



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
MAY 12, 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. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Acolytes</i>	Omari Hakamineza Bilali Miyonkuru
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Janet Filippelli
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Deanna Wilson Alex Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Sylvia Harris Lanny Harris Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sunday School FLC Youth Group
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Lanny Harris

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 Two***

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 today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude</i>	Samuel Wesley
	<i>Michael</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 855 **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** v. 3 organ

GREETING

KYRIE p. 120

“THIS IS THE FEAST” p. 122

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 1:1–11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

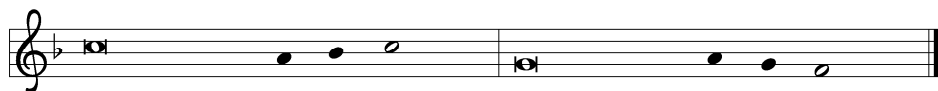
PSALM 47 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)

God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)

Refrain



Tone



¹Clap your hands, ¹all you peoples; shout to God with a ¹joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is ¹to be feared:**

a great king over ¹all the earth,

³who subdues the ¹peoples under us,
and the nations un- ¹der our feet;

⁴who chooses our inheri- ¹tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, ¹whom God loves. R

⁵God has gone up ¹with a shout,
the LORD with the sound ¹of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to ¹God, sing praises;**
sing praises to our ¹king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of ¹all the earth;
sing praises ¹with a song.

⁸**God reigns o- ¹ver the nations;**
God is en- ¹throned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people
of the ¹God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- ¹ly exalted. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all sing alleluia verse before and after the reading)

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:44–53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

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

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 393 *“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”*
v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - organ

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *On Eudoxia* Garth Edmundson

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*) p. 129

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p.129

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“LAMB OF GOD” p.135

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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



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 # 857 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* (sing twice)
Sanctus (German Mass) Franz Schubert

“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT” (*All rise*) p. 135

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION p. 136

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 579 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”* v.3 unaccompanied

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

POSTLUDE *Recessional* Felix Mendelssohn

This Week

Today

Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Spring Clean-up, 1 - 4 pm

Next Sunday

Day of Pentecost, 10:30 am
Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

Please wear something red next Sunday to help celebrate the Festival of Pentecost.

“Springing into Joyful Hope”

**Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm
April 28 - May 26 (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!**

You are invited to join the **Spring Clean-up this Saturday** from 1 - 4 pm. Our youth group and 50+ group will be leading the event. We will conduct a major clean-up for the church building.

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required!

Volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays are urgently needed for the months of May and June. It doesn't matter if you haven't done this before – we can pair you up with someone with previous experience. This is a great way to meet members and make new friends. If you would like to help, please contact **Christine Neumann at 604-596-1778** (evenings). If I'm not there, please leave a message and I will call you back. Thank you!

You are cordially invited to the Installation Service for
Rev. Jennifer Wilson
as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 26, 3:30 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
11040 River Road, Delta (604) 584-0111

Dessert and refreshments will follow the service. Rostered Ministers are invited to vest. The liturgical colour is white.

Officiant: Rev. Dean Andersen

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

It is Mother's Day today. The Sunday School children and our Youth Group will be hosting the fellowship hour after this morning's worship.

With church council's permission and blessing, the following "promo" is offered:

The Flour Peddler @ FLC

When: Sunday, June 2nd, 11:30-1 PM

Some of you may or may not know about our small business initiative, the Flour Peddler. For the last five years, the Flour Peddler has operated primarily at farmers' markets throughout Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast, connecting small-scale farmers with socially conscious consumers and providing the freshest whole grain flour around. But after five years, it's time for something different. All this year (November 2012- November 2013) **100% of the profits of our grain sales will fund a trip to South Sudan in December, where we will construct two bike-mills in a rural village using local materials and local labour.**

In case you wonder if we are serious, we should mention that we've already booked our airline tickets! We leave on December 9th, 2013. That gives us around almost 6 months to raise the remainder of the funds required. While in South Sudan we will work collaboratively with William Kolong and the Pan Aweil Development Agency, a registered Sudanese NGO (www.panaweil.net). And with the exception of the actual grain mill (built by Country Living, USA), we will be purchasing local materials and employing local labor each step of the way.

The Flour Peddler wants to let you know that we will be selling our trademark fresh, BC, organic whole grain flour after church in the basement as well as displaying our bicycle driven flour mill, a similar contraption to the one we will work with William Kolong to construct. Whether you want to buy a bag of flour for you, a few for some friends, or just make a small financial donation to this exciting and worthwhile project, any support you could offer would be a welcome contribution.

So stick around for 15 minutes after church, Sunday, June 2nd grab a bag of fresh flour and chat with us more about what this is all about.

Chris and Josh Hergesheimer

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Sunday School will start its summer break next Sunday. Class will resume on September 8.

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Please remember Jean-Pierre Bizimana, Isabel Hunt, Bilali Mionkuru, Emmanuel Manu and Suleiman Munyaneza in your prayers as they prepare to affirm (confirm) their baptismal covenant on Sunday, May 26.

2 Workshops @ 1 Location

May 25 - 10am - 1pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

2350 148 Ave Surrey

604-536-8527

Assisting Ministers or Stewardship

Would you like to act as an assisting minister but everyone else already seems to know what they are doing?

Would you like to learn more about why we do some of the things we do as assisting ministers?

Would you like to practice chanting and get some feedback on making it flow?

Would you like to explore what stewardship means to you?

Would you like to share what stewardship looks like in your congregation?

Would you like to explore options to address our similar concerns?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come to Mount Olive on Saturday, May 25. You'll find answers to these and other questions, and you'll gain confidence in your leadership role.

Please join us with your brown bag lunch as we gather to learn from and encourage one another!

More Info? mlehanson@telus.net

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Food Cupboard

We are in need of non-perishable goods to replenish our food cupboard here at First Lutheran. Please contribute if you are able to assist those in need.

Confirmation Camp! August 19-24 Ages 12 and up

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

Mikhail's 4th anniversary

Saturday, June 1, 5 - 8 p.m. We will host a late-afternoon/early evening BBQ marking the 4th anniversary of Mikhail's stay in sanctuary (he entered sanctuary on June 1, 2009). Members and friends of First Lutheran plus Mikhail's supporters (maybe politicians) from all over the Greater Vancouver area are invited. Burgers and hot dogs (including veggie) will be provided, contributions of salads and desserts are welcome as well as donations at the door.

Setup will start around 4 p.m., guests arriving by 5, eating around 6, and wrapping up and heading home by 8 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex to help get an idea of the number attending.

Also if you are able and willing to help by bringing a portable barbecue, assist with set-up, do some cooking, preparing, serving, or cleaning up, etc, please contact Christine Neumann, Karen Kerfoot or John Morley.

If you are on FACEBOOK, and want to share the word about our wonderful community, we encourage you to LIKE our page (FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH VANCOUVER). Then when you see events on our FB page, go to the event and if you click the INVITE button in the top right section - you can invite all your friends you think might like to join us too! Our evening services are on each Sunday now until May 26th preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 pm. We are also on TWITTER! You are invited to FOLLOW US at 1stLutheranVancouver.

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