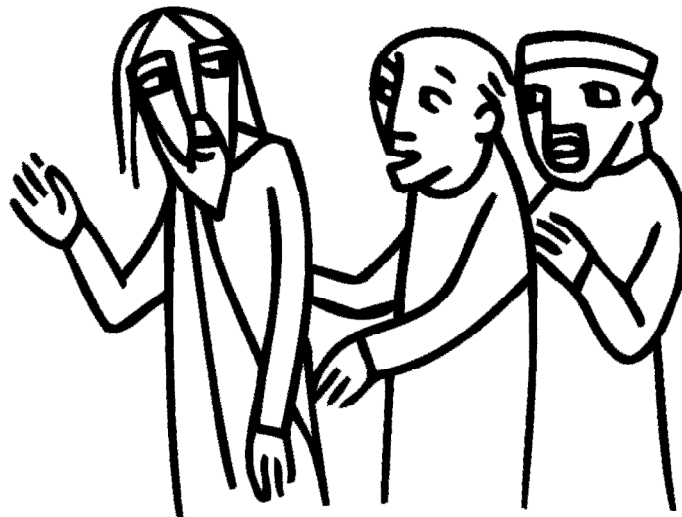




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 15, 2017

**WELCOME TO
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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 - 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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<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
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<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Violinist and Drummer</i>	Elna Singh
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Denise Pawliuk
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Doreen Reid Jackie Cleroux
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Christine Neumann Dennis Reid
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Frank Filippelli
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong Frank Filippelli

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 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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

*Holy Manna
Aria from 'Semele'*

arr. Don Hustad
George Frederic Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
 none can be com-¹pared with you!
 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than ¹I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do ¹not desire;
 you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have ¹not required. R**

⁷And so I said, "Here I ¹am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ten of me:
⁸**"I love to do your will, ¹O my God;
 your law is ¹deep within me."**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the ¹great assembly;
 I have not restrained my lips, O ¹LORD, you know.

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and ¹your deliverance;
 I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the ¹great assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your com-¹passion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth continually ¹keep me safe. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 737 “*He Comes to Us As One Unknown*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Spiritual

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 p. 129

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" p. 130

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" p. 135

*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 # 312 “*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*”
Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake Richard Farrant

“**NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO**” (*All rise*) p. 135

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 # 866 “*We Are Marching in the Light*”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

BISHOP GREG VISITING FIRST LUTHERAN

**Please join us in welcoming a visit from Bishop Greg Mohr on January 22.
Bishop Greg will be leading our worship as the presider and preacher.**

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.

This Week

Today

Children's message, 10:45 am
Executive council meeting, after worship
Confirmation, 3-4:15 PM

Monday

Exploring Music with Joe Campos, 4 pm
Centering Prayer, 7:15 PM

Wednesday

Soup meal, 5:30 PM
Council, 6:30 PM

Thursday

Lower Mainland Ministerial, 10 am
(Good Shepherd Lutheran)
Choir, 7:30 PM

Next Sunday

Epiphany 3, 10:30 am
(Bishop Greg leading worship)

A special lunch will be hosted at FLC by Joseph Nurani in memory of his late uncle John Eisen after service on **January 29**. Please indicate your attendance by signing up in the narthex to help with the meal planning. If you are able to help with set-up or clean up, please also indicate on the sheet.

First Lutheran's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be **after morning service on Sunday, February 19, 2017**. All those who have the responsibility of providing reports for the AGM booklet are to have those reports in to the church office by **Sunday, February 5**. Food contributions, especially sandwiches, are appreciated for the potluck lunch prior to the business discussion. If you are willing to help in the kitchen, please let Betty and Wayne Wong know.

Family Potluck

The next family potluck is happening on Saturday, January 28th, 5 - 7 pm, at Helena and Timo's house. See Elina for more details.

Transforming Community Connections

Are you interested in finding ways to engage with the community around us? Transforming Community Connections group will **meet on Sunday, January 22nd after the service** in the Narthex. Everyone welcome!

Children's Worship 2017 10:45 am on Sundays

TODAY
February 5, 19
March 5
April 2
May 7, 21

Confirmation Schedule 2017

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

January 15, 29
February 5, 26
March 12, 19
April 2, 23
May 7, 21 (last class)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.
A brief silence.

Gather us in, gracious God. Bring together all of your people in every church.
Form us in worship into your united people. Send us out as one in you,
proclaiming your glory and serving all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Fed with bread and wine, Christ’s body and blood, make us eager to care for your good
creation. Send us to pick up litter from highways and lakeshores and protect animal
habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all the nations of the world *especially*... Help us to reach out to the places
where the scandal of hunger resides. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Open us to see how our congregation abounds with every spiritual gift.
Send us out to share our abundant gifts and proclaim your steadfast love.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Quell the anxieties of all who wait for test results. Bring hope to all whose life is a
struggle and filled with despair. Send us to care for those who suffer.
We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our
heart. . . .Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the faithfulness of your prophets *especially Martin Luther King Jr.*,
and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Strengthen our faith in you.
Send us out to proclaim and live your justice boldly.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.***