



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 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 - 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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<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Diana Kuyer Jack Kuyer
<i>Anointers</i>	June Schramm Sandi Strate Stephen Holmes Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Diana Kuyer Jack Kuyer Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Deanna Wilson Julie Bauming
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris



<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.  
<sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."  
<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.  
<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart. **R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21**

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
<sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**LENTEN VERSE**

Turn back to the Lord, your God  
*(Sing before and after reading. All rise)*

*Vuel - va al Se - ñor, tu Dios, pues es com - pa -*  
Turn back . . . to the Lord, your God, who is

*si - vo y cle - men - te, len - to pa - ra la*  
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow . . . . . to . .

*i - ra y gran - de en su mi - se - ri - cor - dia.*  
an - ger and a - bound - ing in love and faith - ful - ness.

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.  
<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

**HOMILY** *(Silence for meditation follows)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 581 *“You Are Mine”*

**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 these words: “Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** *In Tears of Grief (St. Matthew Passion)* J.S. Bach

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** p. 107

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”**

p. 112



*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** # 602 *“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”*  
*O Lord, Whose Mercies* George Frederic Handel

**“NOW, LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT”** p. 113

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** # 697 *“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE** *O That I Had A Thousand Voices* Paul Manz

**AUGMENTING THE CHOIR  
FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

Having an augmented choir on Easter Sunday has become a tradition at First Lutheran. This is an invitation to those who enjoy singing but who are unable to make a commitment for several months of the year as our choir members do.

Rehearsals will take place from 7:30 to 8 pm on Thursday March 14th and a week later on March 21<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a short run through the anthem at 10 am on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to have the music before the first rehearsal, please speak to any member of the choir or Jeanette Price. You may also e mail Jeanette at [mjprice7@shaw.ca](mailto:mjprice7@shaw.ca)

Thank you.

**This Week**

**Wednesday**  
Council, 6:15 pm

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

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

Please be reminded that tonight's Taize Communion Service begins at 7 pm preceded by a potluck supper at 6 pm.

Sunday School will be on break starting next Sunday. Class will resume on April 7.

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

**OUR LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE**

- 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.

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

Bahman Zabeti (and his new wife arriving shortly from Iran) need a 1-bedroom apartment by mid-March. If you can help, please call Bahman 604-600-5707 or e-mail [bahzab@yahoo.com](mailto:bahzab@yahoo.com)

*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.**

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