allowed us to finish the first half of the year in a positive cash position.

While this is certainly great news I must point out that many expenses related to synod programs occur during the second half of the fiscal year and that we are aware of some congregations within our synod that are wrestling with financial challenges that could well have an impact on their synod benevolence.

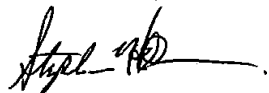
3. It is important to note that Benevolence giving by congregations to support the work of the synod has declined by \$92,707 or 22% during 2012 compared to the previous year.

<b>Fiscal Year (July 1 2012 – June 30 2013)</b>			
	<b>6 month YTD Actual</b>	<b>12 month Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
Congregational Support	\$ 185,938.00	\$ 350,000.00	53.1 %
Other Income	* 54,160.00	55,000.00	98.5 %
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>240,098.00</b>	<b>405,000.00</b>	<b>59.3 %</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>203,585.00</b>	<b>427,700.00</b>	<b>47.6 %</b>

\* Includes special gifts to the synod of \$22,000.

If you should have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me by e-mail:  
[Stephen.holmes.bc@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.holmes.bc@gmail.com)

Yours in Christ,



Stephen Holmes,  
BC Synod Treasurer

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.

**Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through [www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm)**

or

[www.livestream.com/flcv](http://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.**

## DIRECTORY

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