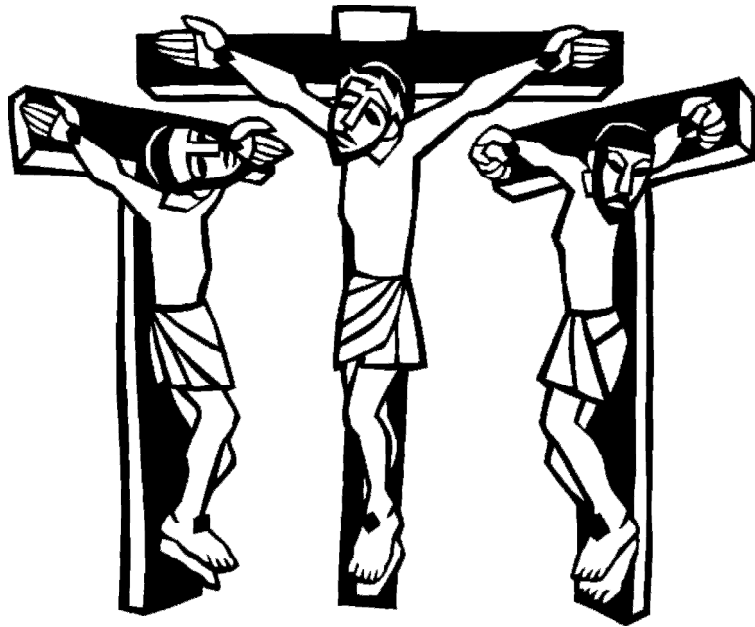




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 24, 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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**CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
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<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
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<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Julie Bauming
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Julie Bauming Christine Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Linda Collins Russell Collins
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov
<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 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.

CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 24, 2013
Now the Feast and Celebration

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

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

PRELUDE

Aria
At the Name of Jesus

Domenico Zipoli
Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God:
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

By the grace of God in Christ, whose life was lived to love us all,
our sins are forgiven and we are made free.
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" v. 3 - organ

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ,
the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

p. 3 (red folder)

"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to surrender to you is freedom, and to know your love is unending joy. We worship you, and we give you thanks for your great love. Abide with us, reign in us, and change this world with your divine love and your majestic mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

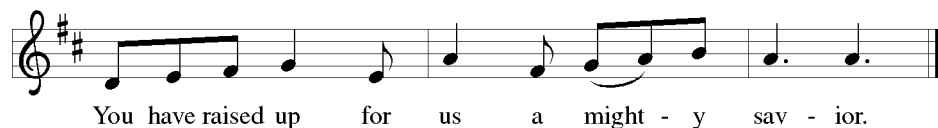
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Response after the reading:

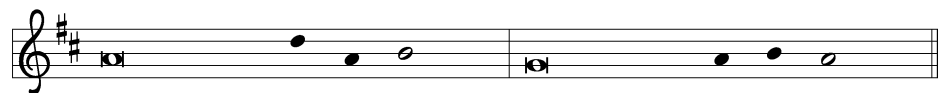
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Luke 1:68–79 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)
You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour. (Luke 1:69)

Refrain



Tone



⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹ God of Israel,
 you have come to your people and ¹ set them free.
⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a ¹ mighty Saviour,**
born of the house of your ¹ servant David. R
⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ¹ from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of ¹ all who hate us,
⁷²**to show mercy ¹ to our forebears, and to remember your ¹ holy covenant.**
⁷³This was the oath your swore to our ¹ father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our ¹ enemies,
free to worship you ¹ without fear,
⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹ of our life. R**
⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ¹ the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to pre- ¹ pare the way,
⁷⁷**to give his people knowledge ¹ of salvation by the forgiveness ¹ of their sins.**
⁷⁸In the tender compassion ¹ of our God the dawn from on high shall ¹ break upon us,
⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- ¹ ow of death,**
and to guide our feet into the ¹ way of peace. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11–20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have

redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“He Is King of Kings”

Spiritual

GOSPEL VERSE (sing before and after the reading)

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL: Luke 23:33–43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

HOMILY (Silence for meditation follows)

HYMN OF THE DAY

616 “Jesus, Remember Me.” (sung 4 times)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Loving God, **Hear our prayer.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Soon and Very Soon* arr. Joel Raney

"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" *(All rise)* p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 9

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)*

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 12

LORD'S PRAYER

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

**For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Amen.**

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

"LAMB OF GOD" p. 11

It is Christ who invites all 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. All are welcome to the table of grace! Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 849 **"Yours, Lord, Is the Glory"**
O Bread of Life from Heaven arr. J. S Bach

"THANKS BE TO YOU" *(All rise)* p. 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING p. 15

SENDING HYMN # 569 **"The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"**
v. 4 -unaccompanied

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

With Advent starting the first week of December, we are again in need of anointers on three Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15. If you are willing and able to help, please indicate your availability on December worship leader sign up sheet posted in the narthex, or let the office know. More info and assistance is available upon request.

Please keep in mind that many people react to scents such as those in perfumes, colognes and strong soaps. Your help in reducing the use of scented personal products at church will ensure that services are comfortable for everyone. With thanks from Church Council.

This Week

Today

Potluck, 5:30 pm
Coffee House, 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am
Listening Retreat, 1:30-3:30 pm

Next Sunday

Advent I, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Advent Evening Service, 6:30 pm

TONIGHT

FIRST LUTHERAN COFFEE HOUSE
Potluck 5:30
Coffee House 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Next Sunday, December 1, Bishop Greg Mohr will preside at worship. After the service, Bishop Greg will give a **presentation** about the **BC Synod Congregational Renewal Initiative**. We will discern as a congregation if this is the right time to enter into this renewal process.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2013
10:45 AM-11:10AM

DECEMBER 1
DECEMBER 15
DECEMBER 22 - SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTS IN SERVICE

Psalms Study Schedule

Nov 30 Psalms 31-35
Dec 7 Psalms 36-40
Dec 14 Psalms 41-45
Dec 21/Dec 28 CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Presents

Love for LUMS 2013

A Fundraising Concert
for Lutheran Urban Mission Society

Featuring

Sea To Sky Wind Ensemble Tak Maeda, conductor

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
OLD BRENTON CAROL
And more!

Tuesday, December 10th 7:30pm
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
1700 Mountain Highway, North Vancouver

Admission by Donation

Youth Bowling

Venue: Town and Country Bowling
745 SE Marine Drive
604-325-2695
Date: December 7
Time: Meeting at FLC at 3:15 pm
Game from 4 - 5 pm

Transportation will be provided. The cost of one game will be covered. Please contact Felix Opoku if you are interested in joining. King_felix_@hotmail.com or 778-709-4483.

Dear Pastor Lori-Anne,

I would like to invite you and members of your congregation to attend the Metro Vancouver Alliance 'Listening Check-In Meeting' as observers. It is being held December 3, 2013 at the VCC Broadway Campus. Over the past few months MVA member organizations have been talking to each other in one-to-one meetings and small groups to surface the issues they care most about. On December 3rd all of our member groups will gather to talk about their experience so far. As observers, you will get greater insight into MVA and what this broad based organizing is all about in our area. The ideas that arise from the listening campaign will form the MVA's public agenda when we launch in March 2014. We would value your participation as we begin to identify our shared concerns.

The meeting will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 pm Vancouver Community College, Broadway Campus, North Building 1120 East 7th Avenue Vancouver.

Warm regards,

The Rev. Margaret Marquardt
Parish Priest, St. Thomas Anglican Church
(member organization of MVA)

If you are interested in attending this MVA meeting, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne within the next week.

On **Sunday, December 8, Dr. Fikre Tsehai**, a member of FLC, will give a **presentation on Canadian Lutheran World Relief** during the service.

On **Saturday, December 14**, Pr Lori-Anne will facilitate a study session on **Mining and Water** on **Saturday** from **1:30pm-3:30pm** at FLC in the lower level.

On **Friday, December 20**, beginning at **7pm**, First Lutheran will host a **Benefit Concert in support of Mikhail Lennikov**. This concert will have a mix of various musical styles. It will feature accomplished performers within our community, including Peter Rohloff's classical string quartet playing music by Haydn and, together with Mikhail, by Shostakovich. Please show your support for our unforgotten one who is living in sanctuary.

On **Sunday, December 22**, we will have our first **community potluck dinner** from **5-6pm** with the **Chinese Methodist congregation** worshipping in our building. Our neighbouring community will also be invited to join us in this feast.

Christmas will be a very exciting time at First Lutheran. To increase our outreach, two **Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Services** on Tuesday **December 24**, will be held at **4:30pm and 7:30pm**. On Wednesday **December 25**, our **Christmas Day Service**, will begin at **10:30am**.

Listening Retreat, November 30
Lower level at FLC
1:30 - 3:30 pm

This year is especially designed as a *'Year of Listening,'* and all members and friends of First Lutheran are invited to attend our *'Listening Retreat.'* This will be a time specifically aimed at helping us learn how to listen mindfully to one another, to strengthen the relationships within our congregation, and to help us hear the dreams of our hearts both individually and collectively. In so doing, we will be better equipped to plan our future together as a community, to identify the issues we care about most, to find and to develop leadership to work with those both within and outside of our congregation. This will give us key building blocks to connect, to network, and to develop strategies for our future.

Your presence at this retreat is not only highly valued, but it is needed, as we cannot, as a community, plan our future together without first listening to our voices, identifying our needs, and hearing our dreams for the future. Please seriously consider attending this retreat, specifically designed to provide the space to listen to your own voice, to the voices of friends and members within our community, and to the voice of God living in our midst.

Our *'Listening Retreat'* will be led by **Deborah Littman**, who is the lead organizer of **Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)**, which is a broad-based alliance of community, labour, faith, and educational institutions working together for the common good. *The purpose of MVA is to help strengthen our organizations, to help develop stronger leadership, and to help groups of various backgrounds collaborate, identify common desires, and work together towards a common good.* Listening campaigns are an essential practice of MVA, as *we cannot work towards change without first identifying the needs most prevalent in our lives.* However, what is unique about MVA, is that members discover how much we all have in common regardless of our differences, and we are liberated to identify what we are willing to do together to effect positive change in our society. After our Listening Retreat, we will discern as a congregation to become a participant member of MVA.

Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex if you are able to participate.

We will continue with the tradition of sharing the **Feast Day of Epiphany** on **January 5**, with **St Thomas Anglican Church**. Worship this year will begin at **10am, held at St Thomas** on 41st Ave & St Margarets St.

A message from Jessie Pei

Dear friends,

On the Eve of Epiphany, Sunday, January 5th at 3:00 p.m. I will be ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton. God has faithfully walked with me for another year. Now He is going to start a whole new chapter in my life. At this very special moment, I thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, and supports in every way. And I would like to invite you to my ordination if time works out for you.

In Christ,

Jessie Pei

Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm

or

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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