



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

**Prelude:** Song without Words- Caleb Simper, Andantino - Léon Boëllmann,  
Moment musical - Denis Bédard

**Words of welcome & Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

### GATHERING

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of boundless compassion, help us to admit that we have been wrong. Give us the word the world cannot. Tell us again that you believe in us so we can love ourselves as you do. **Amen**

We proclaim publicly for the ways we have rejected God's love and God's image of us.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

For historical acts of injustice and oppression perpetuated against Aboriginal communities, and Black, Japanese, and Chinese communities in this abundant land of the First Nations, **Forgive us, merciful God.**

For the times we have failed to recognize racism and bigotry in ourselves, in our church, and in our society, and the times we have failed to take action.

**Forgive us, long-suffering God.**

For complicity in systems of privilege and power over those whose skin color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or creed differ in some way, even today. **Forgive us, compassionate God.**





Grant us courage never to let a racist joke or bigoted comment pass in our hearing. But to dare to insist on equitable treatment of all persons and groups, including ourselves, if oppressed, even at the risk of being unpopular or misunderstood. **We beseech you, God of justice.**

Grant us patience to endure periods without action, persistence in resisting the evil of oppression, and faithfulness in working toward racial and social justice among your people, in the church, and in the world. **We beseech you, God of hope.**

Siblings in Christ, the truth is that God loves you deeply and without end. This forgiveness is a gift; we don't do this on our own. We are bound to the Holy Spirit, who accompanies us on this journey of reconciliation in Christ. Know and believe you are forgiven. Know and trust that God is with you as you adjust and make amends, as you now know what you did not know before and that you have been made whole in the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn- All Are Welcome (ELW 641)**

**Greeting**

**Kyrie (ELW page 165)**

**Glory to God (ELW page 167)**

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy and Living God, we open to you this day. May peace flow and let justice roll down like an ever-flowing stream. Open our eyes and help us to see that no one is outside your love; outside our love. Remind us that we are not alone thanks to your abiding presence and the ministry of Reconciling Works and the Reconciling in Christ program, through Jesus Christ, the free gift of grace. **Amen**

### **WORD**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**





## **Children's Message**

**Gospel Acclamation** (Celtic Alleluia ELW 174)

**Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

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

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

**Sermon- Rev. David Lefsrud**

**Hymn of the Day- Light Dawns on a Weary World** (ELW 726)

**Apostles Creed** (ELW page 105)

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

**Offering Prayer**

## **MEAL**

**Dialog & Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (ELW page 173)

**Great Thanksgiving**



**Lord's Prayer (ELW page 173)**

**Lamb of God (ELW page 174)**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn- Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn- Lift Every Voice and Sing (ELW 841)**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude: Grand Jeu - Louis Marchand**

**“Keep in your prayers”**

Linda Dawson

Madeleine Jones

Bruno Tymm

Daniel Luong

***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. David Lefsrud	<b>Livestream Tech</b>	Kevin Li
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Rachel Alflatt	<b>Usher</b>	Drew Nicholson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sylvia Harris	<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Ingrid Tymm
<b>Cantor</b>	Heidi Ackermann	<b>Communion Assist.</b>	-
<b>Lector</b>	Ingrid Tymm	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Heidi / Aria Al Seidani