



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 31, 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>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John Morley Lanny Harris
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Soriya Salehi Betty Wong
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Lanny Harris Ernie Neumann Alex Wilson John Morley
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann 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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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 glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

PRELUDE

*Aria from 'Semele'
God Himself Is Present*

George Frederick Handel
Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 661 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

GREETING AND KYRIE

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"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Help us to receive what you promise, inspire us to love what you love, through Jesus Christ, our Beloved. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

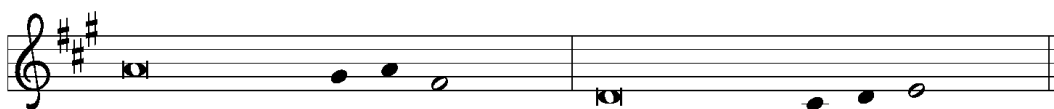
God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
⁷But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”
⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

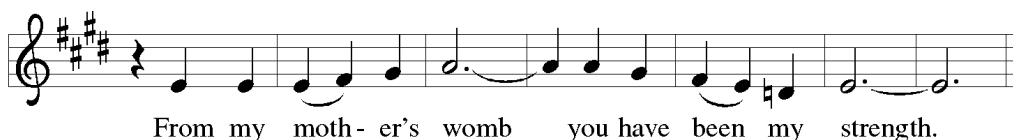
Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 71:1-6 (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing the refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



¹In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame.
²**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**
³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe; you are my crag | and my stronghold.
⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from of the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R**
⁵For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD, my confidence since | I was young.
⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **“Alleluia”** p. 8

GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

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

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town,

and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 644 *“Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Spirit of God: Renew us.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Plenty Good Room* Lloyd Larson

CHOIR ANTHEM *At the Table of the Lord* Jay Althouse

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **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 # 664 “Heaven is Singing for Joy”

Eternal Spirit of the Living God

Plainsong Mode V

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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SENDING HYMN # 535 “Hallelujah! We sing your praises”

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Denis Bedard

This Week

Today

Parish Care Center AGM, noon
Adult 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

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Craft Drop in, 10-noon

Next Sunday

Transfiguration, 10:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
50 Plus Group Super Bowl Party, 3 pm
#206-612 Fifth Ave, New Westminster
Epiphany Evening Service, 5:30 pm
"Enter with Joy"

Craft Drop-In Reminder
Saturday, February 6, 10 am to noon

Epiphany Evening service "Enter with Joy"

February 7

50+ Super Bowl Party
3 PM on Sunday, February 7
at Michael Ray's
206 - 612 Fifth Ave, New Westminster
Please call Deb Powell or Michael Ray to confirm your attendance.

Thank you to all who joined us at the parish gathering, who gave leadership and hospitality last Sunday!

Thanks to all who attended Pr. Lori-Anne's CD release concert last Friday.

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.

Youth Study on "Animate Faith" 2016

February 14 March 6
April 10 May 15
June 5

Adult Study on "Animate Faith" 2016

February 28
April 24
May 22
June 12

Sunday School Schedule 2016

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

Parish Care Center Annual General Meeting will be today after the service.

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 next Sunday, February 7, 2016. Thank you.

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

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

Today 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 First Lutheran for allowing us this opportunity. Please come over and say Hi and have a chocolate.

Helen Gillrie/Susie Stacey

LENTEN EVENING SERVICES

"Open My Life in the Wilderness"

5:30 pm on SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 14, 21, 28

MARCH 6, 13

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."

**Beginning February 17 at First Lutheran
Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**

First Lutheran Church Council is now looking for new members to oversee the following portfolios:

1. Community Outreach: someone willing to be the point person for community networking (Friends InDeed, MVA, Collingwood Neighbourhood House, and St. Thomas Anglican), and possibly to help inspire a guiding team from FLC to join the Missional Renewal.
2. Outreach Technology: someone willing to work on FLC webpage, help with weekly updates, service streaming., supervising and operating of our sound system as needed, including occasional (paid) assistance to rental groups
3. Stewardship Assistant: someone to help inspire the sharing of resources in the community through creative stewardship ideas.

Please contact Marly Zell, Alex Wilson or Pr. Lori-Anne if you are inspired to help serve your community as a council member.

A big Thank-you to all who helped with “WE CARE” bags; it was a great success. Felix Opoku shipped the bags two weeks ago.

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.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Spirit of God: **Renew us.**"*

Gathered as children of the same Lord, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Guard all creatures that fly, swim, creep, and walk upon the earth. Defend and preserve threatened lands and waters. Spirit of God: **Renew us.**

Stir leaders of all nations to compassion and righteous anger in the face of injustice and lead them to rejoice in the truth that all people are beloved children of the Most High. Spirit of God: **Renew us.**

Make your church a prophetic voice for the voiceless, a bold witness of love to the neighbour, and a force for hope in all the world. Guide the ministries of this congregation. Curb our impatience, our envy, and our insistence on our own way, and give us patience, kindness, and love in service to others. Spirit of God: **Renew us.**

Grant patience, endurance, healing, and hope to all those in any need. Give strength to those living with addictions and comfort to those who have lost jobs, homes, health, and hope. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Spirit of God: **Renew us.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed who have come to know the fulfillment of your promises. Strengthen us in faith, hope, and love until we join the saints in light. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Spirit of God: **Renew 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.**