



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 31, 2013

WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890

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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Homilist & Liturgist</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Julie Bauming
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<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod Derek MacNeill Elina Singh Karl Maier Kathryn Roller
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<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong Betty Wong

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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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

Mark's gospel ends abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

PRELUDE

Alleluia

Trumpet Voluntary in D

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Henry Purcell

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" v. 3 - unaccompanied

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsors present the candidates

I/we present *Isabelle Lydia and David Jeremy* for holy baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ? **We do.**

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors

Do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith
as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church? **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly

People of God, do you promise to support *Isabelle Lydia and David Jeremy*,
and to pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the gathered community

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **I repent of them.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The presider addresses the parents only

Do you promise to be good loving parents to your children and bring them up
in the spirit of the gospel—that is, the spirit of forgiveness and understanding? **We do.**

Do you promise to remain faithful to your children whatever the future may bring,
to respect them wherever they may go and to remember always that your children
are born of God? **We do.**

THE GIVING OF THE NAME

By what name do you wish your child to be called now and in eternal life?

The Christian names of the candidates are spoken aloud

Isabelle Lydia and David Jeremy

May these names be written forever in the Book of Life, in the palm of God's hand.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the words of the prayer over the water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. **Holy are you, O God.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honour to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection. **Blessed are you, O God.**

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood;
Hagar discovers your well; the Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. **Great are you, O God,**

Holy One, at this font we pray: Thanks to you for the water of baptism
and for your Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days; enliven our bones; dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. **Thanks be to you, O God.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

THE HOLY WASHING

The presider baptizes by pouring water over the candidates three times while saying
Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The newly-baptized are brought out into the midst of the gathered community to receive its expressions of joy while their names are added to the baptismal banner. During this time, the assembly is “aspurged” or sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptisms.

When this is completed, the baptismal party gathers in front of the altar and faces the presider

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

CHRISMATION

Using oil prepared for this purpose, the presiding minister anoints the newly-baptized and marks the forehead with the sign of the cross.

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Others joining our congregation by transfer of membership are welcomed in a brief rite of commitment to the mission and ministry of this community.

Following this expression of faith and life, all gathered at the front face the assembly while a representative of the congregation speaks

Let us welcome our new members joining First Lutheran today.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

All face the presider for the following blessing.

Beloved ones, we entrust you all to the mercy and help of God.

May the Holy One watch over your lives; may we all walk by the light of faith; and may we finally receive all the good things God has promised us. **Amen.**

The baptismal party and our new members return to their seats. All rise for the hymn.

HYMN # 373 **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**
v.2-women; v.3-men; v.4-unaccompanied; v.5-organ

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(All rise)*

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

CHOIR ANTHEM “Christ Is Risen” Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN # 361 *“The Day of Resurrection”* vv. 1-2

GOSPEL: John 20:1–18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN # 361 *“The Day of Resurrection”* vv. 3-4

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 364 *“Christ has Arisen”* v. 2 – women (refrain-all);
v. 3 – men (refrain-all); v. 4 – unaccompanied (including refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may greet one another saying, "Peace be with you".

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Sinfonia (from Solomon)* George Frederic Handel

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward.
After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

THE 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(Prayer over the gifts)*

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.**

INVITATION Taste and see that the Lord is good



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.

HYMN DURING THE MEAL

384 "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

376 "Thine is the Glory"

Thanks Be To Thee

George Frederic Handel

After all have received and the table is cleared, the assembly stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, **we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 619 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

v.2 - women; v.4 - men; v.6-unaccompanied; v.7 - organ only

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)*

George Frederic Handel

This morning we welcome *Isabelle Lydia Markle and David Jeremy Bizimana* into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Isabelle is the daughter of Rachel Neumann and Jason Markle, the granddaughter of Christine and Ernie Neumann, and the great-granddaughter of Jackie Cleroux. Her sponsor is Ursula Neumann. David is the son of Louis Bizimana and Venancia Nanziza. His sponsors are Trudy and Richard Hergesheimer. We also welcome *Marly Zell and Claire Landry* into membership today by transfer from Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, Vancouver and encourage them to continue sharing in our worship, life and service.

This Week

Monday
Office Closed

Thursday
Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Sunday
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second 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...

Message from the Board of SUMS

It is with great joy and excitement that we are able to share good news with you- SUMS has finalized the purchase of a building, located at 10776 King George Blvd. Possession date is scheduled for March 28 and we will be pulling out all the stops to do repairs and renovations, so we can move in by May 1.

We need you to continue to support and pray for us as we face the challenges of renovations and relocation. Further details of our plans will be forthcoming.

John Wolff
Board Chair

Choir will take a recess on March 28 and April 4. Regular practice resumes on April 11 at 7:30 pm.

Sunday School will be back in session next Sunday at 9:45 am.

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. For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at 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
or
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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Easter Memorial Garden

The Easter lilies adorning our chancel area this morning have been dedicated by

Jackie Cleroux In loving memory of Noel Cleroux	Kirsten Jensen and George Kondor and Family In loving memory of Arne Jensen, George Kondor Sr., and Kim Jensen
Lanny and Sylvia Harris In loving memory of Mary Becker and families	Betty and Wayne Wong To the glory of the Risen Lord
Barb Breitenmoser In loving memory of Maya Heilmann and Ralph Hancock	The Hergesheimer Family In loving memory of the Rev. Valentine and Augusta Hergesheimer, and Fred and Sylvia Riedel
Fred Batscheider In loving memory of Hilda Batscheider	Shirley Toth and Family In loving memory of son and brother Stephen Toth
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