



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2013**

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

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.

Therefore, 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.

To our Visitors: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A **special welcome** to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

First Lutheran is easily accessible via major city routes - 41st Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42nd Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42nd Avenue.

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

The present building, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Acolytes</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Karen Duddy Blair Duddy
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Duddy Betty Wong Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Julie Bauming Sarah Speidel
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson June Schramm Eve Luong Dan Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

If you'd like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Iris Kong, our office administrator, at 604.435.6020. If you'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.

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Holy Communion, Setting Ten

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRELUDE

*Jesus Lead Thou On
Abbot's Leigh*

Paul Manz
Robert Hobby

EASTER ACCLAMATION Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!** (Repeat 3x)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING HYMN

Congregation's Choice

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“GLORIA”

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36–43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

LESSON HYMN

Congregation's Choice

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me,

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*)

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GOSPEL: John 10:22–30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 502 *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

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

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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 # 484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
It Is Well With My Soul Alice Jordan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Congregation's Choice*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* Ralph Vaughan Williams

This Week

Thursday
Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am
Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

First Lutheran Coffeehouse Tonight!

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! This is a time of sharing, encouraging each others gifts, and building community...



“Springing into Joyful Hope”
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm
(Potluck dinner, 6 pm)

Enjoy contemporary Christian music?
Know of someone who does?
Join us this season for our new
Contemporary Evening Services,
beginning at **7 pm!**

Looking for a chance to connect with our
community and eat at a great dinner
buffet?

Bring a dish, and join us for the pre-
service **potluck dinner at 6 pm!**

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. And “everyone” includes newcomers to Canada (and to Christianity), gay and lesbian Christians, as well as all of us who long for and need a “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--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 the kind of community we are today, and so help prepare us for a closer look in the fall at what kind of community we want to become (or continue becoming).

Free furniture (all in good condition):

- Green leather sofa
- Love seat.
- Coffee tables
- Dining room chairs and other furniture

Please contact Alex or Deanna Wilson at (604)430-5893.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is organizing a day-long seminar for pastors and lay workers of the Lutheran churches in BC regarding refugees and the whole issue of resettlement. The event will take place on Wednesday May 1, 2013 from 9am-to 3:30 pm at Mount Zion Lutheran Church located at 930 Cumberland St. in New Westminster, BC. You are invited to attend this seminar and become familiar with the global refugee situation; all the legislative changes that have occurred in Canada during the past few years, and what we can do to reach out to refugees. Pastor Hergy will give the keynote speech at 10:45 am to those in attendance, including those representatives of the UNHCR (United Nations High Commission on Refugees), CIC (Citizenship and Immigration Canada), The Refugee Sponsorship Training Program, Immigration Lawyers and, of course, CLWR - all of whom will be making presentations. If you are interested in attending the seminar, please contact Fikre Tsehai by email clwr@clwrbc.ca or by phone 604-540-9760.

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.

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