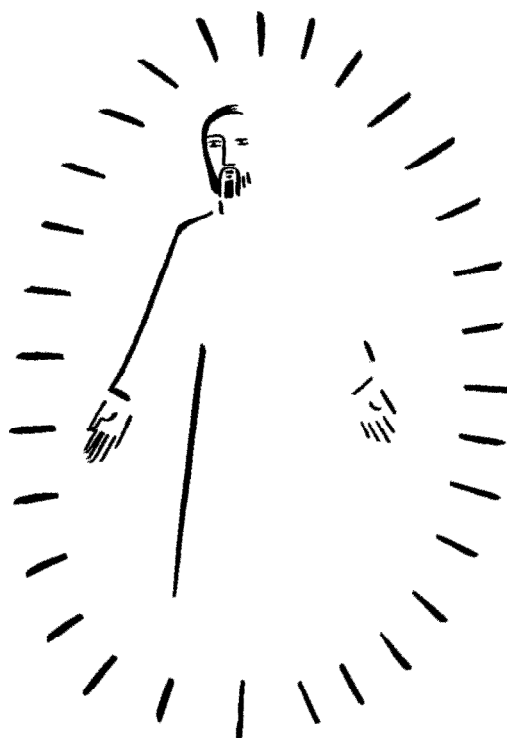




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 2, 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>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Janet Filippelli
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Ernie Neumann Eulalie Niyungeko June Schramm Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Harvey Wagner Lanny Harris Sylvia Harris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann 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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Beautiful Saviour*

Paul Manz
Robert Hobby

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

316 "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

GREETING AND KYRIE

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"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Living God, you come to us as One who is both known and unknown just as you came to your people throughout the ages. Bring us to enjoy the fullness of your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Glorious Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12–18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM 99 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

Refrain

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;
wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

Tone

¹The LORD is king; let the ¹people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹the earth shake.

²The LORD, ¹great in Zion,
is high a- ¹bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
 God is the ¹ Holy One.
⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es-¹ tablished equity;
 you have executed justice and righteous-¹ ness in Jacob. R**
⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
 and fall down be-¹ fore God's footstool; God is the ¹ Holy One.
⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon your ¹ name, O LORD,
 they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,**
⁷you spoke to them out of the pil-¹ lar of cloud;
 they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.
⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their ¹ evil deeds.**
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One. R

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 737 "*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Light: Shine upon us."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Holy God, Holy and Glorious

Anne Krentz Organ

"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 **# 315 “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”**
Sanctus Charles Gounod

“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 **# 866 “We Are Marching in the Light”**

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

POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* Don Hustad

This Week

Today

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

Ash Wednesday

Morning service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Evening service at St. Thomas, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Benefit Concert, 7 pm

Saturday

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

Next Sunday

Lent 1, 10:30 am
A Life of Change
Taize Lenten Evening Service, 6: 30 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. Please note your attendance in the narthex.**

Psalms Study Schedule

Mar 8 Psalms 81-85
Mar 15 Psalms 86-90
Mar 22 Psalms 91-95
Mar 29 Psalms 96-100

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

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

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.

Name Tag Day Today!

There will be blank tags available at the door and downstairs. All are invited to wear a name tag upon arrival at church.

Question of March: ***What change would you like to see in your city or your local community?***

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.

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 tomorrow, March 3rd** on the sign-up sheet in the entry, by phone 604 327 3764, or by email adolfmanz@shaw.ca. You are welcome.



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.

FAT SUNDAY!?!

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

Congratulations to Rachel Neumann, Jason and Isabelle Markle on the birth of their new family member, Oliver James Markle, born on February 25. Congratulations also to Ernie and Christine Neumann on their second grandchild, and to Jackie Cleroux, now a proud great-grandmother of 2 lovely children.



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