



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 21, 2016

**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>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Felix Opoku
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Heidi Ackermann
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Blair Duddy Karen Duddy
<i>Anointers</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt Pr. Paul Schmidt Janet Filippelli Pr. Margaret Marquardt
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Karen Duddy Ernie Neumann Karl Van Spronsen
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Stephanie Van Spronsen Ashlee Spronsen
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Diana Kuyer Jack Kuyer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Patricia Manu Jordan Manu Soriya Salehi
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Frank Filippelli Amy MacLeod

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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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

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PRELUDE

There in God's Garden
Panis Angelicus

David Cherwien
Cesar Franck

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

793 *"Be Thou My Vision"* v.3 - unaccompanied

GREETING

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

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of covenantal love, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, the Beloved One. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - By Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

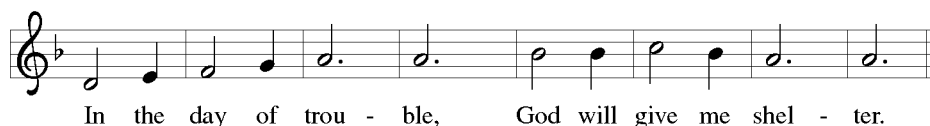
Response after the reading: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

³**Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.**

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty
of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. R**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

⁷**Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and | answer me.**

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me, the LORD will | take me in.

¹¹**Teach me your | way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.**

¹²**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD | and be strong. Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Response after the reading: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *“The Way of the Cross Leads Home”* Mary McDonald

LENTEN VERSE *(See next page. Sing before and after reading. All rise)*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 735 “*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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“LAMB OF GOD”			p. 112

FRACTION 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. **Anointing is available for those who would like to receive prayer for healing.***

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 613 **“Thy Holy Wings”**
God’s Time Is Best Johann Sebastian Bach

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SENDING HYMN # 638 **“Blessed Assurance”**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Come, Sweet Peace* Johann Sebastian Bach

Following the service on the sixth of March, we will have a baby shower to welcome Baby Skylar and a 'toddler shower' to honour young man Euan (coming 20 months). We could use help with shopping, decorating and/or bringing a few extra treats that day. Anyone wanting to help out or to contribute to a group gift, please contact Anne Johnson.

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Lent Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Open My Life in the Wilderness”

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Joint Lenten Study at FLC, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

AGM (childcare provided), 6:15 pm

Next Sunday

Lent 3, 10:30 am
Adult Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Lent Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Open My Life in the Wilderness”

LENTEN EVENING SERVICES

“Open My Life in the Wilderness”

5:30 pm on SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 21, 28

MARCH 6, 13

First Lutheran’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be this Friday, February 26, 2016. Potluck dinner will start at 6:15 pm on the lower level and business meeting at 7 pm. Childcare provided for families with small children to attend business meeting.

Joint Lenten study program

“Wisdom for Lent, Wisdom for Life: how ancient wisdom and ancient practice can help us respond to global warming, terrorism, and economic uncertainty.”

**Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at FLC
FEB 24 MAR 2, 9, 16**

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

March 6 April 10
May 15 June 5

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

February 28 March 20
April 24 May 22
June 12

Sunday School Schedule 2016

February 21 March 6
April 3, 17 May 1, 15, 29

Interested in joining other parishioners for **lunch** at a restaurant **next Sunday, February 28th?** See the Rev. Margaret Marquardt or Elina Singh to sign up.

Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm

TODAY March 13
April 3, 17 May 8

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

UPCOMING OFFERINGS WITH METRO VANCOUVER ALLIANCE

1. **MVA Film Fundraiser: *This Changes Everything* with special guest speaker Christine Boyle - February 26th**

Inspired by Naomi Klein's international non-fiction bestseller, the film presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines of climate change. Filmed on several continents over a period of three years, *This Changes Everything* argues that the greatest crisis we have ever faced also offers us the opportunity to address and correct the inhumane systems that have created it. Christine Boyle, our guest speaker, accompanied Naomi Klein to the Vatican Climate Conference in July 2015.

February 26th, 6-9 PM at Vancouver Community College, Clarke-Broadway Campus Auditorium - more information and RSVP at [the website](#) or [facebook](#).

2. **MVA Seminar Series - Laudato Si**

By popular demand! The next topic in our MVA Seminar Series is *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, by Pope Francis - The Vatican Press, 2015.

Pope Francis' papal letter last year, *Laudato Si* (Praise Be), dovetailed precisely with a climate-change debate that was reaching critical mass. It became an unlikely sensation, especially among progressive groups just like ours. MVA's current list of campaigns - income justice, housing affordability, accessible transit, and social inclusion - does not explicitly include "climate change" in its agenda, but many of our leaders know intuitively, as does Pope Francis, that abuse of our natural environment underlies a host of modern social wounds. In our 2-hour session, we'll discuss the interconnections that Pope Francis makes in his prophetic call for an "ecological conversion."

Join us March 5th, 2016 at 2pm - 4pm at St Mary's Roman Catholic Parish for a discussion of this important text - more information and RSVP [at the website](#).

All for now and Happy Lunar New Year!

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. *A brief silence.*

For an end to killings because of faith, we turn to you, O Lord. Protect all those who risk their lives each time they worship you. Give new vision to the intolerant. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the beauty of the stars, we turn to you in thanksgiving, O Lord. By their vast number and light, remind us of your covenant with Abram and deep love for all creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For peace and justice in our neighborhoods, we turn to you, O Lord. Where gangs, domestic violence, or kidnappings cause your children to live in fear, give courage and wisdom to those in authority. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For older adults with no family to care for them, we turn to you, O Lord. Surround them with social workers, medical professionals, and neighbours to support them. Embrace them with compassion and quell any fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the sick in our congregation and our community, we turn to you, O Lord. Gather all who live with illness under your wings. Make us instruments of your healing. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the prophets and all the faithful departed, we turn to you in thanks, O Lord. Empowered by their witness, may we stand firm in you until the day we see you face-to-face. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**