



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 10, 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. Margaret Marquardt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<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>	Jackie Cleroux Julie Bauming
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ingrid Anderson Joy Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Julie Bauming Christine Neumann Ernie Neumann
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	_____
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Christine Neumann Soriya Salehi
<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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

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Holy Communion, Setting Eight

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 Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

PRELUDE

*Largo (Concerto In D)
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring*

Antonio Vivaldi
Johann Sebastian Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 449 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace 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.:

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel’s exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north,

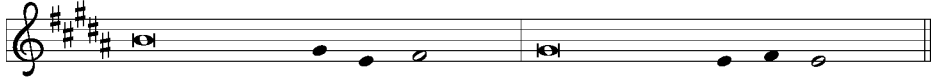
“Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”


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

PSALM 29 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- |
erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*)

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GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

*Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

From the beginning, believers have continued in the apostles' teaching and community and the breaking of bread and the prayers. (*Silence.*)

Do you commit yourself to this life?

I do, with God's help. Through God's grace, I will pray to forgive others as I am forgiven; I will seek to love my neighbour as myself, and strive for peace and justice. I accept the cost of following Jesus Christ in my daily life and work; with the whole church I do proclaim by word and action the Good News of God in Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

581 "You Are Mine"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Cornet Voluntary

John Travers

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

Let us pray: **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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INVITATION Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER

*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.*

“LAMB OF GOD”

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 459 “Wade in the Water”

O Splendour of God’s Glory Bright

15th Century Plainsong

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the water of your baptism enliven you;
may the faith of your baptism strengthen you;
may the community of the baptized support;
and may Christ who was baptised keep you in God's love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *# 304 "Christ When for Us You Were Baptized"*

DISMISSAL

Go back to the world, knowing you are sheltered in the wings of the Holy One; that Jesus is always present with you; and that the Holy Spirit will brighten your paths.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Minuet Finale

George Frederic Handel



Congratulations to Pr. Lori-Anne and FLC producer Derek MacNeill on the successful completion of her second CD "*Psalms for a Hopeful Heart*". Everyone is invited to the album release concert **on Friday, January 29 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary**. Admission is free of charge; however, all donations will be forwarded to FLC general fund. If you would like to purchase a CD, please sign up to pre-order on the form posted in the narthex. Pr. Lori-Anne will donate 10% of the album's earnings to the future ministry of FLC as her appreciation to the congregation for offering its support and encouragement to record.

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Enter with Joy”

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

MVA Leadership Gathering at FLC, 10 am
Memorial Service for Laura Geske, 3 pm

Next Sunday

Epiphany 2, 10:30 am
Thomas Keeley Installation service, 2 pm
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Enter with Joy”

Our thanks to Pr. Margaret Marquardt for leading the worship and proclaiming the good news this morning. Pr. Lori-Anne will return to the office on Wednesday.

Evening service will begin its Epiphany season “Enter with Joy” on January 10.

**January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7**

Sunday School 2016

January 10, 24

MVA Gathering at FLC!

There will be an MVA Leaders’ retreat at FLC on Saturday, January 16 from 10 a. m. to noon. Please contact the Rev. Margaret Marquardt if you are able to attend. If you are able to come early to set-up, that would be great!

Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm

January 17	February 7, 21
March 6	April 3, 17
May 8	

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

Friends InDeed Gatherings:

January 17 after worship-1:00p.m.

Training as facilitators for the Jan. 24th parish gathering. Also a check in. Please let the Rev. Margaret know if you are attending.

January 24 for 1 hour and 15 minutes after worship. This is a parish event that will fill the coffee hour. Sandwiches will be provided. Led by Friends InDeed and the Lead Coordinator, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt.

Agenda: Building community,
Meeting one another.
Listening to each other.
Reflecting on what community is for each of us.

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Narthex if you are staying after Worship and joining the conversation.

You are cordially invited
to the Installation of

Rev. Thomas Keeley

2:00 pm, Sunday, January 17, 2016
Benediction Lutheran Church
5575 - 6th Avenue, Delta, BC

The Installation service will be preceded by
a special service of

Affirmation of Ministry at 11:00am
Dunbar Lutheran Church
3491 West 31st Ave, Vancouver, BC

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest for
the afternoon Installation Service. The
liturgical colour is green.

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

January 24	February 14
March 13	April 10
May 15	June 5

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

January 31	February 28
March 20	April 24
May 22	June 12

First Lutheran’s **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be on **Friday, February 26, 2016**. **Potluck** dinner will start at **6:15 pm** on the lower level and **business meeting at 7 pm**. All those who have the responsibility of providing reports for the AGM booklet are to have those reports in to the church office by Sunday, February 7, 2016.

Please note that **Parish Care Center Annual General Meeting** date is Sunday, **January 31st at 12 pm** in First Lutheran Church hall. All are welcome to attend.

CALL FOR SYNOD CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Coquitlam is the host for the next Synod Convention being held in the lower mainland April 28 – May 1, 2016. Our responsibility is to be the lead congregation for the local arrangements for the event. Though many have graciously volunteered to lead teams or to work within a team we still need more people to help. Our church will be hosting a catered dinner for the delegates Thursday, April 28 and also a breakfast on Sunday, May 1 so we will need people to help with table set up and take down for both events and to act as hospitality hosts. We also still need volunteers to be Stewards, help with Registration, work with Pastor Nathan Fong in Communications, and help with transportation to and from the church from the Executive Plaza Hotel on North Road where the convention is being held. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions or have any questions please contact Dawn Nieman (Local Arrangements Committee Coordinator) at 604-936-1853 or email dawn.nieman@telus.net. Volunteers in the past have found this to be a very enjoyable and gratifying experience and a time for warm Lutheran fellowship. Thank you.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**”*

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

For your church on earth, that your Spirit guides your children. Unite us in our common call to live out your justice and stand with our siblings of every faith community. You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

For this world, which you redeemed, that the powerful in all nations foster its health and care for all its creatures. You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

Give your people of every land the tools and strength to care for one another. Give passion to strive for justice to your people. Bless all countries with the courage to follow what is wise and good. You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

Guide those preparing for baptism, their sponsors, and this assembly so that we all live into the promises made in baptism. Lead us all to scripture, the holy supper, and toward justice and peace. You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

Lift up the poor and oppressed, ease the troubled minds and hearts of those in turmoil, and surround those who are ill with the comforts of good medicine and good friends, signs of your healing. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . . You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

We give you thanks for the lives of the faithful departed and for the assurance of the same resurrection by our baptism into Christ’s death. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . . You who call us blessed, **teach us your way.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**