



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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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>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Acolytes</i>	Jean-Pierre Bizimana Vedaste Niyonsaba
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Betty Anderson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann Mikhail Lennikov Betty Anderson Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Celly Manirakoze Benie Niyungeko Nelly Gateka Karen Kerfoot
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Betty Anderson Eve Luong Dan Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Russell Collins 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 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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PRELUDE

In Heavenly Love Abiding
Abide Dearest Jesus

arr. Alice Jordan
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

363 "Come, You Faithful"

v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men; v. 4 - organ

GREETING

KYRIE

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"THIS IS THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour 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 16:9–15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

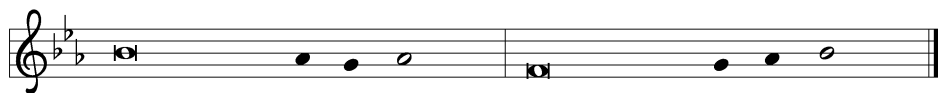
PSALM 67 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

Refrain



Tone



May God be merciful to ¹us and bless us; may the light of God's face ¹shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known ¹upon earth, your saving health a- ¹mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God; let all the ¹peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and ¹sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹tions on earth. R

⁵Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God; let all the ¹peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought ¹forth its increase; God, our own ¹God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God ¹give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth ¹stand in awe. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

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

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GOSPEL: John 5:1–9

Jesus performs a healing miracle on the Sabbath. In doing so he both reveals divine creative power and teaches a richer, deeper meaning for the Sabbath as a healing and creative time.

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

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes.

³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk."

⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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

HOMILY (Silence for reflection follows)

HYMN OF THE DAY

612 *“Healer of Our Every Ill”*

INSTALLATION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Arr. Jack Schrader

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Prayer over the gifts)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

“LAMB OF GOD”

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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

721 *“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil” (Sing twice)*

Adagio

Benedetto Marcello

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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

785 *“When Peace like a River”* v. 3 - unaccompanied

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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

This Week

Today

Presentation by Pr. Hergy, 12:15 pm
Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

Wednesday

Millie MacNeill's Memorial Service, 1:30 pm

Thursday

Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am
Ascension of Our Lord, 10:30 am
Potluck dinner, 6 pm
Contemporary Evening Service, 7 pm

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!

We welcome Suleiman Munyaneza, our newest council member appointed to the youth and young adult outreach portfolio. Suleiman is also serving FLC as our youth worker. We give thanks for his willingness to serve our community!

Please update your phone book with Hildur Head's new contact info.
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You are invited to join the **Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 18** 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.

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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**“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!**

Food Cupboard Sunday - May 12

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