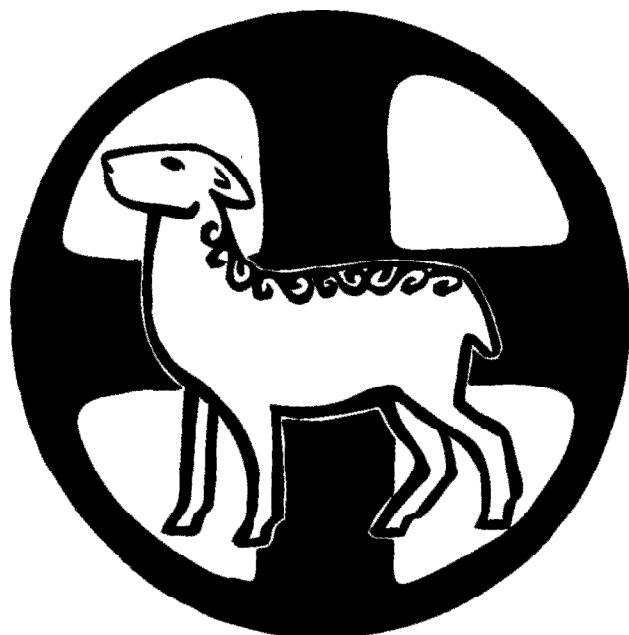




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 19, 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 Boutian-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann Mikhail Lennikov June Schramm Julie Bauming
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Fred Batscheider Cheri Ditsche
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley Frank Filippelli

If you would 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 would 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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Holy Communion, Setting One

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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

*Peace Be With You
Prelude on "Union Seminary"*

Garth Edmundson
Paul Manz

GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN

314 *"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"*

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —

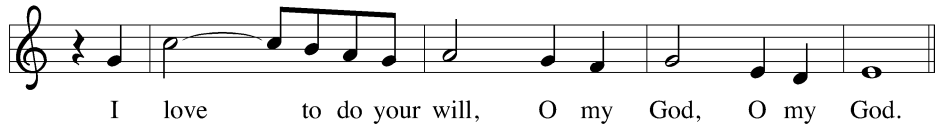
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

PSALM 40:1-11 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)
I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

Refrain



Tone



¹I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
 who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!**
They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies. R

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!
 In your plans for us, none can be com-¹ pared with you!
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
 But they are more than¹ I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;**
you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required. R

⁷And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.
 In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me:

⁸**"I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
 your law is¹ deep within me."**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
 I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**
I have spoken of your faithfulness and¹ your deliverance;
**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth
 from the¹ great assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas-¹ sion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
 called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given
 you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge
 of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that
 you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
 Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
 Christ our Lord.

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

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GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who
 takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks
 ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with
 water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit
 descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but
 the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend
 and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have
 testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched
 Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him
 say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to
 them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),
 "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was
 staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One

of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

HOMILY *(Silence for meditation follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 341 *“Now Behold the Lamb”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Gracious and loving God: Hear our prayer.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Jack Schrader

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sung prayer over the gifts) p. 108

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112

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 # 312 *“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”*
Be Thou But Near Johann Sebastian Bach

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E. Minor* Johann Pachelbel

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. All those who have the responsibility of providing reports for the AGM booklet are to have those reports in to the church office by January 31.

St. Thomas Anglican Church
Biblical Interpretation
led by Rev. Ron Wickens
February 8, 2014
5 pm, Potluck Dinner
6-7:15 pm, Study Session
Lower Church Hall
2444 E 41st Avenue, Vancouver
604-434-6111

Come and join Vancouver Christians in an ecumenical prayer service tonight at 7 pm at First Lutheran Church!

If you have not yet received your offering envelopes of 2014, please contact Sylvia Harris at 604-736-7073.

Question of the month

What are the pressures on you, your family and your community?

Please take the time this month to share your thoughts with others in our community both verbally and in written form. The answers will be presented at the upcoming Metro Vancouver Alliance meeting on January 27.

The council meeting minutes are now available for congregation to read. They will be posted in the narthex on a monthly basis.

A DVD of the Christmas concert is available by request. Please contact Mikhail or the office for a copy. A good will donation for the general expenses will be appreciated.

This Week

Today

Ecumenical Evening Service, 7 pm
(See announcement elsewhere)

Wednesday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Thursday

Ministerial at Good Shepherd, 10 am
Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am
Youth Movie Afternoon, 3-5:30 pm

Next Sunday

Epiphany 3, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Living in the Light of Christ
Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Psalms Study Schedule

Jan 25 Psalms 56-60
Feb 1 Psalms 61-65
Feb 8 No Study
Feb 15 Psalms 66-70
Feb 22 Psalms 71-75

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

January 26
February 2 & 16
March 2, 16 & 30

Youth Movie Afternoon!
3 - 5:30 pm, January 25
Lower level at FLC

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in January today after worship.

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RESULTS OF OUR LISTENING RETREAT

On **November 30, 2013**, all members and friends of First Lutheran were invited to attend our *'Listening Retreat'* directed by **Deborah Littman**, who is the lead organizer of **Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA)**, a broad-based alliance of community, labour, faith, and educational institutions. **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 with others towards a common good.**

This was a time specifically aimed at helping us to listen mindfully to one another, to strengthen the relationships within our congregation, and to hear the dreams of our hearts both individually and collectively. The listening retreat provided the space to connect one-to-one, in table groups, and in a large group format. We were able to identify some of the issues we care about most: **building a networking structure to better serve members within our congregation, providing various entry-points and connecting points (small group activities, outreach activities) within our congregational life, and the concern of finances within our congregation.**

At the last council meeting on **December 4, 2013**, our council voted in favour to become **members of MVA**. As members, we will have the opportunity to develop leadership, learning new strategies to connect, to network, and to listen to the voices within our congregation, and to develop new goals that we can enact within the near future. As members of MVA, we will learn new ways to strengthen our own internal structure, as well as being provided with a structure to relate and work with people from other institutions.

We are currently asking members within our congregation who are interested to join in the upcoming MVA events, and to serve as a delegate from First Lutheran. On Monday, January 27, 2014, from 7-9pm, MVA will launch its 'kick-off' meeting, and delegates from each institution will present issues of primary importance in order to develop strategies to work towards the common good. **Please contact Pr Lori-Anne if you are interested and willing to partake in this exciting event geared towards connecting with others from various backgrounds within our city.**

The answer from our question this month, **"What are the pressure on you, your family and your community?"**, will be brought forth in this MVA dialogue. If you are able, please take the time to answer and submit this question in our answer box, to dialogue with others at coffee time and to hear the answers of others to this question as well.

Our prayers are with Pastor Brian Heinrich and Pastor Matthew Senf and all of the friends and volunteers who were involved with LUMS. Please read the enclosed letter regarding the closure of LUMS ministry.

Dear Friends of The Lutheran Urban Mission Society

It is with great sadness and deep regret that the LUMS Board of Directors announces the closing of the Lutheran Urban Mission at 360 N. Jackson Street in the Downtown East Side of Vancouver effective December 31, 2013.

Pastor Brian started his ministry in the shelters and soup kitchens of New York at a time when many people were appearing in epidemic proportions with a new and troubling ailment - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. They had Human Immuno-suppressant Virus, and they became the new lepers of this age. Scorned and shunned, these people instantly became the untouchables of North America, abandoned to the scrap heap. But Brian devoted himself to the care of these, and other, discarded people during his time in New York. When he returned to Vancouver, Brian was instrumental in the development of the Lutheran Urban Mission Society.

LUMS was born twenty-one years ago and has operated on the financial edge ever since, serving the DTES faithfully, through thick and thin. That journey has never been easy, but ultimately it was richly rewarding for the people involved, and a vital lifeline for those who were served.

But most recently, despite our appeal to the Lutheran congregations earlier this year to join us in discerning a vision for the future of LUMS, we of LUMS present Board have found no one to forge a new path with. Donations have diminished and the Society has exhausted all its cash reserves. Seeing no responsible financial alternatives, we must close the Mission and release Pastor Brian.

Pastor Brian has been the mainstay of LUMS and the strength of many in this area; he is always there for whoever cries out for help. Many others would have seen nothing but a hopeless task in trying to help the poor, the drug addicts, the alcoholics, the prostitutes, the mentally ill, the sick and injured, the down and out, the homeless, and those who have lost all hope, but Brian has given help and hope to all those whom others had turned their backs on. Brian's loving kindness has shone forth selflessly every day for twenty-one years. Brian Heinrich has lived his life solely for the betterment of those whom society has abandoned, and he now enters a new phase of his life. He will be sorely missed by everyone at LUMS. Thank you, Pastor Brian!

Without the faithful giving, volunteering, and sacrifice of countless individuals, of the Lutheran congregations, and of the Anglican Parishes over the last many, many years it would have been impossible for this unique ministry to have taken place. The current Board of LUMS thanks you on behalf of all those who have served at LUMS, and of all those who have been served by LUMS. Not one shred of this amazing ministry would have been possible without your love and faithful support.

Thank you.

Darcy Olson, Chair of LUMS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
WEEK OF
PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN
UNITY

Come and join
Vancouver Christians
in an ecumenical
prayer service

Has Christ
been divided?
(1 Corinthians 1:13)

JAN 18-25
2014

Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm
First Lutheran Church,
5745 Wales Street, Vancouver

Refreshments to follow in the Church's hall
More info: Marjeta Bobnar at 604-468-2871