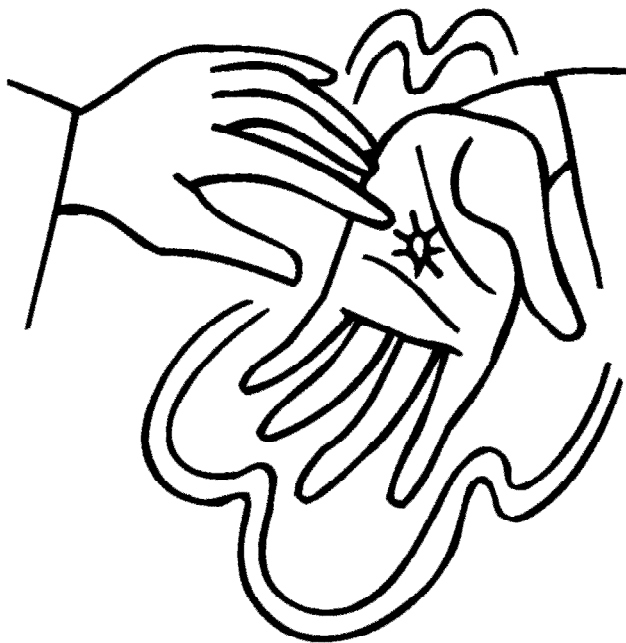




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2014**

**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>	Nicolas Alexandre
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Janet Schreiber
<i>Lector</i>	Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Christina Hutten
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Julie Bauming June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Julie Bauming June Schramm John Morley Betty Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Irina Lennikova Mikhail Lennikov Ingrid Tymm Melody Corson Ruby Corson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
APRIL 27, 2014

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 appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *# 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. May we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

LESSON HYMN

646 "The Peace of the Lord"

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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 PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life: Your grace is abundant.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 379 *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*

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.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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 holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER

It is Christ who invites all 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. All are welcome to the table of grace! Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 879 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 881 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

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

POSTLUDE

“Living in New Life” Contemporary Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Sundays, April 27– May 25
A time for fellowship, coffee and goodies to follow

Our thanks to Christina Hutten for playing the service this morning while Jeanette is away. She will return tomorrow.

Our thanks to Nicolas Alexandre for sharing the good news with us today.

RIVER OF LIFE RETREAT

***RIVENDELL Retreat Centre, BOWEN ISLAND, BC.
(short ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay, West Vancouver ferry terminal)
JUNE 20-23, 2014***

***In need of a quick getaway from the noise, distractions and pressures of the city?
Looking for a time to enter into quiet, rest, and reflection, and center in God's presence?***

***Join us for a retreat at a sanctuary of peace,
as we spend time wading in the river of God's life-giving love.***

Pr Lori-Anne will lead a gently focused weekend retreat,
centered on our human experiences in God's River of Life.

This will be an opportunity to reflect both communally and individually
upon God's gentle and ever-flowing love, and our human responses to God's formation.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Rivendell has rooms for up to **22 retreatants** in 15 rooms (shared rooms single beds)
- Due to limited space, those attending First Lutheran will be given first opportunity to attend.

COST:

\$50/per night (or as much as one is able to afford; income tax receipts given for \$60/per night), ferry trip, and low-cost meals.

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX NO LATER THAN MAY 18
IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE RETREAT - Please sign up as soon as possible!**

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

- 3pm onwards, arrival and orientation for those seeking private time
- 5:30-6:30pm, light dinner for early comers
- 7-9pm, large group orientation, reflection, and prayer time (includes break for coffee time)
- 9-10:00pm, refreshments and social time or individual time

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

- 8-9am, breakfast
- 9:30-11:45am, large group reflection and prayer time
- 12-1pm, lunch
- 1-3:30pm, FREE TIME for private prayer, exercise, social time
- 3:30pm-5:15pm, large group reflection and prayer time (includes break for coffee time)
- 5:30-6:30pm, dinner
- 7pm-9pm, large group reflection and prayer time (includes break for coffee time)
- 9-10:00pm, refreshments and social time or individual time

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

- 8-9am, breakfast
- FREE TIME until check-out (3pm)

This Week

Today

Sunday School, 10:45 am
"Living in New Life"
Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Thursday

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

Saturday

Psalm Study, 11:30 am
Won by One, 1:30 pm

Sunday

Easter III, 10:30 am
"Living in New Life"
Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Psalms Study Schedule

May 3 Psalms 106-110
May 10 Psalms 111-115
May 17 Psalms 116-120
May 24 Psalms 121-125
May 31 Psalms 126-130

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014 **10:45 AM-11:10AM**

May 11 & 25
June 8 & 22

**Choir will resume regular practice on
May 1 at 7:30 pm.**

Office will be back to regular hours
tomorrow.

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