



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 16, 2014**

**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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**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 Two*

*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**

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

**PRELUDE**

*There in God's Garden*  
*Panis Angelicus*

David Cherwien  
Cesar Franck

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbours,  
and in toward ourselves.**

**We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships.**

**We have trusted ourselves most of all.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame.**

**Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear for yourselves:  
There is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
In the waters of baptism  
grace abounds for you and for all.  
God turns to you in love  
and puts away every sin,  
every wrong turn,  
for the sake of + Jesus,  
the one God sent to save the world.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 334 *“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”* vv.1, 2, 3 & Lent 2

**GREETING AND KYRIE** p. 120

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (*Children leave for Sunday School after the message*)

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1–4a**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

**PSALM 121** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)*

*Refrain*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
my help comes from the Lord.

*Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup>to the hills;  
from where is my <sup>1</sup>help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>1</sup>from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup>en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup>foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup>fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum- <sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep; R**
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches <sup>1</sup>over you;  
the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup>your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>1</sup>you by day,  
nor the <sup>1</sup>moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup>from all evil  
and will <sup>1</sup>keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your <sup>1</sup>coming in,  
from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup>evermore. R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

<sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**LENTEN VERSE**

*LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE  
(Sing before and after reading. All rise)*

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**GOSPEL: John 3:1–17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 447 **“O Blessed Spring”**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:* “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Ave Verum* W. A. Mozart

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”** p. 130

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 135

*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**    # 638   *“Blessed Assurance”*  
*God’s Time Is Best*

J. S. Bach

**“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO”** (*All rise*)

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God of mercy, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are *sick, homebound, or imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    # 323   *“God Loved the World”*

**DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace, for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in E Minor*

J. S. Bach

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Question of March

***What change would you like to see in your city or your local community?***

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Parish Care Centre Society will hold its Annual General Meeting after the worship today in the lower level.



## **This Week**

### **Today**

Sunday School, 10:45 am  
PCC AGM, lower level after worship  
Taize Lenten Evening Service, 6: 30 pm

### **Wednesday**

MVA Founding Assembly, 7-9 pm  
(see announcement below)

### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

### **Saturday**

Psalm Study, 11 am  
Won By One study session, 1:30 pm

### **Next Sunday**

Lent 3, 10:30 am  
*A Life of Change*  
Taize Lenten Evening Service, 6: 30 pm

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Our prayers and condolences are with Pr. Lori-Anne and her family on the death of her grandmother, Yolande Theoret, this past Monday. Pr. Lori-Anne will return from Saskatoon this Wednesday. *“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”*

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Our thanks to Pr. Sylvia Schmidt for filling in for Pr. Lori-Anne and leading the worship this morning.

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Please submit your completed Easter Lily Memorial Fund form to the counters.

## **Psalms Study Schedule**

**Mar 22 Psalms 91-95**  
**Mar 29 Psalms 96-100**  
**Apr 5 Psalms 101-105**  
**Apr 12 Psalms 106-110**  
**Apr 19/Apr 26 EASTER BREAK**  
**NO CLASSES**

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

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

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

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## **Lenten Centering Prayer**

**Wednesdays, 7-8:15 pm**

**Sanctuary of FLC**

**March 12-April 19**

**(No meeting on March 19)**

Looking for a time of quiet, stillness, and reflection? Need a time to shut out the noise of the world and hear God within your heart and life? Join us for prayer and come just as you are.

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

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

A big thank you to all those who signed up to attend the MVA Founding Assembly. We now have 27 supporters to represent FLC congregation on March 19!

Please be reminded that between 5:30 and 6:00pm on March 19<sup>th</sup> those who wish to, can meet at the church to eat a sandwich/pizza, and get a ride or share a ride to the Maritime Labour Centre (1880 Triumph Street). Thank you for your support.

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**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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