



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2014

**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

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
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<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Ingrid Anderson Jackie Cleroux
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Sylvia Harris Lanny Harris Jackie Cleroux John Morley
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Linda Collins Russell Collins
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<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.

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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

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

PRELUDE	<i>Preludio</i>	Ancangelo Correlli
	<i>Michael</i>	Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 757 *“All My Hope on God Is Founded”*

GREETING AND KYRIE p. 3 (red folder)

“NOW THE FEAST” p. 4

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

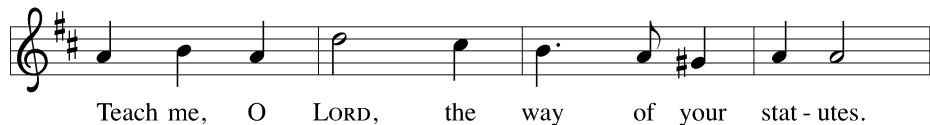
¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

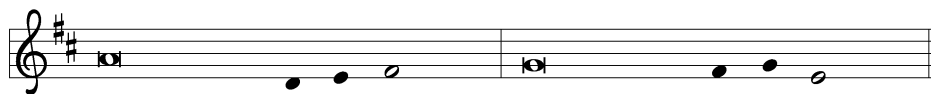
PSALM 119:33–40 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes. (Ps. 119:33)

Refrain



Tone



³³Teach me, O LORD, the way¹ of your statutes,
and I shall keep it¹ to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall¹ keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with¹ all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of ¹ your commandments,
 for that is ¹ my desire.
³⁶**Incline my heart to ¹ your decrees
 and not to ¹ unjust gain. R**
³⁷Turn my eyes from be- ¹ holding falsehood;
 give me life ¹ in your way.
³⁸**Fulfill your promise ¹ to your servant,
 which is for ¹ those who fear you.**
³⁹Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
 because your judg- ¹ ments are good.
⁴⁰**Behold, I long for ¹ your commandments;
 by your righteousness en- ¹ liven me. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

²⁰and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **"Alleluia"** p. 7

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38–48

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

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

³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 358 "*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Gracious God, hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Hyfrydol

Jonathan Reuss

"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT" (*All rise*)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

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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 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. Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION **# 695 “As Saints of Old”**
St. Columba Robert Hobby

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)* p. 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING p. 15

SENDING HYMN **# 434 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

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

POSTLUDE *Prelude in C* J. S. Bach

This Week

Today

Living in the Light of Christ
Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Mutual Ministry Committee, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Annual General Meeting Potluck, 6:15 pm
Business Meeting, 7 pm

Saturday

Psalm Study, 11 am
Young Adult Group, 6:30 pm
Cedar Cottage Neighborhood Pub
(3728 Clark Drive)

Next Sunday

Transfiguration, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Fat Sunday Sing-Along, 6 pm

7-9 PM, March 19, 2014, MVA Founding Assembly

Maritime Labour Centre
1880 Triumph St, Vancouver
(near Commercial and Hastings)

Organizing for Action

On March 19, 2014, representatives of MVA's 36 member organizations, representing over 200,000 people from across Vancouver, will meet to publicly celebrate the founding of Metro Vancouver Alliance. **Please come and be part of this exciting, powerful new organization, working together to bring real change to our city.**

Psalms Study Schedule

Mar 1 Psalm 76-80
Mar 8 Psalms 81-85
Mar 15 Psalms 86-90
Mar 22 Psalms 91-95

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014 10:45 AM-11:10AM

March 2, 16 & 30
April 13 & 27
May 11 & 25
June 8 & 22

FAT SUNDAY!?!

In place of an evening service, we will have the "Fat Sunday" evening Sing Along next Sunday, beginning at 6 pm. Please bring a snack and/or a beverage to share. All are welcome!

SUMS is currently recruiting new board members. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

Young Adult Group will meet this Saturday, 6:30 pm at Cedar Cottage Neighborhood Pub, 3728 Clark Drive.

First Lutheran's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Friday, February 28. Potluck dinner will start at 6:15 pm on the lower level and business meeting at 7 pm.

Metro Vancouver Alliance Team-Volunteers are to meet today during the Coffee Hour.

WON BY ONE

So you want to share your faith with others in response to Jesus command to go and make disciples of all people, but you are not confident how to do it. This course is offered to help you, help others come to faith, with sensitivity and integrity.

Pastor Adolf Manz will lead the study.

WON BY ONE is a one hour 13 session course in friendship evangelism. It is a practical guide to help you share your faith with friends and others you know, written by Geoffrey Willis, printed by The Bible Reading Fellowship.

The sessions have three phases:

I - Do you have faith worth sharing? A look at the content of the Christian message.

- 1 Mission impossible
- 2 A shrunken gospel
- 3 His-story
- 4 Our story
- 5 A credible faith: dealing with doubt

II - Do you have a friend worth sharing it with? Think about people you know and how you may play a part in helping them discover faith.

- 6 Come and see
- 7 How do people find faith?
- 8 Applying the good news
- 9 Do you have a friend?

III - How do we do it? Putting what is learned into action.

- 10 Getting a friend and faith together
- 11 A step by step guide
- 12 Opening doors to church
- 13 Home: a half-way house

Won By One is offered at First Lutheran on ***Saturdays at 1:30pm*** in the lower level fellowship hall. You'll need a Bible, pen and paper. **Sessions begin on: March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14. Please register by March 3rd** on the sign-up sheet in the entry, by phone 604 327 3764, or by email adolfmanz@shaw. You are welcome.

**First Lutheran Church
Epiphany Evening Services**

**Living in the Light of Christ
6:30 pm, February 23**

Coffee and Refreshments provided
after the services

Lent will begin with **Ash Wednesday, on March 5th**. **St Thomas Anglican Church** will have two Ash Wednesdays services, at **10am** and **7pm** for those desiring a mid-week service.

On **March 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm** First Lutheran Church will host a Spring Benefit Concert '**Vendredi Gras**' with a light reception thereafter. The proceeds will be split between FLC Legal and General Expenses Funds. The event is being organized by our church in collaboration with the Vancouver musician Emidio Serrambana, a prominent member of the Lower Mainland Portuguese community.

Donation of bulbs for the gardens is appreciated. Please contact Wayne Wong if you have any questions.

Our coffee supply for fellowship after service is running low. If you are willing to donate a pound or two, it will be greatly helpful and much appreciated.

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