



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 18, 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. Matthew Senf
<i>Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Linda Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Janet Filippelli
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Julie Bauming
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Julie Bauming Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Ingrid Tymm Melody Corson Ruby Corson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Caroline Weger Nicole Weger
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson Frank Filippelli

If you would 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 would 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 Ten

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

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

PRELUDE

*Aria from 'Semele'
God Himself Is Present*

George Frederic Handel
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 # 558 “*Lord God, We Praise You*”

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, in Jesus is the way of truth and life. Give us grace to love one another, and to follow in his teachings, sharing the risen life of Christ Jesus with all the world. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55–60

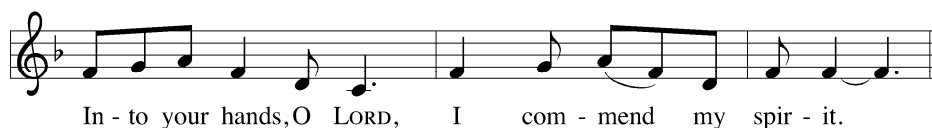
Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

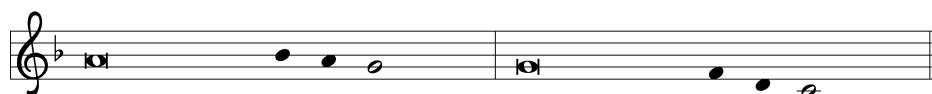
Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1–5, 15–16 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)
Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Refrain



Tone



In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be¹ put to shame;
deliver me¹ in your righteousness.
²Incline your¹ ear to me; make haste to de-¹ liver me.
**³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag¹ and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead¹ me and guide me.**
**⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly¹ set for me,
for you are my tow-¹ er of strength. R**
⁵Into your hands I com-¹ mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD,¹ God of truth.
**¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.**
¹⁶Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant; save me in your¹ steadfast love." R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2–10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation
— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"
⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness
into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. All rise*) p. 205

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

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

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for meditation follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 576 *“We All Are One in Mission”*

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 PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Songs Without Words, Op. 62, No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 207

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 208

FRACTION

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 208

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 # 477 *“I Received the Living God”*
It is Well with My Soul arr. Alice Jordan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **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

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 # 611 *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Bachiana* Gordon Young

This Week

Today

Living in New Life

Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

Communion service at St. Thomas, 10 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm

Thursday

Choir and party, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am
Won by One, 1:30 pm
Norman Birkeland Memorial Service, 3 pm
At FLC, Reception to follow

Next Sunday

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

There will be a Ascension Day Eucharist and potluck dinner at St. Thomas Anglican on May 29 at 6:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014

10:45 AM-11:10AM

May 25 and June 8 & 22

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

COMMUNITY BBQ and CREATIVE CIRCLE!

Sunday, June 1

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...

If you have an idea, just email shannon.heartson@gmail.com to give a heads up or be brave and share your ideas spontaneously !

Psalms Study Schedule

May 24	Psalms 121-125
May 31	No study (Synod Convention)
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.

“Living in New Life”

Contemporary Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 25

A time for fellowship and coffee to follow.

Sign up today!

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.

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)

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 (778-378-0322, lennikov@hotmail.com) 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

The Vancouver Estonian Mixed Choir
presents

TOUCHED BY TIME

Sat. May 31, 7:00pm (doors 6:30pm)
Conducted by Thomas Kirves
St. Peter's Estonian Church
(6520 Oak Street)
10\$ suggested donation,
tickets available at the door
refreshments to follow

Every five years, tens of thousands of Estonians gather together for the song festival, Laulupidu - an important part of Estonia's choral tradition. Proceeds support the choir's Laulupidu travel costs.

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