



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 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>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley Ingrid Tymm Betty Wong
<i>Anointers</i>	Sandi Strate Julie Bauming Karen Kerfoot Elina Singh
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Karen Kerfoot John Morely
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley Max Cordell

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

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE

*Prelude in D Minor
Largo (Xerxes)*

Johann Sebastian Bach
George Frederic Handel

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN # 324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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.**

KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has come into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it. Help us to hear your call to new life, and live it. Help us to receive your grace, and love it. Bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, the Beloved One. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

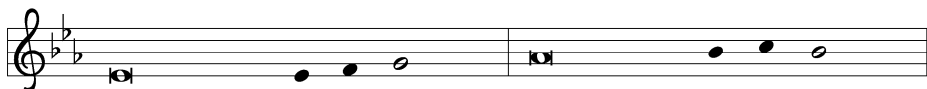
To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

PSALM 63:1-8 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



¹O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. R**
⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
⁸**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

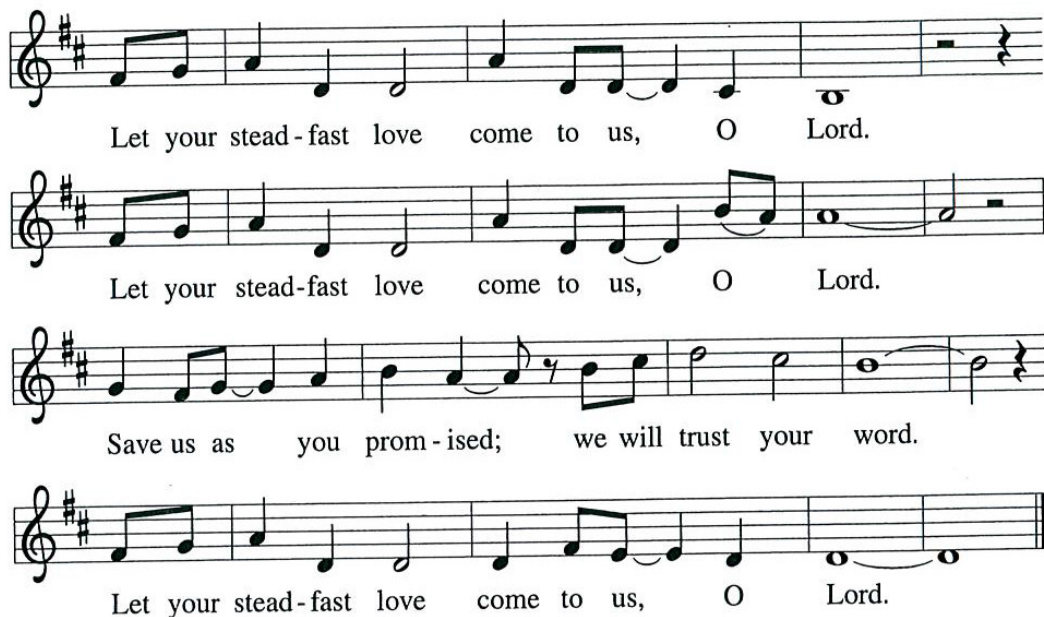
Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

LENTEN VERSE (Sing before and after reading. All rise)



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

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

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

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

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

HOMILY (Silence for meditation follows)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 690 *“We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Nobody Know the Trouble I’ve Seen* Spiritual

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 107

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 108

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts) p. 111

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 112

“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 # 471 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*
O Lord, Whose Mercies George Frederic Handel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION p. 114

SENDING

BLESSING p. 114

SENDING HYMN # 770 *“Give Me Jesus”*

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

POSTLUDE *Toccatà in A Minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

This Week

Today

Adult Study on “Animate Faith”, 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

Saturday

Craft Drop-in, 10 am - noon

Next Sunday

Lent 4, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Baby Shower
Youth Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Lent Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Open My Life in the Wilderness”

Next Sunday following the service, 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.

BC Synod Study Conference

February 29—March 2
Pr. Lori-Anne will be back in the office on
Thursday, March 3.

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
MAR 2, 9, 16

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

March 6 April 10
May 15 June 5

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

March 20 April 24
May 22 June 12

Sunday School Schedule 2016

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

Craft Drop-in Reminder
Saturday, March 5
10 a.m. - noon at FLC

Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm

March 13 April 3, 17 May 8

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

Thank you to all who attended the AGM on Friday and to all volunteers who helped with the meal, set-up, clean-up and childcare service.

UPCOMING OFFERING WITH METRO VANCOUVER ALLIANCE

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](#).

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Let's Talk About It: Conflict

Friday, April 1st, 7 pm – 9 pm

Conflict is a part of human interactions, of changing situations, of life. Let's get together and talk about it! Some of the discussion topics will include:

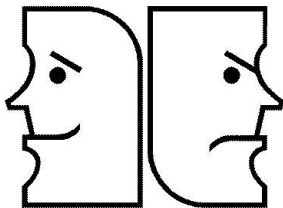
- What is conflict?
- How do people act in conflict situations?
- What does healthy conflict resolution look like?
- What is the loving thing to do in a conflict situation?

Please sign up by Sunday, March 20th. Child care will be arranged as necessary – please talk to The Rev. Margaret Marquardt if you need child care.

Facilitator: Sandi Strate, MEd

Sandi has an extensive background working with people in various capacities, including counselling, teaching, mentoring, and private practice. Sandi has been a counsellor and instructor at Douglas College since 1988. Over the years, she has developed and delivered workshops on a variety of topics as Coping with Change, Communication Skills, Stress Management, and Conflict Resolution.

This event is facilitated by Friends InDeed.



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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.*

Incline our ears to you, faithful God. Open us to receive your word. Transform our thoughts into your thoughts and our ways into your ways for the glory of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send rain to dry and weary lands, faithful God. Quench the thirst of the earth and every living creature. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make all governments thirst for your justice, faithful God. Bring citizens and elected officials together to create communities where all people may live in peace. Sustain us by your grace in this work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather the hungry around your table, faithful God. Satisfy and unite us with the body and blood of your Son. Send us out to share the bountiful feast you give to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill the cups of the thirsty, faithful God. Fill the plates of the hungry. Give peace to all who mourn and healing to all who live with mental illness. Be with all who suffer. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us in your steadfast love, faithful God. We give thanks for all who mentored each of us in the faith and now celebrate life eternal with you. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .By their witness we know you more fully. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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