



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD  
JUNE 1, 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 - 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***

*Leading Minister* Nicolas Alexandre

*Assisting Minister* Russell Collins

*Lector* Sylvia Harris

*Ministry of Music*

*Organ/Piano* Jeanette Price

*Cantor* Lorna Hau

*Flutists* Anne Johnson

Amy MacLeod

*Trumpeter* Karl Maier

*Gift Bearers* Karen Duddy  
Blair Duddy

*Communion Servers* Daniel Luong  
Eve Luong  
Karen Duddy  
Betty Wong

*Coffee Hour Hosts* Jackie Cleroux  
Wayne Wong

*Altar Guild* Mikhail Lennikov  
Betty Anderson  
Daniel Luong  
Eve Luong

*Offering Counters* 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 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.**

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*“Liturgy of the Word”*

*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**

*Prelude  
Abbot's Leigh*

Samuel Wesley  
arr. Robert Hobby

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow,  
our everlasting home. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, and the gift we have in his resurrection,  
let us come before God who calls us to live life anew.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life and love,  
**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.**  
**Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**  
**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**  
**We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.**  
**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**  
**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear**  
**the new life you have given us in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism,

you have been born anew by the living and abiding word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus,

and that the Spirit of the risen Lord is alive in you both now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 855 "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*" v. 3 - organ

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **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 beginning<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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*



- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples;  
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- <sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**  
**a great king over | all the earth,**
- <sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us,  
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- <sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**
- <sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- <sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;**  
**sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**
- <sup>7</sup>For God is king of | all the earth;  
sing praises | with a song.
- <sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- | ver the nations;**  
**God is en- | throned on high.**
- <sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly 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.*

- <sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
- <sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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.**

<sup>44</sup>Then 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and 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**

**# 838 "Beautiful Saviour"**



## SENDING

### **BENEDICTION**

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 # 579 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”**

v. 3 - unaccompanied

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young

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A great big Thank You to Nicolas Alexandre, who served as our leading minister today while Pr. Lori-Anne is still attending the BC Synod Convention in Prince George with Alex Wilson and Felix Opoku. Pr. Lori-Anne will return to the office on Wednesday.

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### **BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP**

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp, June 30th to July 5th, 2014

***Any youth interested in attending need to contact Pr. Lori-Anne ASAP.***

#### **Registration fees:**

- If postmarked by **June 2nd** – (\$345.00 for 2014; Pr. Cliff recommends \$350 for 2014)
- After **June 16th** – (\$370.00 for 2014; Pr. Cliff recommends \$375 for 2014)

The registration fee for the current confirmands will be covered by FLC; however, donations are appreciated. We can also cover as much as needed for other youth who are interested in attending the camp in our congregation from our Love Fund. Donations earmarked to confirmation camp are welcome and a tax receipt will be issued.

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On Sunday, the 15th of June we will be celebrating the recent marriages of Phil Schulze and Leanne Harder, and Denise Pawliuk and Karl Maier as well as the upcoming marriage of Veronica Okoree and Boadu Mensah Sarpong. Anyone wishing to sign the cards and/or contribute to a gift, please see Anne Johnson after the services on June 1 and 8.

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In stead of placing the bulletins in the mailslots, starting this Sunday, we will leave the bulletins in a tray on a TV stand in the narthex in order to be better steward of our resources.



**Today**

**This Week**

**Today**

Community BBQ, 5 pm  
Coffee House, 6:30 pm  
(see announcement to the right)

**Wednesday**

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Council, 6:15 pm

**Thursday**

MVA AGM at VCC Broadway Campus, 7 pm  
1120 East 7th Ave

**Saturday**

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

**Next Sunday**

Pentecost, 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 10:45 am

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**STUDY THE TORAH!**

*Meet the Torah* - a four-week introduction to the history and content of western culture's most important text.

**Wednesdays at 11am, repeated at 7pm  
June 4 – 25 at St Thomas Anglican Church  
with Rev. Michael Batten**

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**Psalms Study Schedule**

**June 7** Psalms 126-130  
**June 14** Psalms 131-135  
**June 21** No class due to retreat  
**June 28** Psalms 136-140  
**July 5** Psalms 141-145  
**July 12** Psalms 146-150 (last session)

All are welcome to drop in and join our study any time.

**COMMUNITY BBQ and  
CREATIVE CIRCLE!**

BBQ/POTLUCK 5:00  
Coffee House 6:30 - 9:30 pm

We will have the BBQ fired up and hotdogs and condiments and drinks. Please feel free to bring your favorite salad or side dish and any other meat and join us for dinner too! Also bring a friend and pass the word! After the feasting, we will gather for some music, poetry, whatever you want to share and maybe have a sing a long to finish the evening off! Less performance, more sharing this time around - maybe the shy ones will jump in...

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014**

**10:45 AM-11:10AM**

**June 8**

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FLC Technology Outreach is working on a promotional video for our website. It will include several short testimonials (30-60 seconds, mother tongue is welcome) from the members of our congregation and friends, telling how long they have been with First Lutheran Church, what brings them here (apart from the personal or public transportation), what makes First Lutheran special. If you would like to give a testimonial, please contact Mikhail Lennikov to arrange video recording. Even if not included in the promotional video, all testimonials will make into the second, longer video with a tentative title "People of First Lutheran."

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

You are invited to attend the **Metro Vancouver Alliance 2014 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 pm.** The AGM is being held at **Vancouver Community College, Broadway Campus, 1120 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC.** There is parking off 7th Avenue. The closest skytrain is VCC Clarke and the 9 Broadway stops right in front of the

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**June 11 - last confirmation class - outing to Dairy Queen!**

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FLC youth group will have a BBQ on June 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Games to follow.

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Please remember to save the ice cream buckets, pop tops, your used postage stamps, Campbell soup labels, and “no longer needed” eye glasses and drop them off in the church office.

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**An Evening with Katie Luther  
June 8 at 7:30PM  
THE NORM THEATRE  
STUDENT UNION BUILDING at UBC,  
6138 Student Union Blvd**

Laurel Kelsh Jones gives life to Katharina von Bora Luther, the wife of the great reformer Martin Luther. With history, humor and a powerful faith message, Katie tells of her life, her marriage to Martin, and the power of God’s grace in each of our lives today. **For tickets call Senait @604-540-9760 or email: [senait@clwrbc.ca](mailto:senait@clwrbc.ca)**

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## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each Portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Eternal God, your life and love know no bounds. Send forth the church to be your witnesses in every time and place, especially Peace Lutheran in Abbotsford and Emmaus Lutheran in Burnaby. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the creation resounds with your glory. Fill the universe with your wisdom, so that planets, stars, and space sing your praises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sovereign God, you rule in justice and mercy. Direct all in power and authority so that they lead wisely and humbly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Steadfast God, your mercy is never-ending. We pray for those who are abandoned, hopeless, grieving, and hurting *especially*... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, your ways are not our ways. We pray for Sunday school teachers and Christian educators, that they guide us as we seek Christ's wisdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we remember with thanksgiving the saints *especially*... With the saints and angels, make us sing boldly of your boundless love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer. **Amen.**