



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 6, 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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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
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*Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Soriya Salehi
	Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Soriya Salehi
	Betty Wong
	Karl Van Spronsen
	Ernie Neumann
<i>Anointers</i>	John Morley
	Karen Duddy
	Julie Bauming
	Karl Maier
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Stephanie Van Spronsen
	Ashlee Van Spronsen
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli
<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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 6, 2016**  
*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 psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

**PRELUDE**

*Let us Ever Walk With Jesus*  
*Stabat Mater*

Paul Manz  
Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**GATHERING HYMN**      # 323 *"God Loved the World"* v. 3 - unaccompanied

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12**

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

**PSALM 32** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re - joice in the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile! R**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away, because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”

Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. R**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**


*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" Lloyd Larson

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



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

**HOMILY** (*Silence for meditation follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 492 “*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*”

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with “Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** *Saviour, When In Dust To You* Anne Krenz Organ

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** p. 107

## MEAL

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”** p. 108

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER** p. 112

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p. 112

**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** # 325 **“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”**  
*He Was Despised (Messiah)* George Frederic Handel

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** p. 114

## SENDING

**GODSPEED AND FAREWELL**

**BLESSING** p. 114

**SENDING HYMN** # 779 **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Chaconne* Andre Campra

Our thanks to Pr. Sylvia Schmidt for leading the service this morning while Pr. Lori-Anne is recovering from a cold and bronchitis.

### **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

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

5:30 PM Soup dinner at FLC,  
liturgy following dinner

March 25 - Good Friday

10:30 AM Begin at FLC for procession of the Cross  
Joint service at St. Thomas

March 26 - Easter Vigil

7:30 PM Service at St. Thomas

March 27 - Resurrection of Our Lord

8 AM Pancake breakfast

10:30 AM Service at FLC

After the morning service today, we will have a baby shower to welcome Baby Skylar and a 'toddler shower' to honour young man Euan Norris (coming 20 months). Anyone wanting to help out, please see Anne Johnson.

Correction to Derek MacNeill's address posted last week:

101 - 2234 Stone Creek Place, Sooke BC V9Z 1J7. The rest remains the same.

First Lutheran has agreed 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 office.



## **This Week**

### **Today**

Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Baby Shower  
Youth Study on "Animate Faith", 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**

Lent 5, 10:30 am  
Confirmation, 4:30 pm  
Lent Evening Service, 5:30 pm  
"Open My Life in the Wilderness"

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.

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.

## **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 9, 16**

## **Youth Study on "Animate Faith" 2016**

TODAY	April 10
May 15	June 5

## **Adult Study on "Animate Faith" 2016**

March 20	April 24
May 22	June 12

## **Sunday School Schedule 2016**

April 3, 17	May 1, 15, 29
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This morning we bid farewell to Derek MacNeill, who moved to Sooke last week. Our best wishes to Derek as he explores and enjoys his new home in Sooke. Derek will keep his membership with FLC.

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

March 13	April 17	May 8
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Students and families are enthusiastically invited to stay for the evening service as part of formation.

## Let's Talk About It: Conflict Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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:

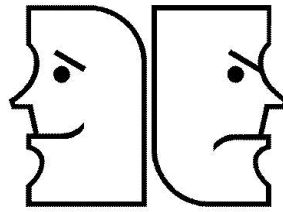
- What is conflict?
- How do people act in conflict situations?
- What does healthy conflict resolution look like?
- What is the loving thing to do in a conflict situation?

Please sign up by Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.*

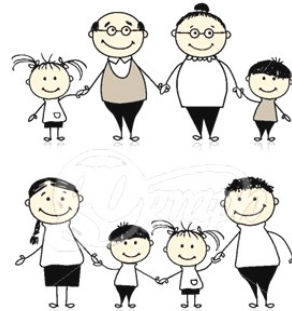
This event is facilitated by Friends InDeed.



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### 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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### Church Council

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Ray Hartley - Member at large

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Sandi Strate - Chairperson  
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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with “Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**”*

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.*

For campus ministries, we give you thanks, eternal Lord. Equip the students, staff, and ministers to share your steadfast love with their university community and all whom they meet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For polluted oceans and rivers, we seek your healing, creative Lord. Restore the homes of manatees and sea turtles. Teach us to love the earth as you do. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For conflicts between political parties, we ask for your discernment and wisdom, merciful Lord. Enable citizens and elected officials to listen to one another and to work together for your justice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who engage in the disciplines of Lent, we seek your strength and grace, loving Lord. Even as we rest in your mercy, create a new heart within us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the unemployed, the working poor, and all who struggle to make ends meet, we pray for your provision, gracious Lord. Break down systems that shame, and hold all in the truth that they are your children. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all the saints, sinners of your own redeeming, we praise your name, faithful Lord. Grant that we continue to grow as your people by their teaching and example. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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