



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## FEAST OF EPIPHANY JANUARY 6, 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*

Presider/Homilist	Pr. Hergy
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Lector	Heather Robbie Dennis Yonge
Acolytes	Jean-Pierre Bizimana Vedaste Niyonsaba
Ministry of Music Organist/Pianist	Rita Attrot
Gift Bearers	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Anderson
Communion Servers	Betty Anderson Mikhail Lennikov St. Thomas Representative St. Thomas Representative
Coffee Hour Hosts	
Altar Guild	
Offering Counters	Ernie Neumann 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.**

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY**  
*A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*  
**JANUARY 6, 2013**

*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**

*Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 301 *“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”* v. 3, women; v. 4, men

**GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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: Isaiah 60:1–6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Response:* Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON HYMN # 303 “Brightest and Best**

v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - unaccompanied

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1–12**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles —  
<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,  
<sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,  
<sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.  
<sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.  
<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;  
<sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Response:* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

# 307 “*Light Shone in Darkness*”

### GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honour a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

*Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# 715 “*Christ, Be Our 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

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*prayer over and for the gifts of field, vine and work*)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

**FRACTION** (*as the bread is broken*)

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

### SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER



*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

# 302 “*As with Gladness Men of Old*”

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

Let us pray. Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Saviour Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

# 302 *"This Little Light of Mine"*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

#### **This Week**

##### **Wednesday**

Council, 6:15 pm

##### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

##### **Next Sunday**

Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Baptism of Our Lord, 10:30 am

Our thanks to the good people of St. Thomas Anglican for coming to share our Epiphany worship. And thanks to their new interim priest, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt, for bringing us a word of good news - and to their parish musician, Rita Attrot, for leading our sung praise. All are invited to join in a potluck lunch downstairs where friendships are made and strengthened, food is shared and the Spirit is present.

#### **Family Ties that Bind:**

A six week program that explores defining a clearer self and creating healthier relationship using family systems theory.

6 Mondays, 7 - 9 pm  
January 14 - February 18, 2013

At Grace Lutheran Church  
7283 Nelson Ave, Burnaby

Cost: \$100 for six sessions.

Call to register: 604-926-5496 ext. 308

Congratulations to Venancia Nznziza and Louis Bizimana on the birth of their son, David, born on Boxing Day, December 26. The whole family is well.

Pr. Lori-Anne will be back in the office on Wednesday.

**Choir practice resumes  
on Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 pm.**

## **A Message from Jessie Pei**

Dear family and friends at First Lutheran,

Praise the Lord! In the season of Advent, good news has come to me that my ordination will be in the new year. (For those of you who are not familiar with the Anglican traditions, I will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon first. Sometime later, usually a year, there will be another ordination for priesthood.)

It's been a very long and hard journey. But, thanks be to God, Christ has never left me; and you, my family and friends have never abandoned me. Your love, support and prayers accompanied me to reach this point. I now courteously invite you (or inform you, in the case you are not able to travel) to my ordination on Sunday, Jan.27, at 7pm, at the All Saints' Cathedral in Edmonton.

Thank you.

Jessie Pei

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every Sunday at 10 :30 am through  
[www.firstlutheranvancouver.com](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com).**

**Welcome to join us online  
if you are unavailable to worship  
at church.**

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