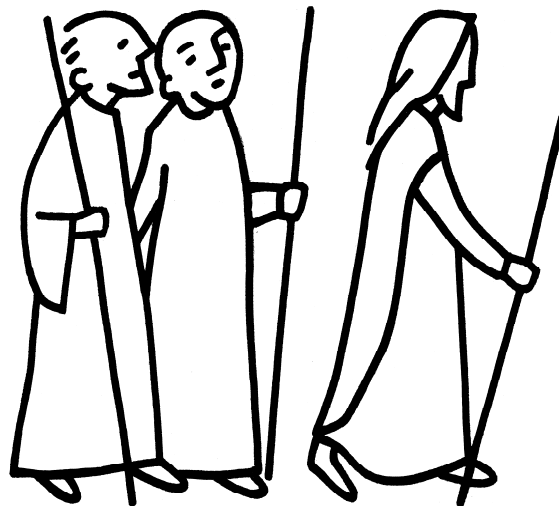




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2018

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.

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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Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2018

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presider/Homilist Pr. Vida Jaugelis

Assisting Minister Michael Ray

Lector Karen Duddy

Ministry of Music
Organist/Pianist Jeanette Price
Cantor Heidi Ackermann
Flutist Anne Johnson
Trumpeter Karl Maier

Gift Bearers Ingrid Anderson
Karen Kerfoot

Communion Servers Ingrid Anderson
Karen Kerfoot
Karen Duddy
Ingrid Bielenberg

Tray Holders Soriya
Deanna Wilson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Altar Guild Soriya
Doreen Reid
Dennis Reid

Offering Counters Lanny Harris
Alex Wilson

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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018
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

All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Don Hustad
 Aria from ‘Semele’ George Frederic Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

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.

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“THIS IS THE FEAST”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,
for the countless blessings and benefits you give.
May we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day praising you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

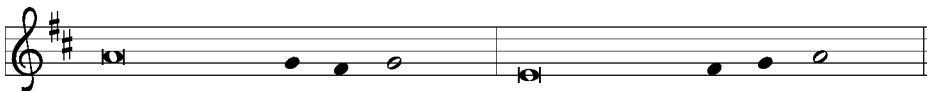
Response after the reading: Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing the refrain*)

Refrain



Tone



¹LORD, you have | searched me out; O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. R**

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before, and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**

¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God! How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sing before and after reading. Please rise*)

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GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY (*silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise*) # 737 **"He Comes to Us as One Known"**

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 the 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 PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "let us pray. Have mercy, O God."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Lord, Listen to Your Children arr. Jack Schrader

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(Please 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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COMMUNION

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

*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 # 810 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake Richard Farrant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please rise)*

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 God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 798 “*Will You Come and Follow Me*”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz

*Pastor Vida would like to extend thanks to everyone
who helped to make the visiting bishops and their spouses from the ELCA
feel welcome in our midst last Sunday:
volunteer drivers, greeters, potluck lunch providers and servers,
and everyone who engaged in conversation with them around the tables.*



This Week

Today

Table Talk rescheduled to next Sunday
Confirmation Class, after service

Monday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Soup Meal, 5:45 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Friends InDeed Gathering at FLC, 2-4 pm

Next Sunday

Hebrew Scriptures Study, 9:30 am
Epiphany 3, 10:30 am
Children's Worship
Table Talk, after worship

2018 Focus on Hebrew Scriptures

**Join us for 8 weekly conversations
Sunday mornings
in the downstairs meeting area
January 21 – March 11
9:30-10:15am**

Resources:

Your copy of the Hebrew Scriptures
and
MANNA AND MERCY by Dan Erlander
(First Lutheran to provide)

*Please contact Pr. Sylvia Schmidt,
Facilitator*

Onsite childcare

First Lutheran's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be **after morning service on Sunday, February 25, 2018**. 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 4**. Food contributions, especially sandwiches, are appreciated for the potluck lunch prior to the business discussion. Please indicate your attendance or whether you are able to help with set-up and/or clean-up on the sign up in the narthex.

The income tax receipts are in your mailboxes in the narthex. If there are any questions, please see Sylvia Harris as soon as possible.

Sunday Children's Message/Worship

January 21 February 4, 18
March 4, 18 April 8, 22 May 6, 20

Friends InDeed Gathering

THIS Saturday, January 20th, 2 - 4 pm

Come and gather with all the Friends InDeed volunteers to share stories, reflections and ideas. We'll reflect on the past, and think ahead to the future. All those interested in Friends InDeed ministry are welcome.

Please sign up in the narthex,
or talk to Elina for more details.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

1. **Registration is Now Open for LTS LAY ACADEMY SESSIONS:** **Saturday January 20th & 27th**

Building Community: Welcoming the Stranger/Loving Our Neighbor - Please take time to read the attachment below.

Welcoming the stranger and getting to know one's neighbors, be they inside or outside the pew, has never been the easiest of missions. But it is has become one of the central missions of our national church. Join us for the WINTER LAY ACADEMY SESSION as we discuss and learn about 'welcoming and loving others as ourselves', especially focusing on our indigenous and multicultural communities. Please see more information on the presenters on <https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/buildingcommunity>

We feature speakers from across the four western synods for 2 x 2.7 hour sessions on Building Community, facilitated by Rev. Dave Saude of the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Synod. The sessions will run from **8:30 am to 11:10 am BC Time**. **Registration fees are \$25 per session or \$47 for the 2 dates. 8% discount for home attendees.**

British Columbia

Grace Lutheran Church, 7283 Nelson Ave, Burnaby (Dr. Tsehai in attendance)
Our Saviours Lutheran Church, 3590 Dufferin Ave, Prince George (pending)

2. **Calling All Young People Ages 18-30**

There is an opportunity for young people aged 18 - 30 to apply to be a steward for an upcoming World Council of Churches meeting in Geneva. Cost of food and accommodation is covered by WCC but travel has to be paid by the steward (although there is some funding available from WCC). **Application deadline is Jan 31**. For more information, and to access the application guidelines, please visit: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/wcc-invites-applications-to-central-committee-stewards-programme>. You may also see either Pr. Vida or Pr. Sylvia for more info.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**”*

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world and for all called to its various ministries, that the Holy Spirit invite us and others to “come and see,” let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for plants that provide nourishment, for animals that tend their young, that your goodness will be revealed through all creation, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For the nations and all in authority, for advocates, for those who work for racial justice, and for our community, that all people may thrive together in harmony and order.
We pray *especially for...* let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For travelers and those unable to attend worship today, for members of our community celebrating special events, and for those who request prayers, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For all who are oppressed; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for caregivers and families; for those who grieve and cannot sleep, that comfort will come to those in any distress. We pray *especially for...* and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for those who followed Christ and now rest from their labours that their witness provide a model of prophetic leadership and tireless justice-making.
We remember *especially ...* and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . .
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**