



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2017

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890**

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*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>Children's Worship</i>	Denise Pawliuk
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Violinist</i>	Elina Singh
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	John Morley Karen Kerfoot Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	AGM potluck
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Frank Filippelli Tony 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.**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**  
*Holy Communion, Setting Two*

*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**

*In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.*

**PRELUDE**

*Largo in G minor*  
*Andante Sostenuto*

Antonio Vivaldi  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN**

# 707 *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*  
v. 3 - unaccompanied

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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. Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace.  
Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds by your grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** - by Denise Pawliuk

**FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

#### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“I Feel the Spirit”*

Don Besig

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23**

*Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God’s temple because God’s Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ’s benefits.*

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”<sup>20</sup>and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” <sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*all sing alleluia verse before and after the reading*)

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      # 651 “*Oh, Praise the gracious power*”

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Down to the River to Pray*      arr. Pepper Choplin

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(All rise)*

Let us pray: **Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE 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.**

**FRACTION** (*as the bread is broken*)

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **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 # 700 “Bring Peace to Earth Again”**

*Eternal Spirit of the Living God*

*Plainsong Mode V*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN # 711 "O Day of Peace"**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love one another. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*St. Denio*

Michael Burkhardt



*All are invited to go downstairs for the potluck lunch before the business discussion of FLC Annual General Meeting.*

**This Week**

**Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

**Wednesday**

Soup meal, 5:30 PM  
Exploring Worship, 7 PM

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 PM

**Friday**

Coffee House, 6-9 pm (details below)

**Saturday**

Youth gathering, 1:30 pm  
SUMS Coldest Night walk, 5 PM

**Next Sunday**

Transfiguration, 10:30 am

**Confirmation Schedule 2017**

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

February 26 (cancelled)    March 12, 19  
April 2, 23                    May 7, 21 (last class)

**Children’s Worship 2017**

**10:45 am on Sundays**

March 5    April 2    May 7, 21

**Joint Lenten Study**

*Passion: the death of a messiah*

Led by Rev. Michael Batten  
at St Thomas Anglican Church

**Wednesday evenings in Lent**

**7:30-9PM, beginning March 8**

The “passion narratives”—the stories of the suffering and death of Jesus—are at the heart of the Christian observance of Holy Week. But as well as inspiring Christian devotion, these stories have inspired Christian hatred and persecution of Jews. In a time of rising xenophobia, religiously-inspired violence, and growing fear and mistrust of the “other”, an informed and responsible reading of the passion narratives is a moral imperative for all Christians.

The office is in the process of compiling a list of individuals who are current First Aid Certificate holders in case of emergency. Please let the office know if you are willing to be included on the list.

First Lutheran’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be **after morning service today**. All FLC members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in serving the congregation as a council member, these portfolios are seeking leadership: **Community Outreach, Education, Fellowship, and Worship & Music Liaison.**

**Community COFFEE HOUSE**

**Friday, February 24, 7 pm – 9 pm**

Lower level at First Lutheran Church

Organized by Collingwood Neighbourhood House and First Lutheran Church.

Come for an evening of coffee and tea, music and good company.



***A PLACE FOR INQUIRY, A PLACE FOR FAITH***

*Are you new to the Christian faith?  
Are you continuing with your faith journey?  
Looking for a safe space to ask questions?  
Interested in learning more about the Lutheran tradition?*

**Join us for 6 Sundays before Easter  
March 5-April 9, 9:30am-10:15am**

This small group will be an open and safe space for prayer and inquiry, to experience our faith tradition, and to be supported by a faith sponsor.

Content for each group session will come out of our experience with Daniel Erlander's book: "Baptized, We Live."

Books are provided for the study.

Onsite childcare will be provided for all sessions.

*Please contact Pr Lori-Anne if you are interested in joining the study or sign up in the narthex. .*

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**INVITATION FROM ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN**

**Our friends at St. Thomas Anglican Church are inviting you to the following events:**

1. Weekly lectionary Bible study, **every Wednesday** at 10:45 a.m., looking at readings for the coming Sunday.
2. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, **February 28** beginning at 6 p.m.
3. Ash Wednesday worship, **March 1** at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (two services)

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**Coldest Night of the Year Challenge to Synod Churches**

St. Paul's Lutheran in Maple Ridge has registered a team for the Coldest Night of the Year, Walk for Homeless and we are CHALLENGING the congregations of the BC Synod.

The "Holy Walkamolies" will be walking at Surrey Urban Mission (10776 King George Blvd, Surrey) **this Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 5 p.m.**

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### Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**”*

Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you.

Orchestrate harmony among us. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world *especially...*

Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them.

Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting.

We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today.

Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them.

We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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.***