



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 7, 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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Acolytes</i>	Jean-Pierre Bizimana Vedaste Niyonsaba
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<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Christine Neumann
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Ray Mikhail Lennikov Ernie Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Anderson Dan Luong Eve Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann Betty Wong

**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.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

**APRIL 7, 2013**

*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

*In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

### PRELUDE

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

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN** # 389 *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

### GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:27–32

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

<sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

<sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Response:* Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:14–29** (read aloud responsively; congregation reads bold.)

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength<sup>1</sup> and my song, and has become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents<sup>1</sup> of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the<sup>1</sup> LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD<sup>1</sup> is exalted! The right hand of the<sup>1</sup> LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not<sup>1</sup> die, but live, and declare the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate<sup>1</sup> of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have<sup>1</sup> answered me and you have become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief<sup>1</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has<sup>1</sup> this been done; it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the<sup>1</sup> LORD has made; let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>**Hosanna!<sup>1</sup> O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, pros-<sup>1</sup>per our days!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;

we bless you from the house<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>**The LORD is God and has given us light.**

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners<sup>1</sup> of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>**Give thanks to the LORD, for the<sup>1</sup> LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.**

### SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4–8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Response:* Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*sung before and after the reading; refrain sung twice*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19–31**

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

*Response to announcement of the Gospel:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Response:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 635 "We Walk by Faith"

**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**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*prayer over and for the gifts of field, vine and work*)

## THE 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 *(as the bread is broken)*

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

## SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER



*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 # 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN # 881 "Let All Things Now Living"

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

# Announcements

## This Week

### Thursday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Choir, 7:30 pm

### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Third Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am

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Thanks to our pianist/organist Ginger Shaw for playing the worship this morning. Jeanette will be back next Sunday.

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We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in April next Sunday after worship.

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### Choir practice resumes this Thursday at 7:30 pm.

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Please note that both Pr. Hergy and Pr. Lori-Anne will be out of office until April 11 to attend the BC Synod's Study Conference in Chilliwack.

## 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...

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## Writing Through Grief & Loss

This is a workshop facilitated by Ray McGinnis, author of Writing the Sacred.

No previous writing experience necessary.

Cost by donation.

Saturday, April 13, 2 - 4 pm  
Queens Avenue United Church  
(529 Queens Ave, New Westminster)

Email, phone or follow this link to register:

<http://surveymonkey.com/s/SZFMS2V>

604-522-1606      queensaveuc@telus.net

*The following announcement comes from Pastor Don Johnson who is on the Campus Ministry Committee.*

Pastors of the Vancouver and the Lower Mainland Conferences

You may know that our synod has appointed a committee to redevelop the Campus Centre at UBC. We have been meeting for over a year. Our goal has been to build a centre that will serve both the university, faculty and students as well as to serve people who live on the endowment lands. We are also hoping to build a complex that will be self sustaining as well as to support a chaplain and staff in the coming years. So we are seeing to build a six story building. This will include condos that will be for sale, apartments for students, a day care centre, as well as a hall that will seat 300 people. We also hope to rent to some commercial ventures such as restaurants and others.

This hall can be used for worship, endowment land meetings, lectures, musical groups, art displays, and student gatherings. We also see this place as a place where university and city can meet. You may know that the population of the area has now reached about 50,000 people and we believe that we should seek to serve all in that area.

Because we own the land we will have enough to start the project. We also need to get the approval of people on the endowment lands as well as eventually convince the provincial government about the value of our project. To meet this goal we have prepared a brochure which will be delivered to all of the residents of the endowment lands. We also hope to have volunteers who will visit homes around the campus centre to provide them with information and encourage them to fill out a questionnaire. These surveys will take place on the 20th and 27th of April. We will meet at 9:30 in the courtyard of the campus centre for instruction and assignments. Then we will request that each volunteer go door to door for two hours. The task will be to see if people are home and ask if they know about our plans. We are also asking them to answer a questionnaire which they will forward to the endowment lands office. This survey will be followed by information meetings of the endowment lands. Could you please announce this in the next Sundays. If you know of volunteers who can help us please phone me at 604-984-7331.

Thanks you for any help you can give and if you have question do not hesitate to call me.

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*First Lutheran Church* is a member of the *British Columbia Synod* (one of five regions) which make up the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)* which in turn belongs to the *Lutheran World Federation* which represents the 80 million Lutherans around the world. For more information on the ministries of the ELCIC (office in Winnipeg, Manitoba), visit its website at [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca). For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at [www.bcsynod.org](http://www.bcsynod.org).

*Financial support* of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent in our service to Christ and to others.

*Have you remembered First Lutheran in your will?* Consider how a bequest or gift might continue supporting our mission and ministry.

**Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through [www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm)**

**or**

**[www.livestream.com/flcv](http://www.livestream.com/flcv)**

**Welcome to join us online if you are unavailable to worship at church. The recording of the service is available for the whole week.**

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