



125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2015

**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 people 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 Rev. Michael Batten
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Celly Manirakoze
<i>Lectors</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Guest Pianist</i>	Kathryn Roller
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Musicians & Singers</i>	Evening service team
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Felix Opoku Julie Bauming
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karl Van Spronsen Julie Bauming Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	125th Anniversary Potluck Lunch
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Betty Wong Wayne Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

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A LITURGY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?”

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Sinfonia (from “Solomon”)

Paul Manz
George Frederic Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 526 *“God Is Here!”* (Please rise)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and our passion for mission in this world. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Denise Pawliuk, Director of FLC Sunday School

PSALM 16 *The Brevity of Life*
(read responsively; congregation read the bold)

Translated by James Taylor

Life is short, Lord.

Like a breath in the night, it sinks into silence.

Human relationships all pass away;

we cannot always count on them for comfort in old age.

Only you, God, are forever.

Why should I put anything else first in my life?

Many people claim to put you first,

but they chase riches and popularity, privilege and power.

I say that there is nothing in life but God.

You are all anyone needs.

In the silence of the night, I listen for the breath of God;

in the bedlam of a busy day, I wait for whispers of wisdom.

I keep my mind on God.

You surround me like the air I breathe;

you buoy me up like water.

Even in a time of loss, I raise my arms to your embrace;

my heart rests easy.

For you are a loving God.

Though our lives end, we do not vanish into a lifeless void.

You gather us into your eternal warmth,

where we will enjoy the endless sunshine of your love.

HYMN *“Amazing Grace”* (My Chains Are Gone)
Led by Evening Worship Team

Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed

CHORUS

9 CHORUS

2.

C/F F F/A B \flat

I first be-lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

12 F/A B \flat /D F/C F/A

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a

15 B \flat F/A Gm⁷ C⁷

flood His mer - cy rains, un-end - ing love, a-maz - ing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures **CHORUS**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
 But God, Who called me here below, will be forever mine. (x3)

READING: Hebrews 10:11-25 (adapted from Eugene Peterson's, *The Message*) Led by FLC Youth

Every priest goes to work at the altar each day, offers the same old sacrifices year in, year out, and never makes a dent in the sin problem. As a priest, Christ made a single sacrifice for sins, and that was it! Then he sat down right beside God and waited for his enemies to cave in. It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, Jesus did everything that needed to be done for everyone in this purifying process. The Holy Spirit confirms this:

**“This new plan I’m making with my people isn’t going to be written on paper,
 isn’t going to be chiseled in stone;
 This time, “I’m writing out the plan *in* them,
 carving it on the lining of their hearts, and stamping it on their minds...
 I’ll forever wipe the slate clean of their sins.”**

Once sins are taken care of for good, there’s no longer any need to offer sacrifices for them.

So, friends, we can now—without hesitation—walk right up to God, into ‘the Holy Place.’ Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of his sacrifice, acting as our priest before God. The ‘curtain’ into God’s presence is Jesus’ body.

So let’s do it—full of belief, confident that we’re presentable inside and out. Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps God’s word. Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Will Sing Praise

Joseph M. Martin

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung twice before and after reading. Please rise*)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 765 *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Let us pray”,
and all will respond by singing **“Lord, listen to your children pray”**.

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may greet one another saying, "Peace be with you".

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Polonaise In A Major* Frederic Chopin

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. As part of our celebration of FLC's 125th Anniversary, we invite you to make an additional family donation of \$125 this Sunday. 50% of the fund raised will be directed to SUMS and the other half goes to FLC building fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward. After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER (Please rise)

Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*Prayer over the gifts*)

In the night of his offering, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:

"Take, and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new covenant in my blood.

It is poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

We thank You, God of Abundant Love, for these gifts given in love for us.

Accept us, forgive us, heal us, and free us to live abundant lives, renewed with hope.

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 *(as the bread is broken)*

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

*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. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

HYMNS DURING THE MEAL # 773 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

459 *“Wade In the Water”* (led by Evening service team)

642 *Ubi Caritas et Amor* (repeat) Taize

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Please rise)

Let us pray. **Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by your life-giving love, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”* Peter C. Lutkin

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Creator, +Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 859 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccatà in De Minor BWV 565* Johann Sebastian Bach

This Week

Today

Evening service, 5:30 pm
"Welcoming Peace"

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Ministerial at Oakridge Lutheran
10 am study; 11 am service followed by
Noon presentation on Gospel of Luke
MVA seminar: Habit of Action, 7 pm
(See announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

Bible study on Ephesians, 9:30 am
Christ the King, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
"Welcoming Peace" evening service, 5:30 pm

Thank you for coming to our service this morning. A special thank you for the support of our friends from St. Thomas Anglican Church worshipping with us today. Everyone is invited to partake in the potluck lunch on the lower level to celebrate First Lutheran's 125th anniversary.

Confirmation class 2015, 4:30 pm

November 22 December 13

Students and families are enthusiastically invited to stay for the evening service as part of formation.

Adult Study Group will meet on **Nov 29**. The Adult Study will explore a series called "Animate Faith". **The upcoming topic for Adult Study is "GOD | Faith is a quest."** See bulletin board in the narthex for more details.



**Christmas Bazaar
at St. Thomas
Anglican Church**

Saturday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Thomas Anglican Church
2444 East 41st Ave, Vancouver
(at St. Margaret's Street)

A wide range of Christmas items, stocking stuffers, gifts and crafts, pet gifts, gourmet jams, jellies and pickles, home baking, jewelry, knitting, raffle baskets, "new to you" items, refreshments and more.



**"Welcoming Peace" evening service
5:30 pm on Sundays**

November 15, 22

Advent Evening service starts at 5:30 pm
"Waiting in the Darkness"

November 29

December 6, 13, 20

No service on Dec 27 and January 3, 2016.

Introducing the Metro Vancouver Alliance Seminar Series

A space to stretch your brain! For those who want to dig a little deeper into the ideas that sustain our work, we'll gather in small groups to discuss readings and events broadly relevant to our goals. Our facilitator is Deb Cameron-Fawkes, an MVA Board member and part of the Leadership Training team. Deb is a theologian and preacher, and also a union steward with the United Food and Commercial Workers.

Our first read is **Going Public: An Organizer's Guide to Citizen Action** by **Michael Gecan**, Anchor Books, 2004. Copies are available for purchase through the MVA office.

Dates:

Nov 12, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Relating
Nov 19, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Action
Nov 26, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Organization
Dec 3, 7-8:30pm: The Habit of Reflection

Please RSVP to MVAseminar@shaw.ca <<mailto:MVAseminar@shaw.ca>> or at the website <http://www.metvanalliance.org/mva_seminar_series_relating> for our host's downtown address and directions. You need not attend all four sessions, but registration is required as space is limited.

Sunday School 2015 last session:

November 22
January 10, 24

50 Plus Group Grey Cup Party

3 pm, November 29

Michael Ray's residence
(206-612 Fifth Ave, New Westminster)

Come and join Vancouver Christian at
Ecumenical Advent Service

December 6 at 3 pm

St. David's United Church
(1525 Taylor Way, West Vancouver;
exit Taylor Way from Upper Level HWY)

More info: 604-922-2680
admin@stdavidsunited.com
Donations are deeply appreciated.

Proceeds will be donated to Syrian refugees.

JOINT ST THOMAS/FIRST LUTHERAN
ADVENT STUDY:
"THE FEMININE FACE OF GOD"

DECEMBER 2 and 9, 7:30 - 9 pm
at First Lutheran Church

How do we understand and conceptualize God? Is there room in our faith to see and imagine God as feminine?

This short study will provide the space to reflect upon our conceptualization of God and humanity, and will open up our understanding of the Divine based upon our scriptures and liturgical tradition.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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We give thanks to you for the members and ministry of First Lutheran and St. Thomas Anglican: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God’s saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

For stars and planets, black holes, and all the wonders of the universe; for astronomers and aerospace engineers; for science teachers and curious students; for the renewal of all creation. Let us pray. **Sing...**

For political refugees and all who seek asylum; for war-torn nations and our global neighbours accustomed to the sound of bombs and gunfire and division, and for the peace of all nations, and for peace within our community. Let us pray. **Sing...**

For new parents and grandparents; for families grieving a miscarriage; for foster parents and homeless youth; for families living with domestic violence; for the newly married, recently divorced, and happily single. For the family, friends, caring for those with illness, and for all who mourn and suffer, especially those whom we name now aloud or silently in our hearts... Let us pray. **Sing...**

In thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now sing your glory, especially those whom we now name aloud and silently in our hearts... Let us pray. **Sing...**

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**