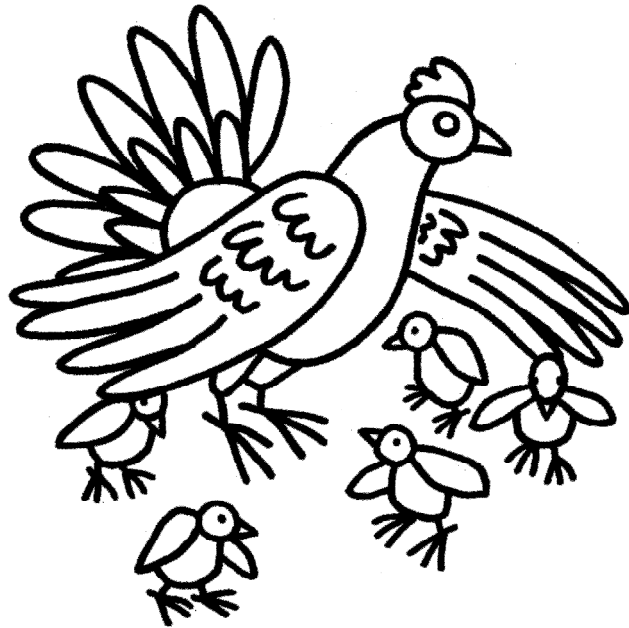




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 24, 2013

WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890

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Those Serving the Servants Today

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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Holy Communion, Setting One

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

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PRELUDE

*Litania Solenne
Thee We Adore*

Garth Edmundson
Healey Willan

GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN

323 "God Loved the World" v.3 unaccompanied

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SONG

"As The Deer"

Martin Nystrom

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

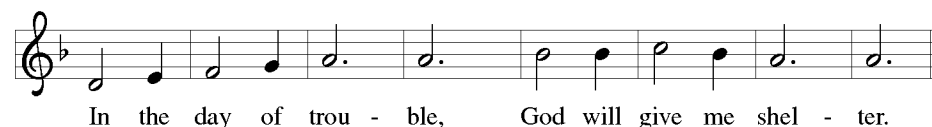
Response after the reading:

Thanks be to God.

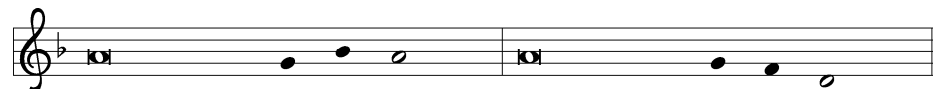
PSALM 27 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

Refrain



Tone



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de-¹vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum-¹ble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart¹ will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will¹ not be shaken.
⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one¹ thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God¹ in the temple. R
⁵For in the day of trouble God will¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-¹ on a rock.
⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies¹ who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music¹ to the LORD.
⁷Hear my voice, O LORD,¹ when I call; have mercy on me and¹ answer me.
⁸My heart speaks your message—¹ "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD,¹ I will seek. R
⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-¹vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of¹ my salvation.
¹⁰Though my father and my moth-¹er forsake me, the LORD will¹ take me in.
¹¹Teach me your¹ way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of¹ my oppressors.
¹²Subject me not to the will¹ of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses¹ breathing violence.
¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness¹ of the LORD in the land¹ of the living!
¹⁴Wait for the LORD¹ and be strong. Take heart and wait¹ for the LORD! R

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

LENTEN VERSE *LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE*
(Sing before and after reading. All rise)

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31–35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

HOMILY *(Silence for meditation follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 735 *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"*

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 "Hear us, O God", and all will respond by singing "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". (words and music below)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Saviour, When In Dust To You* Anne Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother in heaven, holy is your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread,
 and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Our Mother in heaven, holy is your name.
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from all that is evil.**

**Our Mother in heaven, holy is your name.
 For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

"LAMB OF GOD"

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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 # 466 *"In the Singing"*
He Was Despised

George Frederic Handel

"NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT"

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Koraal* Flor Peeters

Announcements

This Week

Today

Potluck, 6 pm
Lenten II Evening Service, 7 pm

Wednesday

Adult Lenten study at FLC, 6:30 pm

Thursday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

World Day of Prayer, 1 pm
Martin Luther Church (505 E 46th Ave)

Saturday

Youth Swimming Outing,
Meeting at FLC at 6:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am
Lent III, 10:30 am
Potluck, 6 pm
Lenten III Evening Service, 7 pm

This is the time for community.

This is the time for reflection.

This is Lent.

Potluck - 6pm

Taizé Communion Service - 7pm

Sundays

February 24, March 3, 10, 17

Our sympathies are with Sylvia Schmidt and her extended family on the death of her mother, Lydia Schmidt, at 102 years of age. Sylvia will be going to Colorado to preach at her mother's funeral and to share in thanksgiving to God for a long life well-lived. "Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE

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.
"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.

Stephanie Liebe-McGinnis is looking for some baby items that are no longer needed or not needed at the moment. She will take good care of them if you wish to have them returned afterwards. Please be aware there is a cat in the house that might cause allergies when you consider lending the items. You may contact Stephanie directly at 778 822 7837 or stephanie.lmcginnis@gmail.com

- exersaucer – baby play seat
- girl clothes size 3-6m or 6mo and up
- stroller that reclines
- medium or fast nipples
- crib mobile
- rear facing car seat baby mirror
- car seat rain cover
- fitted sheets for twin bed (boy)
- highchair
- waterproof backed baby bibs
- very soft baby wash cloths
- child locks/latches for cupboards & drawers.

Sometime this fall, FLC will begin an intentional and comprehensive look towards our future and ponder 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 quite a bit 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.

You are invited to a night of Bangladesh Cuisine, Bhangra Dancing, Henna Tattoo...and much more this Saturday 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 the rest of our 2013 Lenten Study "CALL TO CHANGE" from 6:30—8:15 pm on Wednesdays, February 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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