



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 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
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John Morley Ingrid Tymm
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	John Morley Ingrid Tymm Janet Ray Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

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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

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PRELUDE

*At the Name of Jesus
Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Michael Burkhardt
Jonathan Reuss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 416 *"At the Name of Jesus"*

GREETING AND KYRIE

p. 2-3 (red folder)

"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Response: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **"Alleluia"** p. 8

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

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

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 844 **“Praise to the Lord”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Arabesque No. 1* Claude Debussy

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” (*All rise*) p. 10

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11-12

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

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.**

“LAMB OF GOD”

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*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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 821 “Shout to the Lord”

Sanctus (German Mass)

Franz Schubert

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (All rise)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN # 842 “Oh, Worship the King” v. 2, women; v.3, men; v.4, organ.

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

POSTLUDE

Hanover

Robert Hobby

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
“Welcoming Peace” evening service, 5:30 pm

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Joint Council meeting (with St. Thomas), 6:15 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm
MVA seminar: Habit of Organization, 7 pm
(See announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

Bible study on Ephesians, 9:30 am
Advent 1, 10:30 am
50+ Grey Cup Party, 3 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)
Adult Study “*Animate Faith*”, 4:30 pm
Advent Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“*Waiting in Darkness*”

Adult Study Group will meet next Sunday. 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.

50 Plus group is organizing a Christmas Light tour in December at \$30/person. There are two dates to choose from: Friday, December 18 or Monday, December 21. Please sign up to book a seat and indicate your preferred date on the sheet posted in the narthex.

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.

Confirmation class 2015, 4:30 pm

TODAY & December 13

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

Thanks to all who helped to make our Silent Auction and Raffle last Sunday a success! The total amount brought in was **\$1122**, which will be equally divided between SUMS and our Church Building Fund.

Volunteers Needed!

One of the traditions at First Lutheran is the Advent crèche and the display of the figurines. The crèches is set up on the first Sunday of Advent and figurines will be added and arranged as the Advent season continues. **We will be able to carry on this meaningful tradition** (especially for younger/new worshippers and visitors) **only if we find volunteers to:**

1. bring up the crèche and figurines and put them in the stair room (halfway down the stairs closest to the office). The supplies are stored in boxes on the lower level.
2. set up the crèche **next Sunday** and add figurines on following Sundays during Advent.

If you are able to help, please contact the church office.



You are cordially invited to the Installation of

Reverend Kathy Martin

as Assistant to the Bishop for Missional Renewal

Sunday, December 6, 2015
7:30 pm

King of Life Lutheran Church
1198 Falcon Drive
Coquitlam, BC

Refreshments to follow

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest.
The liturgical colour is blue.

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 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_relatng> 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:

**TODAY
January 10, 24**

**Grey Cup Party for the over 50's group at Michael Ray's home
3:00 November 29**

612 Fifth Ave New Westminster.
Snacks and food treats will be provided.
Bring your own non-alcoholic drink preference.

**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.

An Invitation from Adolf Manz

Do you like to sing? Would you like to use your voice to help spread the Gospel in a fun way?

The call of the Church is to share the message of God's love and grace. This is what you are invited to do on **Tuesday Dec. 8th** by having a flash mob song presentation/proclamation in the **Food Court at Metro-town Mall**. The suggested time is **7pm**. We would need to gather earlier to take seats and then stand to sing in succession from different locations in the Food Court.

The song is (LBW 267) *Joy to the World*

We'll need to gather to have at least one or two practices. We can meet at First Lutheran at 7:30 pm (some could not make it for 7:00pm) on Nov. 24th and/or Dec. 1st for rehearsals. Please indicate your preference of which date(s) you can come – hopefully both.

This fun event is open to all your friends and any others who would like to sing. Feel free to invite them to participate. An invitation is also sent to St. Thomas Anglican Church.

By the way, a Flash Mob is supposed to be a surprise, so don't tell others unless you are inviting them to come sing.

So far we have a couple of people to play a trumpet and flute and 8 others to sing. It has been suggested we have about 40 singers. So here is your chance to have some fun and spread the message of joy to the world.

We may consider 3 or 4 groups of singers, perhaps with the instruments playing an introduction or the first verse, and then each group in turn singing only the words "Joy to the World" from their location, followed by everyone singing the whole verse together.

If your voices are strong/loud enough the 2nd verse could be all female voice, the 3rd verse all male voice, and verse 4 all together.

It would be great to have 3 or 4 volunteers to take videos, which may be a part of your Christmas greetings to share with friends and family.

Please leave me a message at adolfmanz@shaw.ca to let me know of your participation and of others you may have invited. I look forward to receiving your thoughts and suggestions so preparations can be made in time. Send me an email and I'll keep you posted.

Thanks - Adolf Manz

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TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"*

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.*

Ancient One, you are beyond our understanding. Forgive us when our imaginations limit the depth of your being. Expand our vision of who you have been, who you are, and who you will be. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mountain maker, you created Earth and all that is in it. Heal environments damaged by human carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for your whole creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious sovereign, your majesty knows no bounds. Bring your kingdom to violent places. Send us out to share your peace in the world. Help us see how we participate in systems of injustice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Trinity, you call some to be prophets and some to be priests. Be with all who discern a call to ministry in your church. Bless the work of call committees and candidacy committees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Divine nurse, you care for all people. Stir us to care for all your children. Be with all who experience unemployment, homelessness, abuse, or who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *especially...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal truth, your word goes forth in every generation. We give you thanks for the priesthood of all believers and remember with joy and sorrow the saints who shared the gospel with us *especially...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**