



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 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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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Pr. Adolf Manz
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<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
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<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Corson Melody Corson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Dennis Reid Julie Bauming
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<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Cheri Ditsche
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
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**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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*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 new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Saviour of the Nations, Come  
Wachet Auf*

Johann Buttsted  
Robert Hobby

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

**ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP**    *“Light An Advent Candle”*    Becki Slagle Mayo  
*The first candle on the Advent Wreath will be lit during the song*

### OPENING RESPONSES

In this waiting season -in a time between times when living seems restricted  
**We gather to remember one who embraced constraint while waiting for birth.**

God with us in the past, as we recount your story  
**Teach us that waiting is not dead time but a dreaming time  
through which new ideas and insights are engendered.**

God with us in the present, as we share your supper  
**Teach us that waiting is not lost time but a liminal time  
within which new possibilities and patterns take form.**

God with us in the future, as we celebrate your Kingdom  
**Teach us that waiting is not quiescent time but a quickening time  
from which new life and love emerges.**

God with us in all time, as we look for your coming  
**Teach us how to inhabit this waiting time.**

## CONFESSION

God with us, through Christ Jesus you have shown us what it is to live imaginatively, love expansively and act creatively.

**We confess that sometimes we have waited without thought and so have stifled fruitful possibility . Sometimes we have waited without generosity and so have constricted fruitful connection. Sometimes we have waited without hope and so have limited fruitful action. Sometimes we have simply been too busy or too distracted to wait and to trust in you.**

And so as we look once more for you: free us with your grace!

Forgive the poverty of our waiting, touch our dreaming.

Stretch our living and energize our acting that we may be ready for your coming. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**      *# 435 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

## GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. We cry out to you: Lord Jesus, come! By your merciful protection save us from our sin, enlighten our walk to live in your loving ways, help us to listen to your word, and strengthen us as we wait for you. **Amen.**

# WORD

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!”*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  
<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

**PSALM 122** (*congregation reads the bold*) Translated by Nan. C. Merrill

My spirit soared when a Voice spoke to me:

"Come, come to the Heart of Love!"

**How long I had stood within the house of fear  
yearning to enter the gates of Love!**

The New Jerusalem, the Holy City, is bound firmly together;  
All who seek the Heart of Love, those who have faced their fears,

**Enter the gates in peace and with great joy,  
singing songs of thanksgiving.**

**There, in harmony with the cosmos,  
the community gathers united in love.**

Pray for the peace of the world!

May all nations prosper as one!

**May peace reign among all peoples,  
and integrity dwell within every heart!**

**Then will friends and neighbours, and former enemies as well, cry out,  
"Peace be within you!"**

For the good of the universe and in gratitude to the Beloved,

Let us serve the Holy One, of all nations with glad hearts.

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“One Small Child”*

Lloyd Larson

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

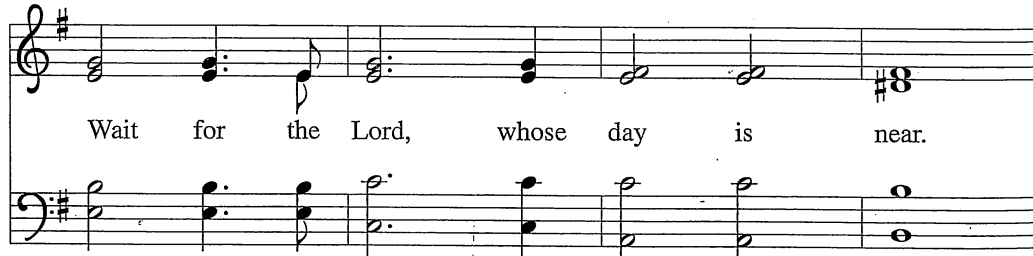
**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

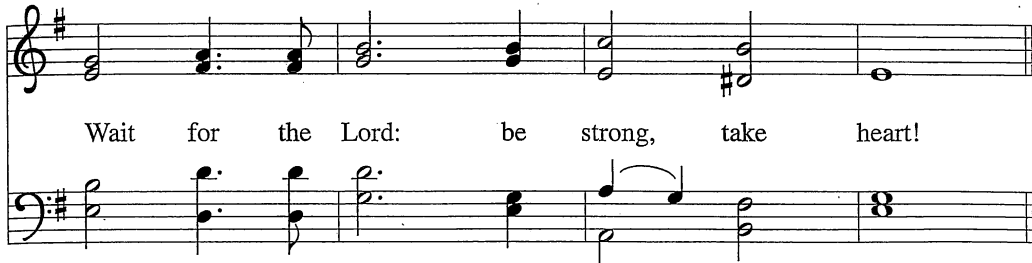
**# 513 “Listen, God is Calling”**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “let us pray”  
and all will respond by singing “Wait for the Lord”.



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ, the dynamic peace of imaginative dreaming,  
the challenging peace of radical loving, the powerful peace of engaged action,  
fill you to overflowing in this season of waiting. **And also with you.**

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

David Cherwien

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

Let us pray: **Saviour of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.**

## MEAL

### INVITATION

This is the table of our God who is with us – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s Kingdom. A place where we recognize that the One for whom we wait is also the One who is already, and always, here with us.

So come, whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading the first light,  
 whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face.  
 Come with quiet confidence because it is here where we encounter the One  
 who watches for our coming, who shows us what it is to wait well,  
 and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in so that we might re-imagine life.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting  
 which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all  
 who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

### “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided in both Spanish and English.

**System 1:**

*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.*  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

**System 2:**

*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.*  
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the night of his offering, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples saying:

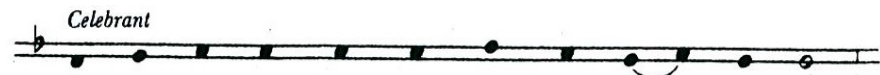
**“Take, and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this to remember me.”**

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

**“Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
It is poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this to remember me.”**

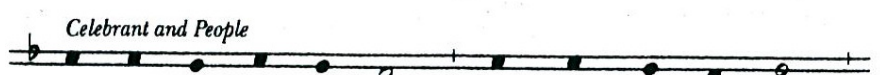
## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

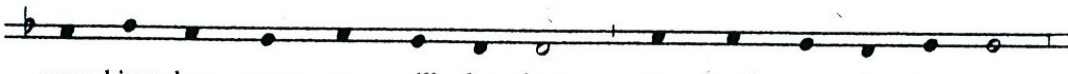


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

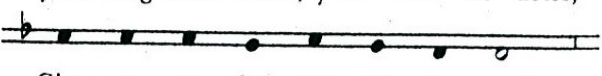
*Celebrant and People*




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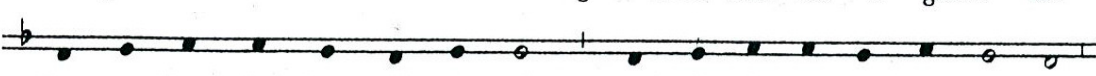
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.




Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



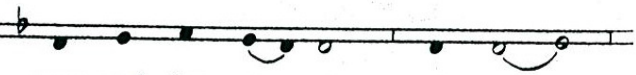
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

### SHARING OF GIFTS

The bread and wine declare that waiting is not time frozen but time freed and fruitful.  
**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.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 438 “My Lord, What a Morning”

*How Beautiful Are the Feet (Messiah)* George Frederic Handel

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All rise)

The earth still waits for its healing. **May we who are part of that waiting take and use the dreaming times to re-imagine the world; inhabit and use the liminal times to discover the patterns of God; embrace and use the quickening times to learn how to live and love; thus may our watching and waiting join with that of God with us to realize God’s Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May Christ, the Light of the world, shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from before your path.  
Almighty God, Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*# 260 “The King Shall Come”*

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

Robert Hobby

*Today’s liturgy is adapted from “In This Season of Waiting”  
- a communion liturgy for Advent by Pat Bennett*

**This Week**

**Today**

Grey Cup Party, 3 PM  
(612 5th Ave, New Westminster)  
Confirmation, 3-4:15 PM

**Monday**

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  
Exploring Worship, 7 PM

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

**Saturday**

St. Thomas Christmas Bazaar, 10 am  
Craft Drop-in, 10 AM  
Memorial Service for Mabel Mostad, 1 pm  
Family Gathering, 5-7 PM

**Next Sunday**

Advent 2, 10:30 AM  
Children's Worship, 10:45 am

**Grey Cup Party  
3 PM, TODAY**

**at 612 Fifth Ave, New Westminster**

Please contact Debbie Powell if interested.

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree on Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30 p. m.

**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 Vimbo, Pr. Adolf Manz, Donna Dufresne, Karen Duddy and Elina Singh.

**Purdy's Chocolates Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who placed a Purdy's Chocolates order! We raised **\$595.55** for the church building and maintenance fund. Some people dedicated part of their Sunday offering specifically to the Building Fund, for which we are grateful.

Please remember to pick up your chocolates in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service on December 4th.

Special thanks to Janet Schreiber for organizing this fundraiser.

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

TODAY

Dec 11

**Craft Drop-In group will be meeting on Saturday, December 3 at 10 AM.**



Our deepest condolences and thoughts are with Clare and Gail, and the extended family members for the loss of their mother Mabel Mostad on November 16 at the age of 98. May they find comfort and strength in God's promise of the resurrection as they mourn their loss and carry on into the future. A memorial service will be Saturday, December 3 at 1 PM at First Lutheran.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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: “let us pray” and all will respond by singing “Wait for the Lord”.

As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

For the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel, may the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray. **Wait for the Lord...**

For the well-being of creation, and for all who care for the earth and its people; for peace among nations, and for those who speak for the voiceless. We pray especially for ... May the compassion of Christ inspire equity and fairness. Let us pray. **Wait for the Lord...**

For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, and for those in any need, especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . May the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in our hearts and lives. Let us pray. **Wait for the Lord...**

In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . let us pray. **Wait for the Lord...**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Saviour. **Amen.**

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn "Wait for the Lord". Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The first system has the lyrics "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note. The second system has the lyrics "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" and also ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.