

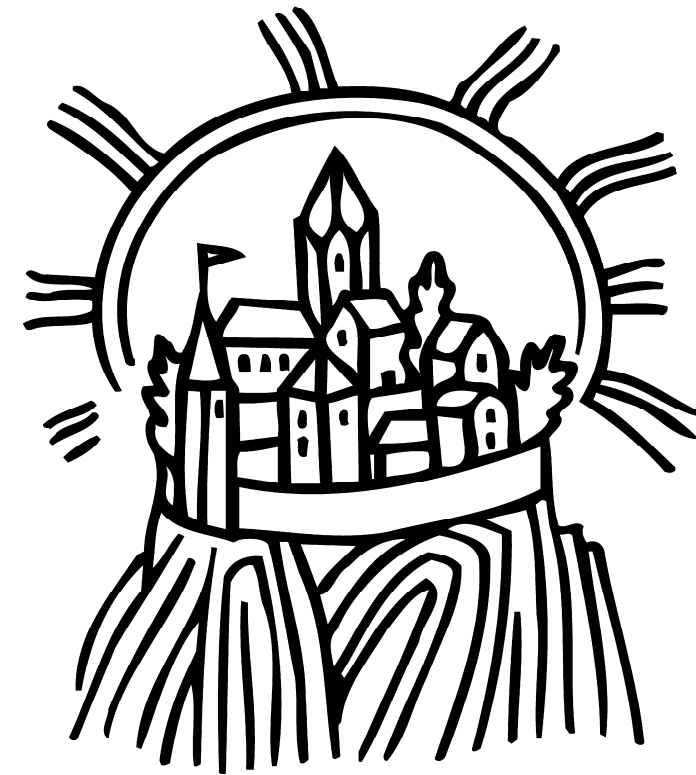


# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Once again during the season of Lent, we will share an adult study series with St. Thomas Anglican. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Lutheran. Three prominent Anglicans and two prominent Lutherans will speak on the theme "What Lent Means to Me". The presentations will be followed by some small group discussion and a "question-and-answer" time with the presenters. All are invited to come and meet the speakers and reflect on what they will share. More information next week.



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2011**

**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:* You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship.

*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 races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.



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*Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Homilist</i>	Bishop Greg Mohr
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Acolyte</i>	Andrew Enders Felix Opoku
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Peter Clark
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy Collins
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Karen Kerfoot Karen Duddy Adolf Manz
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Mary Keitel Hildur Head Solveig Hajum
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Veronica Okoree Betty Anderson
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Randy Enders

**If you would like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Lori Hedin at 604.941.5803. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Julie Bauming at 604 986-5389.**

**Annual General Meeting--Friday February 18th, 2011**

**Potluck Meal--begins at 6:15 pm**

**Business Meeting--begins at 7:15 pm**

On Sunday Feb. 6th and Sun. Feb. 13th, we'll have a **sign-up sheet** in the Narthex. Please let us know if you're planning to attend the AGM. We'd also like you to indicate what you're able to contribute to our Potluck Meal--e.g. main course / salad / dessert / drinks etc. We need some people to volunteer to assist with setting up tables and chairs before the meeting as well as another team of people to assist with the clean-up at the end of the evening. We'd appreciate it if you could help us with our planning for this important event. Thank You.

The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee (Julie B., Karen K., Ingrid B.)

This morning we set apart the piano donated by Jonathan Service, a member and friend of First Lutheran for over 15 years. Since Jonathan is studying at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, completing his academic requirements for his Ph.D., he is represented by his parents, Keith and Pat Service. We are grateful to Jonathan and his family for this generous gift and we dedicate it to the glory of God and set it apart for the worship of this assembly of believers for years to come.

The instrument itself is a Baldwin SF10, 7' Grand Piano, hand built in 1994. It is regarded by musicians and technicians alike as being in the same league as a Steinway B. While the piano is 16 years old, it is in pristine condition with its cabinet, strings, hammers, keys and action described as "excellent" and "concert pitch". We are fortunate, indeed, that an instrument of such an impeccable reputation in terms of sound, clarity and stability is now ours to use in singing our praise and thanksgiving to the Eternal One. So, to Jonathan for his thoughtfulness, to Pat and Keith for their efforts in "orchestrating" the moving of the piano from their home to this place, and to the Lamb who sits upon the throne, we offer our deepest gratitude and, with voices united, we sing of our profound gladness.

Congratulations to Venancia Nanziza and Louis Bizimana on the birth of their newest daughter, Grace. May God's holy angels watch over this child and family now and always.

## Put the Fun back in Fundraising

February blahs get you down every year? Will probably forget to buy that "special someone" a Valentine? Long for a little excitement in the last, dark days of winter's longest (at least seems like the longest) month?

Well, have we got an exciting event for you: A big-sound-toe-tapping-lively-dance-and-listening-Tommy Dorsey-style-music band.



**URBANA**--a 17 member brass-and-reed-and-drum swing orchestra that rehearses in our church basement every Saturday morning--will be putting on a cabaret-style benefit concert in our lower fellowship hall on Friday, February 25. Doors open at 6:30 and the joint begins to jump around 7 p.m. and rocks (swings?) until 9 p.m.

Bring your own liquid refreshment; we'll supply glasses, coffee, tea and juice, along with chips and dip and easy snacks. Admission by donation--and all monies raised go to the Lennikov Legal Fund.

Might be nice (and you are all nice) to email or call the church office [info@firstlutheranvancouver.com](mailto:info@firstlutheranvancouver.com) or 604-435-6020 to let us know if you and/or how many will be coming so we can have enough tables and chairs and food ready to go.

So, after attending the AGM the Friday before (February 18), set aside another Friday on your busy social calendar, bring a friend or two to meet and/or greet Mikhail, be ready to laugh (and even dance), put a little of your hard-earned cash in the legal fund . . .and make spring come early!

Our thanks to Bishop Greg Mohr for his pastoral visit, his proclamation of good news, and his leadership of our synod. Besides being a privilege and pleasure to have him here among us, Bishop Greg will have a meeting with Church Council after the coffee hour today starting around 12:15 pm.



Our sympathies are with Eve Luong on the sudden death of her mother. Please remember Eve, her sister and her father in your prayers, asking for health, strength and hope for them all as they mourn.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 2011

*"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

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

### PRELUDE

*Andante (Concerto No. 2)*

George Frederic Handel

*O That I Had A Thousand Voices*

Paul Manz

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEDICATION OF THE PIANO *(see insert)*

### GATHERING HYMN

*# 851 "When in our Music God Is Glorified"*

v.2-women; v.3-men; v.4-unaccompanied

### GREETING AND KYRIE

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### "THIS IS THE FEAST"

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### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. <sup>9b</sup>  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;

## “LAMB OF GOD”



*It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — 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. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or, if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

# 773 “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

*Evening Prayer Englebert Humperdink*

## “THANKS BE TO YOU”

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

## SENDING

## BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 688 “*Lord of Life*”, v.3-unaccompanied

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

# Announcements

### This Week

**Thursday**  
Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Worship, 10:30 am

The rite of *Farewell and Godspeed* for Peter and June Clark will be performed on Sunday, February 20. After 16 years of membership at First Lutheran and active involvement in our community ministry and life, June and Peter are moving to Nanaimo at the end of February. In order to provide everyone with an opportunity to sign a card / send a greeting / contribute towards a gift, beginning today, and again next Sunday, please talk to a member of The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee (Julie B., Karen K., Ingrid B.).

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Form your church and its leaders, Lutheran Bishops Greg and Susan; Anglican Bishops Michael and Fred, into the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the good works of all may give you glory. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Use the collective work of government agencies, advocacy groups and relief organizations, such as Canadian Lutheran World Relief to bring an end to injustice, oppression, hunger, and homelessness. Particularly do we pray for the people of Egypt, Yemen, Tunisia, Algeria, and the Sudan that they and their countries might experience peace and justice. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Bring healing to lands and waters that are polluted or neglected, and teach us restraint, that the resources of the earth may be distributed justly and fairly. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Tend to the needs of all who cry out to you, especially those facing economic uncertainty, those without hope, and those living with fear, grief, or illness (*especially...*). Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Gather this community of faith around the mystery of Christ crucified, that our lives may be poured out for one another and for the sake of the world. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Gather us, with... all your holy ones, to receive what no eye has seen, no ear heard, and no heart conceived: the blessing of unending life in your presence. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Impromptu Opus 142 No. 2* Franz Schubert

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” (*All Rise*) p. 9

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## MEAL

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*Acclamations 2 & 3*)

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

*Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.*

## PSALM: Psalm 112:1–10

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)*

### Refrain



Light shines in the dark - ness for the up - right.

### Tone



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup>God's commandments!  
<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup>in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup>will be blessed.  
<sup>3</sup>**Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup>in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup>last forever.**  
<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup>for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup>of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup>ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup>fairs with justice.  
<sup>6</sup>For they will nev- <sup>1</sup>er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup>ing remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>**They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup>evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup>in the LORD.**

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup>will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup>on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup>fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup>head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup>pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup>ed will perish. **R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him" —

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

<sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

*Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*"I Will Joyfully Sing"*

Mary McDonald

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(to be sung before and after reading)*

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## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–20

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

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

<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

*Response to the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.*

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #715 "*Christ, Be Our Light*"

## 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.**