



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Prelude: Prelude in D minor - J. S. Bach, Largo in D minor - A. Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Ubi caritas et amor (ELW 642) *(During the imposition of ashes)*

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (ELW 319)





Greeting (ELW page 98)

Kyrie (ELW page 98)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Lenten Acclamation (ELW page 103)

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew . **Glory to you O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they



may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily- Rev. Tim LeDrew

Hymn of the Day- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (ELW 716)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Prayer

MEAL

Dialog & Preface (ELW page 107)

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW page 108)

Great Thanksgiving (ELW page 108)

Lord's Prayer (ELW page 112)





Lamb of God 1 (ELW page 112)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn- Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn- Let Streams of Living Justice (ELW 710)

Dismissal

Postlude: Prelude in A minor - J. S. Bach

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Tim LeDrew	Livestream Tech	Kevin Li
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Communion Set-Up	Carol Laslett
Assisting Minister	Linda Collins	Communion Assist	Aria
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Coffee Hour Hosts	Heidi Ackermann Tsige Ekubagaber Ingrid Tymm
Lector	Heidi Ackermann		

