



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 20, 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>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Julie Bauming Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ingrid Anderson Joy Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming Alysha Ingersoll Janet Filippelli Sandi Strate
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann Jackie Cleroux
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Alysha Ingersoll Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Frank Filippelli Tong 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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.

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Holy Communion, Setting Eight

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

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Hanover

Jonathan Reuss
Robert Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

634 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*
v.3-women; v. 4-men; v.5-organ

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.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great love. Abide with us, reign in us, and form us so that our lives may reflect your humble heart, through Jesus Christ, our Beloved Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - by Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 46 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
³though its waters¹ rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the ¹ kingdoms shake;
 God speaks, and the earth ¹ melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works ¹ of the LORD,
 what desolations God has brought up- ¹ on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹ all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the ¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that ¹ I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted ¹ in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of ¹ hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob ¹ is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

Response to announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

SHARING OUR STORIES - KAREN DUDDY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 838 "*Beautiful Saviour*"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Loving God: We trust in you."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "*Amazing Love, You Are My King*" by Brad Langerud

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray: **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 190

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" p. 190

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER

*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.*

"LAMB OF GOD"

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 416 "At the Name of Jesus"

Kingsfold

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of your love. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of † Christ Jesus, the Beloved One,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

439 "Soon and Very Soon"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Holy God We Praise Your Name

Michael Burkhardt

This Week

Today

Installation of Rev. Christoph Reiners, 6:30 PM
(see announcement elsewhere)

Monday

Exploring Music CANCELLED due to
unforeseen circumstances
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Soup meal, 5:30 PM
Joint Book Study, 6:30-7:30 PM

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

L' ARCHE Christmas Concert, 7:30 PM
(See announcement elsewhere)

Saturday

Memorial service for June Schramm, 2 PM

Next Sunday

Advent 1, 10:30 AM
Grey Cup Party, 3 PM (location TBA)
Confirmation, 3-4:15 PM

**Grey Cup Party
3 PM, Sunday, November 27**

Location to be announced
Please contact Debbie Powell if interested.

**Joint Book Study -
"Sabbath As Resistance"
6:30-7:30 PM**

November 23 & 30

Mark Your Calendar!

**Congregation Caroling
in the neighbourhood
on Wednesday, December 14!**

5:30 PM Soup Meal at FLC
6:30 - 8 PM Caroling

All are welcome! For more info, please
talk with those coordinating the caroling
event in the parish - Arvid Vimb, Pr.
Adolf Manz, Donna Dufresne, Karen
Duddy and Elina Singh.

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Presented by
L' ARCHE Greater Vancouver
THIS Friday, November 25, 2016
First Lutheran Church

Doors open at 7 PM
Concert from 7:30 PM
Receptions to follow

Free admission with an opportunity to
support the work of L' ARCHE
www.larchevancouver.org

Contact Jayde for more info.
604-435-9544 ext 33 or
development_assistant@larchevancouver.org

Confirmation Class Schedule

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

Nov 27

Dec 11

Next Children's Worship is on Dec 4



June Schramm passed away early Wednesday morning in Maple Ridge. Our deepest condolences and thoughts are with Randy Schramm, and their children - Cheryl, Donna and Neil, and the extended family members. May they find comfort and strength in God's promise of the resurrection as they mourn their loss and carry on into the future. June's memorial service will be next Saturday, November 26 at 2 PM at First Lutheran.

"Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Family Potluck on Saturday, December 3rd, 5 - 7 pm

Hosts: Sarah-Dawn and Steven

We'll get together again for a simple table communion and a potluck dinner. For details or to sign up, please talk to Elina.

St Thomas Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair

Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 2 pm

Gifts, baking, crafts, stocking stuffers and more, as well as the famous Church Lady Jams (and Jellies and Pickles)! Tea, coffee and refreshments served.

Leadership opportunities on Council

FLC Council is seeking volunteers to join the team and take on the following portfolios: Community Outreach, Education, Fellowship, and Worship&Music Liaison. Contact the church office for a description of the portfolio(s) that you are interested in.

Empty containers needed for take-home soup

The soup and bread group is in need of empty containers, such as those of yogurt or butter, to distribute the excess soup on Wednesday night. If you have some to donate, please drop off on Sunday.

You are cordially invited to the **Installation of Rev. Christoph Reiners**

6:30 pm, Sunday, November 20, 2016

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (6340 No.4 Road, Richmond)

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest (white) for the evening Installation service.

**PURDYS CHOCOLATES PRE-CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER
FLC is Group # 34497**

What this is:

Funds are needed for the ongoing upkeep, repairs and maintenance of our church building and grounds. 25% of the sales of Purdy's Chocolates will go directly to FLC's **Building & Maintenance Fund**.

Where to find brochures:

In the Narthex, in the Fellowship Hall, and near the church office.

When:

Orders must be turned in no later than **Sunday, Nov. 20**.

How to order:

Two ways

1) Give your order form with cheque or cash to: Janet Schreiber, Anne Johnson, Barbara Schaub, Christine Neumann or the church office.
Cheques are to be made to **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**.

OR

2) View the catalog and order online using your credit card. Our group number is **34497**.
You can register to shop at this link: www.purdysgpp.com/join/34497

Pick up your chocolates:

Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

Thank you for helping us raise some much needed funds to keep our church building in good shape!

Fellowship and Hospitality appreciates your continued donations of cookies, fruit, and home baking to enrich our coffee hour after worship. No obligation to host.

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Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Loving God: **We trust in you.**"*

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of your reign, that all divisions cease. Loving God: **We trust in you.**

For your creation in all its beauty, for water and land, plants and animals, and for those who advocate for the just use of the earth, that all creatures enjoy life abundant. Loving God: **We trust in you.**

For government leaders, for those who provide justice and safety, and for those in war-torn places *especially*... that all be guided by the peace of the Lord. Loving God: **We trust in you.**

For the alienated, for the sick and suffering, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for those in need of reconciliation, that God provide them with skilled medical practitioners and counselors. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Loving God: **We trust in you.**

In thanksgiving for all the saints who lived their lives giving thanks to God and are now at rest, that their witness strengthen our confidence in the resurrection to eternal life. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Loving God: **We trust in you.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Would you like to add a prayer petition on Sundays? We invite you to write down your prayer request on the music stand in the narthex, which will be included each Sunday in the prayers of the people. Please note that prayer petitions will be refreshed each week.