



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2017

**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>	Bishop Greg Mohr
<i>Minister</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Heidi Ackermann
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John Morley Lanny Harris
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Soriya Salehi Joy Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	John Morley Alex Wilson Felix Opoku Lanny Harris
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Lanny & Sylvia Harris
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong John Morley

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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

PRELUDE

*Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)
The Old Hundredth*

George Frederic Handel
Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS p. 2 (red folder)

GATHERING HYMN # 520 *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*

GREETING AND KYRIE p. 3

“NOW THE FEAST” p. 4

SALUTATION p. 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced “gloom” and “darkness” because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

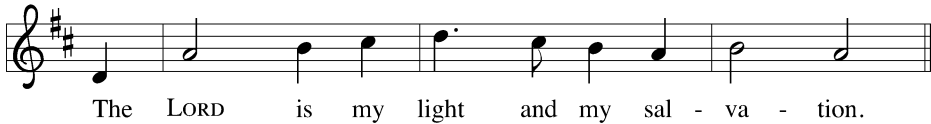
Response: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 (*cantor sings the refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I¹ be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one¹ thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God¹ in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will¹ give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-¹ on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies¹ who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music¹ to the LORD. R**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD,¹ when I call;
have mercy on me and¹ answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message—¹ "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD,¹ I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-¹ vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of¹ my salvation. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Response after the reading: Holy Word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **"Alleluia"** p. 8

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

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

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Response to conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 798 “*Will you Come and Follow Me*”

APOSTLES’ CREED p. 9

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 *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* arr. Jack Schader

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

LORD’S PRAYER p. 13

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 14

*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 # 815 **“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**
Evening Prayer Engelbert Humperdinck

“THANKS BE TO YOU” *(All rise)* p. 15

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 p. 16

SENDING HYMN # 511 **“Thy Strong Word”** v.4, women; v. 5, men

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

POSTLUDE *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz

Our thanks to Bishop Greg for visiting FLC and leading the worship this morning!

This Week

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 PM

Saturday

Youth meeting, 1:30 PM
Family Potluck, 5-7 PM
(See Elina Singh for details)

Next Sunday

Epiphany 4, 10:30 am (Lunch to follow)
Confirmation, 3-5PM

Confirmation Schedule 2017

3 - 4:15 PM on Sundays

January 29

February 5, 26

March 12, 19

April 2, 23

May 7, 21 (last class)

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 office by **Sunday, February 5**. Food contributions, especially sandwiches, are appreciated for the potluck lunch prior to the discussion. If you are willing to help in the kitchen, please let Betty and Wayne Wong know.

**PARISH CARE CENTRE
ANNUAL MEETING**

Sun, Feb 5th 12:00, the Lower Hall
All members of First Lutheran are automatically members of the Parish Care Centre and are encouraged to attend. Reports on Friends InDeed and Refugee Family will be presented.

**Children's Worship 2017
10:45 am on Sundays**

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

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.

A special lunch will be hosted at FLC by Joseph Nurani in memory of his late uncle John Eisen after service **next Sunday, January 29**. Please indicate your attendance and help with set up/cleanup by signing up in the narthex.

MISSING – dinner plate (part of a set)
The plate was left at church on Dec. 18, 2016. Pattern – Mikasa "Christmas Story" – Christmas tree in centre of plate with holly leaves and a green criss-cross design on border. Please contact Carol Laslett (604-942-6625) or email claslett@shaw.ca.

ONLINE REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE!
Lay Academy Session "*Galatians: Famous Lost Words*"
(Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11)
Time: 9:30 to 11:00 am

Join Bishop Marlin Aadland,
first Bishop of the British Columbia Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (1986 to 1998),
for an exploration of the terms "*Word*", "*Faith*", "*Law*", and "*Freedom*".

Bring your Bible and rediscover the meaning of these four terms, (one per session),
in light of the Lutheran understanding of the Gospel
in the year of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Registration fees are \$15 per session or \$50 for the series of 4.

Please Register Online:

<https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elciewla/sessions-schedule>

For more info: layacademy.lts@usask.ca

British Columbia Locations:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 11040 River Rd, Delta (*Main Presentation*)
Deo Lutheran Church, 1801 - 30th Street NE, Salmon Arm
Hill of Peace Lutheran Church, 695 Robson Dr, Kamloops
Our Saviours Lutheran Church, 3590 Dufferin Ave, Prince George
Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria

Community COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, February 24, 7 pm – 9 pm

First Lutheran Church (5745 Wales Street, Vancouver)

Entry via E 42nd Avenue, downstairs

Come for an evening of coffee and tea, music and good company.
Organized by Collingwood Neighbourhood House and First Lutheran Church

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 in the list.

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Altar Guild Coordinator	Janet Schreiber
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Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson
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Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary
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Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality
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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.

Holy God, you call us to fish for people. Tear down divisions and unite the church universal in your mission. Make us of the same mind and purpose in service and worship to you.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you call us to care for creation. Breathe into us the joy and beauty of stewardship. Teach us to care for the small seed and the expansive sky.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you call us to care for the stranger in our midst. Sustain refugees from every country, empower organizations that provide food and shelter for them, and hear the cries of your people around the world *especially*... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Triune God, you call us into relationship with you. Raise up leaders in your church who risk looking foolish for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Redeeming God, you break the oppressor's rod. Bring an end to tyranny and poverty. Wipe out fear. Uphold all your children who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Heal us with your presence. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-living God, you call us to rest in you. Keep us faithful on earth and bring us to life everlasting with the saints of every time and place. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . 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.