



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 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>	Karen Duddy
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<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>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson Lanny Harris Sylvia Harris
<i>Anointers</i>	Karen Kerfoot Julie Bauming Sandi Strate Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Joy Anderson Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Marly Zell Claire Landry Debbie Powell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Dennis & Doreen 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 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 Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept
Variations on "Herzlich tut mich verlangen"

David Lasky
Denis Bedard

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN

343 "My Song Is Love Unknown"
v. 3, women; v. 4, men; v. 5, organ

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. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Beloved One. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

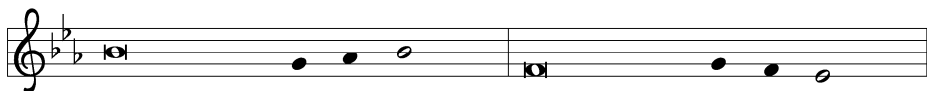
The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM 126 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”
³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R
⁵Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

LENTEN VERSE *(See next page. Sing before and after reading. All rise)*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

HOMILY *(Silence for meditation follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 722 *"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with "God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Give Me Jesus* Mark Hayes

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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 # 339 “*Christ the Life of All The Living*”
Sanctus (German Mass) Franz Schubert

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SENDING

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL

BLESSING p. 114

SENDING HYMN # 803 “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”

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

POSTLUDE *Plein Jeu* Francois Couperin

Next Sunday we will have a joint service with St. Thomas. Please bring a snack or dessert, or volunteer with set-up or clean-up to help our coffee hour team with the extra numbers. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex.

There will be a soup dinner and joint service with St. Thomas Anglican on Maundy Thursday, March 24 here at FLC. We are in need of 3 pots of soup (one vegetarian). If you are able to help, please contact the church office or Deanna Wilson, Betty or Wayne Wong.

Welcome to Francis Antobre, our new council member elected at our AGM on February 26. We also give thanks to the retired members for the time, gifts and effort they contributed generously for the well-being of our congregation.

This Week

Today

Confirmation, 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

Next Sunday

Process from St. Thomas to FLC, 10 am
Palm Sunday Liturgy at FLC, 10:30 am
No Evening service

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 16**

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

April 10 May 15 June 5

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

April 24 May 22 June 12

Sunday School Schedule 2016

April 3, 17 May 1, 15, 29

Pr. Lori-Anne will begin her week long holiday starting tomorrow. She will return to the office on Wednesday, March 23. Please contact Rev. Michael Batten for pastoral emergencies.

Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm

Today April 17 May 8

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

First Lutheran has been invited to join Collingwood Neighbourhood House in the effort of supporting local Syrian refugee families and collecting art supplies (paper, scissors, crayons, pencil crayons, markers, glues, and etc.), toys in clean and good conditions for children of all ages, and books. Please bring your donations to church if you are willing to help. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate this effort. If interested, please contact church

If you are interested in joining the FLC men’s crew on Easter morning to help with the pancake breakfast, please contact Jack Kuyer or Lanny Harris. You may provide assistance in the kitchen or bring food contribution, or gladly do both if so inclined.

Holy Week Worship Schedule 2016

- March 20 Palm/Passion Sunday
10 AM Process from St. Thomas to FLC
10:30 AM Morning liturgy at FLC
(Please bring a snack or dessert for coffee hour)
- March 24 Maundy Thursday
5:30 PM Soup dinner at FLC
Worship service to follow
- March 25 Good Friday
10:30 AM Joint service at St. Thomas
Beginning with procession from FLC
- March 26 Easter Vigil
8 PM Service at St. Thomas
- March 27 - Resurrection of Our Lord
8 AM Pancake breakfast
10:30 AM Service at FLC



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:

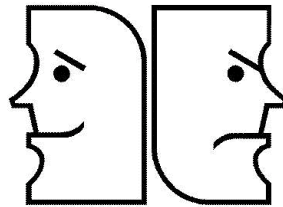
- What is conflict?
- How do people act in conflict situations?
- What does healthy conflict resolution look like?
- What is the loving thing to do in a conflict situation?

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

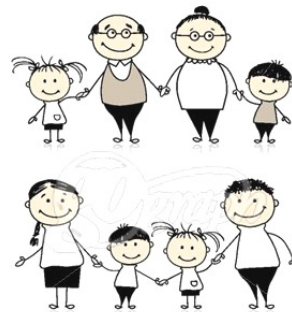
Sandi has an extensive background working with people in various capacities, including counselling, teaching, mentoring, and private practice. Sandi has been a counsellor and instructor at Douglas College since 1988. Over the years, she has developed and delivered workshops on a variety of topics as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

This event is facilitated by Friends InDeed.



Child-minding

Friends InDeed is looking for folks who could occasionally offer child-minding while a parent is in a program at FLC. This is a wonderful way to develop relationship with some of the younger members of a parish. Please see the Rev. Margaret Marquardt if you would like to put your name on the list. You would always be asked ahead of time about your availability. Thank you.



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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with “God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**”*

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.*

Creative God, you made every living creature and saw that it was good. Teach us to care for the homelands of animals in the wild. God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**

Living God, you require mercy and justice. Bless the work of all organizations that work to restore cities and countries. God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**

Shepherding God, you tend your flock with mercy and love. Guide the outreach ministries of this congregation. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**

Compassionate God, you make a way out of no way. Give your peace and vision to all who struggle with addiction, depression, grief, or illness. Make plain that in the midst of suffering, you are suffering, and that your desire is wholeness and life. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**

Triune God, in you there is abundant life. Deepen our union with you, that in living we may die and in dying we may live with all your saints. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God of Love: **Pour your grace on us.**

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