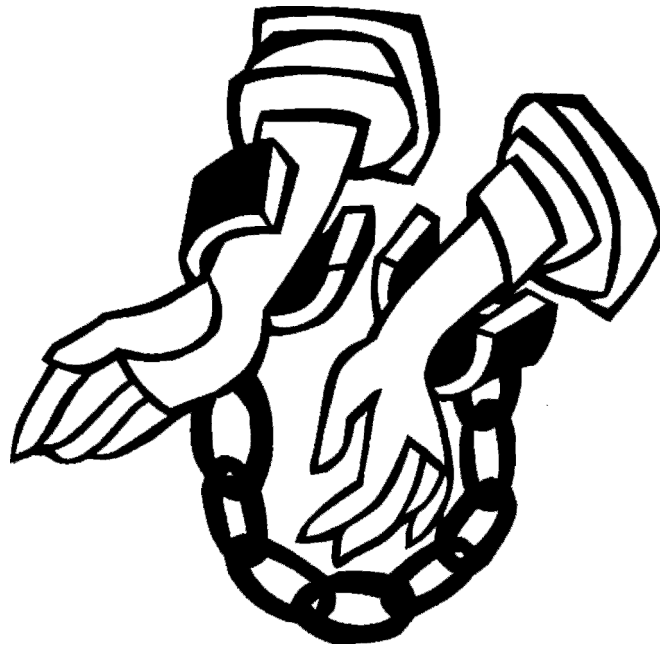




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 24, 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>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Filippelli
<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>	Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Doreen Reid Dennis Reid Janet Filippelli Sandi Strate
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Lanny Harris Sylvia Harris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

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, “Tree of Life”

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

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

PRELUDE

Largo in G Minor
Evening Prayer

Antonio Vivaldi
Englebert Humperdinck

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING SONG

“Tree of Life, Entrance Hymn”

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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:

Blessed God, you have inspired the holy scriptures to be written for the guidance of your people. Grant that we may hear your word of grace, and be transformed and liberated by your love. May your promises bring us comfort, and free us to embrace and forever hold fast to the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19

In place of chanting Psalm 19, you are invited to listen to Benedetto Marcello's interpretation of the psalm. It is one of fifty that he composed.

Marcello was born in Venice in 1686. He was a lawyer and official, a violinist, singer, composer, poet and writer. Marcello died in Brescia (northern Italy) in 1739.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, And the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.
¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Response after the reading: Holy Word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 715 “*Christ, Be Our Light*”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, free us.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
“COME, LET US BRING”

Jack Schrader
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OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

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MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 17

*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.*

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” p. 17

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 515 **“Break Now the Bread of Life”**
Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake Richard Farrant

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE” p. 18

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION p. 19

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 # 551 **“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”** v. 3 - unaccompanied

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

POSTLUDE *St. Denio* Robert Hobby

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am
Friends InDeed Gathering, after service
Youth Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Enter with Joy”

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
FLC Council Meeting 6:15 pm

Thursday

Friends InDeed PCC
working group meeting, 6:30 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Pr. Lori-Anne’s CD release concert, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Epiphany 4, 10:30 am
Parish Care Center AGM, noon
Adult Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Enter with Joy”

**Evening service Epiphany season
“Enter with Joy”**

January 24, 31 February 7

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

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

Friends InDeed Gathering:

Today after worship for 1 hours and 15 minutes. 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. Thank you for all who have been able to bring food to share for this Parish gathering.

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

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

January 24	February 14
March 6	April 10
May 15	June 5

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

January 31
February 28
April 24
May 22
June 12

Sunday School Schedule 2016

February 14, 21
March 6
April 3, 17
May 1, 15, 29

**MVA HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
ASSEMBLY**

Monday, February 8, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

St. Catherine's Church,
1058 Ridgewood Dr., North Vancouver

Members of MVA's member organizations will gather on Family Day to ask municipal politicians from North Vancouver, West Vancouver, and the District of North Vancouver to make concrete commitments to deal with the affordable housing crisis on the North Shore.

Along with the serious work of making our views known on affordable housing, this will be a family celebration. Exciting children's activities will be provided by Red Fox Healthy Living Society.

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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 13
April 3, 17 May 8

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

**"THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE
YEAR" WALK, FEBRUARY 20th**

A Fund Raiser for S.U.M.S. (SURREY
URBAN MISSION SOCIETY)

On Sunday, January 31, after the service, we will be setting up an information table in the Parish Hall, about this walk. I have entered a team, under the name of "T.L.C. (Trinity Lutheran) Trekkers" to help raise funds for S.U.M.S., so we can continue to help the less fortunate that are among us.

Perhaps you would be interested in joining us in this "fun filled" walk, starting your own team or donating to our team. Many thanks to Pastor Lori-Anne and the council of First Lutheran for allowing us this opportunity. Please come over and say Hi and have a chocolate.

Helen Gillrie/Susie Stacey



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 **this 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.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**"*

Gathered together by God's Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.

Grant unity in the body of Christ, your church. Replace dissension with reconciliation, and strengthen its witness to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

When your creation is harmed, all suffer together. Guide your people to make wise choices that protect the land, sea, and all life. Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

Put an end to strife, violence, and hate in nations where there is turmoil. Guide leaders and movements for change to seek peace above all else. Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

Grant health and new life in this assembly. Send us to share the good news of your abundant love in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

Be present where there is loneliness. Be comfort where there is pain. Be healing where there is brokenness. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises. Assure us of your hope until we join the saints in light. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **free us.**

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