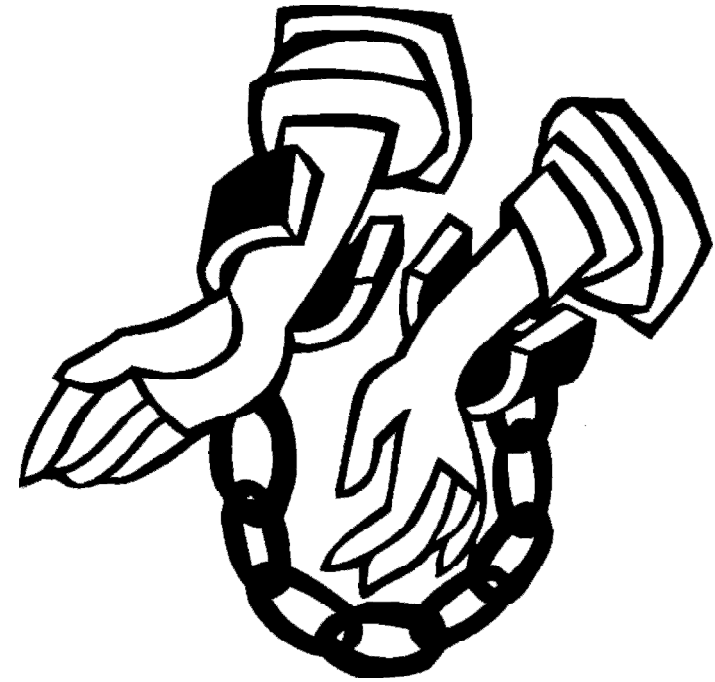




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 27, 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

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| <i>Presider/Homilist</i> | Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin |
| <i>Assisting Minister</i> | Celly Manirakoze |
| <i>Lector</i> | Felix Opoku |
| <i>Acolytes</i> | Jordan Manu Bilali Miyonkuru |
| <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> | June Schramm Jackie Cleroux |
| <i>Communion Servers</i> | June Schramm John Morley Jackie Cleroux Betty Wong |
| <i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i> | Karen Duddy Debbie Powell |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | Ingrid Anderson June Schramm |
| <i>Offering Counters</i> | John Morley Betty 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 Eight***

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

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

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| PRELUDE | <i>Largo (Concerto in D)</i> | Antonio Vivaldi |
| | <i>Benedictus</i> | Alex Rowley |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 654 ***“The Church’s One Foundation”***
v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - organ & flutes

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

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THIS IS THE FEAST

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

PSALM: 19 *(The congregation is invited to meditate on the Psalm silently while listening to an interpretation composed by Benedetto Marcello.)*

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power,

then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.
²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM “Walk By Faith” Joel Raney

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sing alleluia verse before and after the reading*) p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14–21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

HOMILY

REFLECTION

What gifts do you feel God has given you to share with others?
How can you use your gifts within our church community?
How can you use your gifts within your communities outside of our church?

HYMN OF THE DAY # 710 “Let Streams of Living Justice”

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *In Eudoxia* Garth Edmundson

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p.190

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p.191

“LAMB OF GOD” p.191

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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. 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 # 519 “Open Your Ears”
Evening Prayer Englebert Humperdink

Announcements

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN # 584 *“The Son of God, Our Christ* v. 3 - unaccompanied

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Minuet Finale (Water Music)* George Frederic Handel

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.



This Week

Thursday

50+ Lunch Bunch, 12:30 pm

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Wedding rehearsal, 7 pm

Saturday

The marriage of Lori-Anne Boutin and James Crawford, 2 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Epiphany IV, 10:30 am

All are invited and welcome to share in the joy of Pr. Lori-Anne's marriage to James Crawford this coming Saturday at 2 p.m., and to partake in the reception following the service. This is an especially happy occasion for our community since (as far as anyone who should know does know), we haven't had one of our pastors get married before--at least not while serving as our pastor. As well, if anyone wishes to contribute to the gift that First Lutheran will be giving the happy couple, please see Karen Kerfoot, June Heywood or Christine Neumann today.



CLWR Experience for Young Adults - Peru

In May 2013, Canadian Lutheran World Relief will take a group of young adults (ages 18-35) to Peru to experience its unique culture and see first-hand the development and environmental projects it supports on behalf of Lutherans in Canada. This Global Encounter experience will give participants the opportunity to witness work in which CLWR engages through its partner organization, Diaconia, as well as visit a Lutheran congregation, and cultural sites. For more information about how you can get involved, check out <http://www.clwr.org/Get-Involved/YouthGEPeru.htm> . **Deadline for applications is TOMORROW.**

Thanks be to God that Natalie Schreiber was spared serious injury in a car accident this past week. She did, however, break her foot and will require some assistance in getting around for a while. Please remember her in your prayers asking for a swift and complete recovery.

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.coldestnightoftheyear - 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 for further information.

Pastor Hergy is away in Edmonton today to attend tonight's ordination service of Jessie Pei as a deacon in the Anglican church. After a year of being a deacon, she may (if she wishes) be ordained an Anglican priest. Jessie was baptized by Pr. Hergy here at First Lutheran as an adult with Pr. Ann Strand serving as her sponsor. Within a year, she felt God calling her to ordained ministry, attended Vancouver School of Theology for a year before transferring to Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. Following a year of study there, she spent her internship year in Slave Lake, Alberta. She then took some time off to re-examine her call finally deciding to complete her seminary studies. Over the past several years, she has been working with an Anglican church in her newly-adopted hometown just outside of Edmonton, and will now be called to serve as a deacon in that local parish. First Lutheran supported her financially, prayerfully and emotionally throughout her journey of faith and, for that reason, council happily agreed to pay Pr. Hergy's fare to Edmonton this weekend to attend Jessie's ordination this evening at the Anglican Cathedral and to take First Lutheran's greetings and best wishes. Pr. Hergy will return from Edmonton tomorrow and be back in the office on Tuesday.

First Lutheran's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Friday, February 22. More information will be given in the weeks ahead. All those who have the responsibility of providing reports for the AGM booklet are to have those reports in to the church office by February 10.

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

Pacific Lutheran University's Choir of the West will be performing in Vancouver.

Friday, February 1st 7:30 pm
Ryerson United Church
2195 West 45th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6M 2J2
Free admission
(an offering will be taken)

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 donation box found in the narthex. Thank you!

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