



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 17, 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>Homilist</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Acolytes</i>	Jordan Manu Benie Gakiza Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Anointers</i>	Karen Duddy Susan Morris Sylvia Schmidt Christine Neumann
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Felix Opoku Eulalie Niyungeko Dennis Reid Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann Trudy Hergesheimer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Tony Wong

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

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in D Minor
Dialogue sur "Te Deum"*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Denis Bedard

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN # 326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Saviour, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

PSALM HYMN # 787 "On Eagle's Wings"

(cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain)

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b–13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Taste and See"

Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

LENTEN VERSE

LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE

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(Sing before and after reading. All rise)

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1–13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

HOMILY *(Silence for meditation follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 319 "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with “Lord, in your mercy”, and all will respond by singing “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”. (words and music below)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer,
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O me.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Deep River* Traditional

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts) p. 110

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112

FRACTION 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. During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 336 **“Lamb of God”**
Watch and Pray Johann Sebastian Bach

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING p. 114

SENDING HYMN # 325 **“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *What God Ordains* Paul Manz

World Day of Prayer

Fri. Mar. 1st, 1:00pm, Martin Luther Church

(505 E 46th Ave, Vancouver)

Co-sponsored by local churches: Martin Luther, St. Andrews, St. Mary’s the Virgin, & First United Mennonite Churches. Come join in at this annual interchurch prayer service.

Announcements

Sometime this fall, FLC will begin an intentional and comprehensive look towards our future and ponder on questions, such as: What do we see as our primary calling in being "the church"? What are our ministry goals/objectives and how do we meet those goals? What resources (money, staffing, volunteers, technical support, etc) do we have to assist us in our ministries? How can we relate more specifically and purposefully to those in our neighbourhood?

These and many more questions, ideas, changes, etc. will be put forward, discussed, evaluated and studied as we collectively develop a vision of who we are as First Lutheran Church. However, before we can look more deliberately at the future, it is necessary to know where we have come from and where we are. In other words, a look back at the past and the present are both needed when it comes to setting a new course for and into the future.

To help us look back, Pr. Hergy will be presenting a "visual story" of First Lutheran's history over the past 20 years. By means of lots of photos (in which many of you are featured. . .albeit when you were somewhat younger) coupled with a description of what was happening and when and why and what resulted, we will get a good taste of how this congregation was "re-vitalized"--given new life. . .a new life that turned out to be an "unexpected" gift of God--a gift that continues to "keep on giving" up to the present day.

The 45 minute presentation was put together by Pr. Hergy for the ELCIC national convention in 2009. Following that occasion, it "went on the road" to Calgary (shown to a meeting of Lutheran churches there) and, later, to Winnipeg where the ELCIC Missions' Committee had the opportunity to see it and discuss it.

It will be shown (for the first, last and only time at First Lutheran) on Sunday, March 3, beginning at 12:15 pm following the coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend, watch, laugh, and be astonished at how God was (and is) at work refashioning and re-creating this congregation into the community we are today.

For longtime members, it will be a trip down memory lane; for those who have come here or joined us more recently, it will be a chance to see and learn who and what we are as a parish; how we got where we are; and why we are the way we are and do what we do.

Everyone is welcome to attend the 10 am Wednesday Communion Service at St. Thomas Anglican.

This Week

Today

Potluck, 6 pm

Lenten I Evening Service, 7 pm

Wednesday

Adult Lenten study at FLC, 6:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Lenten Creative Practice Retreat

Mt. Olive Lutheran, 10 am - 3 pm

Coldest Night of the Year Walk, 4 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Lent II, 10:30 am

Potluck, 6 pm

Lenten II Evening Service, 7 pm

First Lutheran's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be this Friday. Potluck dinner starts at 6 pm and business meeting at 7 pm.

Experience the joys of growing your own vegetables. Gardening plots available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

This is the time for community.

This is the time for reflection.

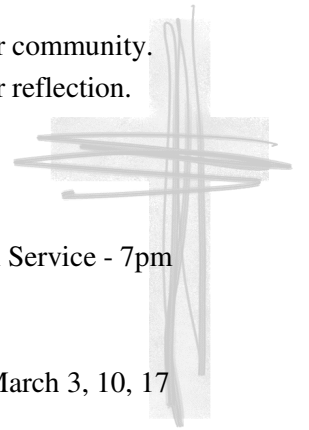
This is Lent.

Potluck - 6pm

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Sundays

February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17



Lenten Creative Practice Retreat Day

Saturday, February 23 ~ 10am-3pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

2350 148th Street, Surrey

Please indicate your attendance

by Wednesday, February 19

by contacting Mount Olive Lutheran Church

at 604-536-8527

\$20 donation to cover the cost of art supplies is requested.

Facilitated by Melanie Calabrigo, Anglican

priest and spiritual director,

currently ministering at Mount Olive.

Please see poster on the bulletin board

in the narthex for more details.

OUR LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE

- 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.
 “The Story of First Lutheran”, 12:15 pm
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 30** Vigil of Easter, Resurrection of Our Lord, 7:30 pm
- Mar 31** Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord
 Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
 Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m.



You are invited to a night of Bangladesh Cuisine, Bhangra Dancing, Henna Tattoo...and much more on March 2 at 6 pm at St. Thomas Anglican Church (2444 E. 41st Ave)

Tickets: Adults @ \$15; Children under 12 @ \$7.50; Family @ \$40

Proceeds support the policy research for Ubinig Development Alternative.

Join us for our 2013 Lenten Study “CALL TO CHANGE” from 6:30—8:15 pm on Wednesdays, February 20, 27 and March 6, 20. This course will reflect on the life of the Hebrew Prophet Nehemiah, learning from his example of living in a broken city and his response to God’s call to help those around him change and rebuild their lives physically, economically, and spiritually.

The primary focus of this study is to help our Christian community learn different methods of building relationship with all of God’s people living within our local communities, and to provide the space and opportunity to think about how to respond to God’s call in our own context today.

Please register with Pr Lori-Anne if you are interested in participating in this Lenten study. There will be no cost for materials; please bring along a bible and writing materials to the evening sessions, and if you are able a snack to share.



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