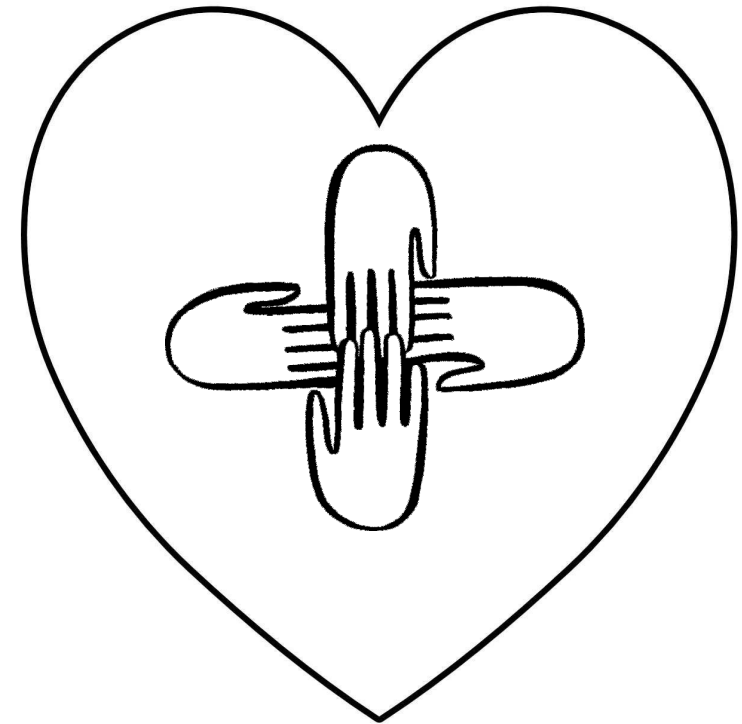




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 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 - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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>	<i>Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford</i>
<i>Homilist</i>	<i>Pr. Hergy</i>
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Michael Ray</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Heather Robbie</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Nelly Gateka Benie Niyungeko</i>
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	<i>Jeanette Price</i>
<i>Cantor</i>	<i>Shannon Ingersoll</i>
<i>Flutists</i>	<i>Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson</i>
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Jackie Cleroux John Morley</i>
<i>Communion Servers</i>	<i>Jackie Cleroux John Morley Dan Luong Eve Luong</i>
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Debbie Powell Cheryl Conant</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Jackie Cleroux Caroline Weger Nicole Weger</i>
<i>Offering Counters</i>	<i>John Morley Betty Wong</i>

**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.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2013  
*Holy Communion, Setting Seven***

*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**

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Slow Air and Variations</i>	<i>Eric Thiman</i>
	<i>Sarabande</i>	<i>G. F. Handel</i>

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 377 **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”**  
v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - unaccompanied

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**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,

<sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

**PSALM 148** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)  
*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup>from the heavens;  
 praise God <sup>1</sup>in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all you angels;  
 sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>hosts of heaven.  
<sup>3</sup>**Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>sun and moon;**  
**sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup>en of heavens,  
 and you waters a- <sup>1</sup>bove the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
 who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup>were created,  
<sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup>er and ever,  
 giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup>pass away.   **R**  
<sup>7</sup>**Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup>from the earth,  
 you sea monsters <sup>1</sup>and all deeps;**  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, <sup>1</sup>snow and fog,  
 tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup>ing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains <sup>1</sup>and all hills,  
 fruit trees <sup>1</sup>and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>wild beasts <sup>1</sup>and all cattle,  
 creeping things and <sup>1</sup>flying birds;  
<sup>11</sup>**sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup>and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup>of the world;**  
<sup>12</sup>**young <sup>1</sup>men and maidens,  
 old and <sup>1</sup>young together.   R**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup>earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup>faithful servants,  
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!   **R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1–6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
 "See, the home of God is among mortals.  
 He will dwell with them;  
 they will be his peoples,  
 and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away."  
<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."  
 Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."



### This Week

#### **Today**

Potluck dinner, 6 pm  
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

#### **Wednesday**

CLWR Refugee Seminar, 9 - 3:30 pm  
*(see announcement elsewhere)*

#### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

#### **Saturday**

Youth Group Cookie Bake for LUMS, 7-9 pm

#### **Next Sunday**

Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Sixth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am  
Presentation by Pr. Hergy, 12:15 pm  
*(see announcement to the right)*  
Potluck dinner, 6 pm  
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm



**“Springing into Joyful Hope”**  
**Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm**  
**April 28 - May 26, 2013**  
**(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!**

Next 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).

### **Confirmation Camp!**

**August 19-24, 2013**  
**Ages 12 and up**

Interested in a fun-filled week on the island? Speak with Pr. Lori-Anne to register by July 15, 2013.

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 this Wednesday, May 1, from 9am-to 3:30 pm at Mount Zion Lutheran Church located at 930 Cumberland St. in New Westminster. 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 also interested in attending the seminar, please contact Fikre Tsehai by email [clwr@clwrbc.ca](mailto:clwr@clwrbc.ca) or by phone 604-540-9760.

Hildur Head moved into a seniors' independent living complex this past week. Once she is settled in, we will publish her address and phone number. We wish her well and pray God's blessing on her and her new home. And congratulations to Hildur on her 85th birthday on May 3.

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