



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 17, 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 - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Ray Karl Van Spronsen Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

**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 Seven*

*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 Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.*

**PRELUDE**

*Before Thee Lord  
On Wings of Song*

arr. Winton Cassler  
Felix Mendelssohn

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN**      # 311 *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* v. 3, organ only

**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:  
Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 62: 1-5**

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.*



<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

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

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# 489 **“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Abundant Grace, fill us with your love."*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

*Hyfrydol*

Jonathan Reuss

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(All 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.**

## **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**

**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**

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** # 466 **“In the Singing”**  
“Father, Most Holy” Paris Antiphon

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(All rise)*  
Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**BLESSING**  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** # 822 **“Oh, Sing to the Lord”**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel

*The Flowers in the Chancel are given in Loving Memory of Laura Geske, to the Glory of God, and with Gratitude to this Worshipping Community at First Lutheran by her children, Richard Geske, Madeleine Jones, Allyson Aporta and their grateful families.*

**This Week**

**Today**

Thomas Keeley Installation service, 2 pm  
*Benediction Lutheran*  
*(see announcement elsewhere)*  
Confirmation is CANCELLED  
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm  
*"Enter with Joy"*

**Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Joint Council Meeting 6:15 pm  
*with St. Thomas, at First Lutheran*

**Thursday**

Ministerial at Redeemer Lutheran, 10 am  
Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**

Epiphany 3, 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Youth Study on "Animate Faith", 4:30 pm  
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm  
*"Enter with Joy"*

**Evening service Epiphany season**  
**"Enter with Joy"**

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

**Sunday School 2016**  
**January 24**

**Friends InDeed Gatherings:**

**Today after worship-1:00p.m.**

Training as facilitators for the Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> parish gathering. Also a check in. Please let The Rev. Margaret know if you are coming if you haven't contacted her already.

**January 24 for 1 hours 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. Contributions of veggies or cheese and crackers or sandwiches or leftover Christmas goodies are most welcome.

**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.**

Please note that **Parish Care Center Annual General Meeting** date will be **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, at noon in First Lutheran Church hall. All are welcome.

**50+ Super Bowl Party**  
**3 PM on Sunday, February 7**

**at Michael Ray's**  
**# 206 - 612 Fifth Ave**  
**New Westminster**



You are cordially invited  
to the Installation of

**Rev. Thomas Keeley**  
2:00 pm, **TODAY**  
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. Thank you.

### **Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm**

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.

### **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](mailto:dawn.nieman@telus.net).



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.

## DIRECTORY

<b>Ministers</b>	God's People
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<b>Friends InDeed Information and Communication Coordinator</b>	Elina Singh
<b>Office Administrator</b>	Iris Kong
<b>Caretaker</b>	Peter dela Torre
<b>Altar Guild Coordinator</b>	Janet Schreiber
<b>Liturgical Artist</b>	June Schramm

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### Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
John Morley - Vice Chairperson & Property  
Ernie Neumann - Treasurer  
Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources  
Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary  
Alex Wilson - Property  
Wayne Wong - Property and Fellowship & Hospitality  
Deanna Wilson - Fellowship and Hospitality  
Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality  
Debbie Powell - Outreach Adult (seniors)  
TBD - Outreach Technology  
Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adults  
June Heywood - Education & Human Resources  
Marly Zell - Human Resources  
Brad Langerud - Music and Worship  
Ray Hartley - Member at large

### Mutual Ministry Committee:

Sandi Strate - Chairperson  
Russell Collins  
Anne Johnson  
Arvid Vimb  
Shannon Ingersoll

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**User name: flcwifi  
Password: flc1890**

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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**"*

Giving thanks for God's great gifts, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.  
*A brief silence.*

You enliven your church. Inspire the body of Christ to rejoice in and make good use of the various gifts and vocations with which you have entrusted it. Bless the leaders of this assembly. Help them to use their gifts in this community to the glory of your holy name.  
God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**

You are the fountain that brings forth life. Guide us to be good stewards of all plant and animal life entrusted to our care. God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**

In your light we see light. Shine on the path for all nations to seek peace, justice, and the well-being of all your children. God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**

You are a refuge to those in peril. Grant help, healing, and wholeness to all who are in need of your care. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . .  
God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have gone to join the marriage feast that has no end. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silent in our heart. . . .  
May their lives inspire us to trust always in your promise of eternal life.  
God of Abundant Grace, **fill us with your love.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**