



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 14, 2013



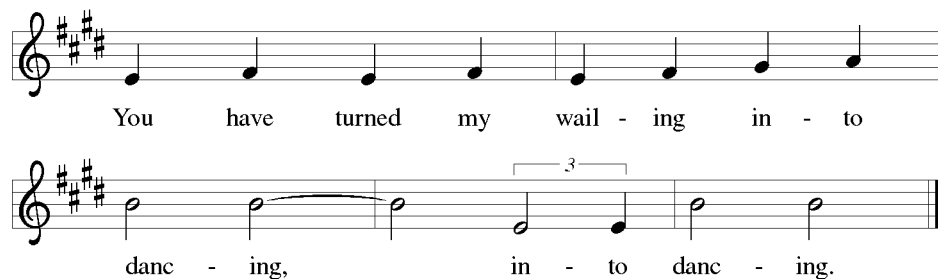
Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.<sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"<sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.<sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.<sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."<sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,<sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;<sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,<sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,<sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

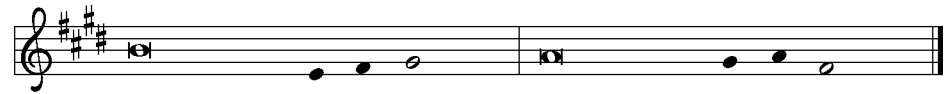
*Response after the reading:*      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 30** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)  
*You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you, and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**  
<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful; give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance. R**  
<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said, "I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.  
<sup>8</sup>**I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD; I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**  
<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me; O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper." R**  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;**  
**O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever. R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,  
<sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"  
<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"  
<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Response to conclusion of reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 817 "You Have Come Down"**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great..**"

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** Fur Elise Ludwig van Beethoven

**"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT"** (All rise) p. 9

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 10

**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

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

**"LAMB OF GOD"** p. 11



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. A gluten free option is available upon request.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"**  
Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**SENDING**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Andre Campra

**This Week**

**Wednesday**  
Council, 6:15 pm

**Thursday**  
Mutual Ministry, 5:30 pm  
Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Fourth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am

**First Lutheran Coffeehouse!**

**Sunday, April 21, 6 - 10 pm**  
**Potluck at 6 pm, show at 7 pm**

Bring your talents! A song, a skit, a poem, a story—what ever you feel led to share! All are welcome! You can sign up by email (shannon.heartsong@gmail.com ) or be brave and jump in the night of the show! This is a time of sharing, encouraging each others gifts, and building community...

The congregation is invited to choose the hymns next Sunday, April 21st.

You are cordially invite to a Service celebrating The Rev. Ron Wickens' 50 years as a priest, on Wednesday May 1, 2013, at St. Thomas Anglican Church. Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm with a reception to follow.

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in April today after worship. All are welcome to the party.

Pr. Lori-Anne is away this weekend and will be back in the office on Tuesday.

On Sunday, May 5, around 12:15 pm, Pastor Hergy will deliver a 30 minute presentation on "The Church as Sanctuary." The material will focus on how First Lutheran has developed. . .and expanded. . .the notion of sanctuary as being a "safe place" for everyone including newcomers to Canada (and to Christianity), for gay and lesbian Christians, and for all of us who long for and need family where we are wanted and welcomed. . .and where we are free to be who we are just as we are. To become and to remain "the church as sanctuary" means to be a community where hospitality--to strangers, outsiders, and those in danger of deportation--where hospitality is seen as a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit and a defining characteristic of the life and call of Christ. As part of this presentation, there will be opportunity for a "Question and Answer" time with Mikhail Lennikov. All are invited to attend and to discover how we as a congregation have been formed into who and what we are and therefore why we do what we do.

**Surrey Urban Mission Society  
Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
in our new location!  
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