



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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JANUARY 15, 2023

**WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED IN 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.

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. We have proudly served as a Reconciled in Christ Congregation since 2000.

We acknowledge that we gather, worship, work, and play on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations. We are committed to learning and raising awareness of our country's historical relationship with First Peoples and continue to work toward true Reconciliation.

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

Masks are no longer required while attending worship. As a sign of our care and love for one another, all those wishing to wear masks for their own and others' safety are welcome to do so. We strongly encourage all worshipers age 5 and up to be fully vaccinated.

Worship attendees will be greeted at the 42nd Avenue entrance off of the narthex when doors open at 10am. All are welcome to join us for conversation and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

If you feel unwell for any reason or cannot follow our COVID restrictions, please remain at home and participate online. We will continue to stream our services via YouTube.

([www.youtube.com/firstlutheranchurchvancouver](http://www.youtube.com/firstlutheranchurchvancouver))

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building. Accessible, gender neutral washrooms are on the main floor in the northwest corner. There are additionally two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A wheelchair accessible entrance (also our office entrance) is located near the parking lot on the 42nd street side.



## **THOSE SERVING THE SERVANTS TODAY**

Presiding Minister	David Lefsrud	Usher	Drew Nicholson
Assisting Minister	Linda Collins	Coffee Hour Hosts	Michael Ray Harvey Wagner
Lector	Russell Collins	Livestream Tech	Alin Kutcheran
Musician	Ginger Shaw	Communion Set-Up	Gloria Tymm
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann		

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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 15, 2023

### SETTING EIGHT – HOLY COMMUNION

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#### **PRELUDE**

*Trois Pièces Brèves: II - Idylle*

Denis Bédard

#### **WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

It is with a heart for reconciliation that First Lutheran Church acknowledges that we meet and work and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples — the Musqueam, the Squamish, and the Tseil-Waututh nations.

#### **GATHERING**

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**





Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG — Arise, Your Light Has Come (ELW 314)**

### **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.**



**KYRIE**

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**THIS IS THE FEAST**

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**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 Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen 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.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
    in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
    in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
    Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
    I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
    and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,





to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 40:1-11**

*(The psalm will be spoken responsively. The congregation will speak the portions in bold print.)*

I waited patiently upon the LORD,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.  
**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**





The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;**

**you have opened my ears:**

**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**'I love to do your will, O my God;**

**your law is deep within me.'**"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;**

**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth**

**from the great assembly.**

You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To 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:





Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

The Holy Gospel, according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I 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.’ And I myself have seen and have







testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When 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?” He 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He 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).

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** (You may be seated)

**SERMON—Rev. David Lefsrud**

**HYMN OF THE DAY — Open Your Ears (ELW 519)**

**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.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends with the words, “Merciful God”. You are invited to respond “Receive our prayer”.*

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You may share a sign of peace to those around you.)*

#### **OFFERING MUSIC— Light Shone in Darkness (ELW 307)**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**



## MEAL



### **DIALOG**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Mother, 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.**





## LAMB OF GOD

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### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*(As a sign of abundant kindness & care for you, all those serving you communion will wear masks.)*

### COMMUNION HYMN—Now the Silence (ELW 460)



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you **Amen.**



# SENDING

## **BLESSING**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
And breaks the oppressor's rod,  
✠ Bless , strengthen, and uphold you  
Now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN — Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Trois Pièces Brèves: I - Alla marcia*

Denis Bédard

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

Aria A.      Janet S.      Barbara S.      Phil S.

### IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Stanfield, a long time member of First Lutheran, passed away on Christmas Day 2022. Our prayers are with Joelanne and the whole family.

### OFFICE HOURS

This week Elina will be in the office Monday to Thursday, 9am—2 pm. The church office will be closed on Friday.

### UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

*Sunday, January 22nd*

Third Sunday of Epiphany, 10:30am (Sanctuary / YouTube)  
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30am (Social Hall)

*Sunday, January 29th*

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany; Reconciling in Christ Sunday  
10:30am (Sanctuary / YouTube)  
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30am (Social Hall)





## ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

*Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:30 pm*

St Thomas Anglican Church

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a global, ecumenical event where various churches gather together for prayer and worship. St. Thomas Anglican Church is hosting an ecumenical service on Tuesday, January 24th.

All are welcome to attend.



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