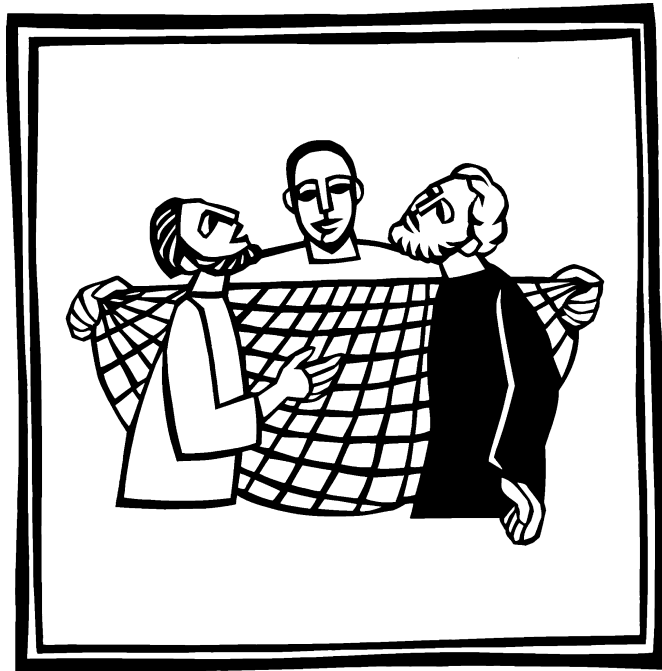




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 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)

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	Michael Ray
Assisting Minister	Marly Zell	Coffee Hour Hosts	Cheri Ditsche Heidi Ackermann
Lector	Heather Robbie	Livestream Tech	Kevin Li
Musician	Ginger Shaw	Communion Set-Up	Claire Landry
Cantor	Arvid Vimb		

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 SETTING EIGHT – HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

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 — Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

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.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.





Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

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

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.





SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

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





SERMON—Rev. David Lefsrud

HYMN OF THE DAY — Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)

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—Let Us Go Now to the Banquet (ELW 523)

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 — The Spirit Sends Us Forth (ACS 988)



- 1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
- 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur - dened free;
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.



to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
 and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

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

UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday, January 29th

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany; Reconciling in Christ Sunday

10:30am (Sanctuary / YouTube)

Coffee and Conversation, 11:30am (Social Hall)

Sunday, February 5th

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany, 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.



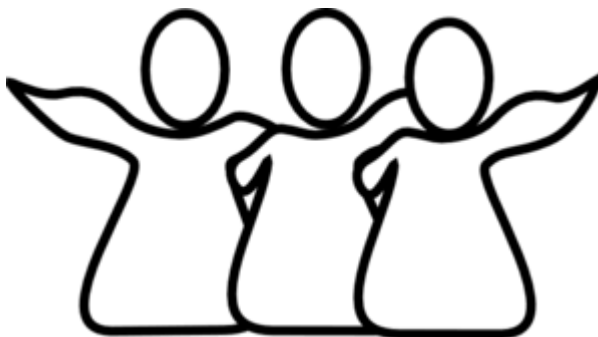
VISIONING OUR FUTURE

The Visioning Committee would like to invite you to gather after our church services (during our fellowship coffee hour) on January 22, 29, and February 19 for some fun and lighthearted small group discussions, led by Pastor Dave (and Pastor Sylvia on Jan. 29) along with members of the Visioning Committee. We would like to hear from all of you and recognize that it is not always easy to physically come to church, so there will also be an opportunity to participate via Zoom on February 12th at 7:00pm.

This is a time for us to reconnect with each other and help gain some feedback on things that we have enjoyed doing at FLC in the past and also things we hope to get back to in the future. We have been locked up for 3 years dealing with this pandemic and our congregation looks different, as do most congregations, so we felt that this is a good time to regroup and reconnect.

We hope to bring some laughter and cheer into these events and also hope to garner your feedback to help the Church Council complete the Congregational Mission profile, which is an important part of our calling process for a new pastor. You, our community, are included in every step of the way.

Please let the office know if you would like to join via Zoom for the February 12th event so that we can send a Zoom invite to you.



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