



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 11, 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***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Janet Filippelli
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy MacLeod
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	June Schramm Lanny Harris
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Christine Neumann Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson June Schramm
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 11, 2014**  
*Now the Feast and Celebration*

*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**

*Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

**PRELUDE**

*Hear My Prayer*  
*Crimond*

Felix Mendelssohn  
Donald Hustad

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

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 883 *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

**GREETING AND KYRIE** p. 3 (red folder)

**"NOW THE FEAST"** p. 4

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42–47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**PSALM HYMN           # 502   *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"***

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19–25**

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**GOSPEL VERSE** (*sing before and after the reading*)           **"Alleluia"**

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**GOSPEL: John 10:1–10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.*

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

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

**HOMILY** (*Silence for meditation follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 764 *“Have No Fear, Little Flock”*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY**

*Awake My Heart with Gladness*

Arr. Robert Hobby

**“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”** (*All rise*)

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*(Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)*

**THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST**

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**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**

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

**“LAMB OF GOD”**

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*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**

**# 604 “O Christ, Our Hope” v. 3 - unaccompanied**

*Largo in D*

Antonio Vivaldi

**“THANKS BE TO YOU”** *(All rise)*

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. 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

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SENDING HYMN # 544 *“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Minuet from Samson*

George Frederic Handel

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### This Week

#### **Today**

Sunday School, 10:45 am

*Living in New Life*

Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Mutual Ministry Committee, 7 pm

#### **Thursday**

Ministerial in Sechelt

Choir, 7:30 pm

#### **Saturday**

Psalms Study, 11 am

Won by One, 1:30 pm

#### **Next Sunday**

Easter 5, 10:30 am

*Living in New Life*

Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

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#### **“Living in New Life”**

**Contemporary Evening Services, 6:30 pm**

**Sundays, April 27– May 25**

A time for fellowship, coffee and goodies to follow.

### **FIRST LUTHERAN COFFEE HOUSE!**

**Sunday, June 1**

**POTLUCK 5:30**

**Coffee House 6:30 - 9:30 pm**

Bring your talents! singing, dancing, comedy, poems, stories - all are welcome! Join us for some community fun! Please email [shannon.heartsong@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.heartsong@gmail.com) to sign up or get brave and be spontaneous!

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#### *Psalms Study Schedule*

<b>May 17</b>	<b>Psalms 116-120</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Psalms 121-125</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>No study (Synod Convention)</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Psalms 126-130</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Psalms 131-135</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>No class due to retreat</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Psalms 136-140</b>
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Psalms 141-145</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Psalms 146-150 (last session)</b>

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

## **RIVER OF LIFE RETREAT**

*RIVENDELL Retreat Centre, BOWEN ISLAND, BC. (short ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay)*

*<http://www.rivendellretreat.org/home.php>*

*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.

**TRAVEL:** We will arrange for carpooling leaving from FLC to the island.

**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. If you would like to attend but are in need of financial aid, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

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

### **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)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014

10:45 AM-11:10AM

**May**        **11 & 25**

**June**        **8 & 22**

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We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in May today after worship. And, we wish Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

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Mutual Ministry Committee will be meeting next Wednesday at 7 pm.

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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."

Technology Outreach

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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.*

Gracious God: Your voice sings in the church. Bless our worship, that sharing bread in communion, we also share abundantly with people in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sings in creation. Preserve pastures and city parks, oceans and local water sources, so that nature provides life and protection for all creatures. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sings among the nations. Curb the desire for vengeance; turn us from dishonest speech and deceitful living; lead us in your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sings in our homes. Open the hearts of those who provide mothering care, that Christ's love would be revealed in the generosity shown to all our children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your voice sings among those in need: the poor, the homeless, the suffering, the afflicted, the ill and hospitalized *especially*; for those who will die this day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints *especially* who, having followed your voice in this life, now dwell with you forever, joining their voices in endless praise. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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