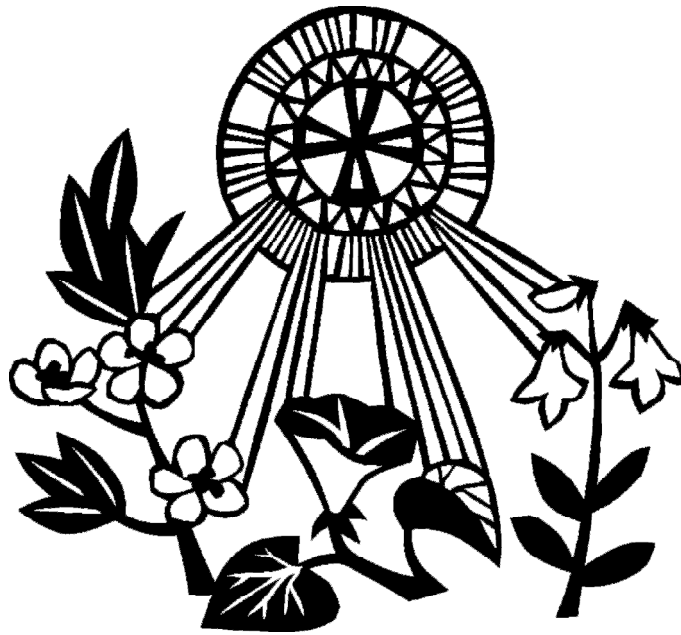




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 25, 2014**

***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
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<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Singers</i>	Abigail Hergesheimer
	Beatrice Hergesheimer
<i>Percussionist</i>	Derek McNeill
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux
	John Morley
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm
	John Morley
	Dan Luong
	Eve Luong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Harvey Wagner
<i>Altar Guild</i>	June Schramm
	Betty Wong
	Wayne Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Wong
	John Morley

**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.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 25, 2014**

*Holy Communion, Setting Eight*

*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**

*Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On  
Andante (Concerto No. 3)*

Paul Manz  
George Frederic Handel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN** # 850 *“When in Our Music God is Glorified”*

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**“THIS IS THE FEAST”** p. 187

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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 17:22–31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**PSALM 66:8–20** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)  
*Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)*

*Refrain*



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

*Tone*



<sup>8</sup>Bless our <sup>1</sup>God, you peoples;  
 let the sound of <sup>1</sup>praise be heard.  
<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup>mong the living  
 and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup>feet to slip. **R**  
<sup>10</sup>**For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup>tested us;**  
**you have tried us just as sil- <sup>1</sup>ver is tried.**  
<sup>11</sup>**You brought us in- <sup>1</sup>to the net;**  
**you laid heavy burdens up- <sup>1</sup>on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>1</sup> fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place <sup>1</sup> of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>I will enter your house <sup>1</sup> with burnt offerings  
and will pay <sup>1</sup> you my vows?

<sup>14</sup>**those that I promised <sup>1</sup> with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>1</sup> was in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup> smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup>en and goats. R**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup> who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has <sup>1</sup> done for me.

<sup>17</sup>I called out to God <sup>1</sup> with my mouth, and praised the Lord <sup>1</sup> with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup>**If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup> in my heart,  
the Lord would <sup>1</sup> not have heard me;  
<sup>19</sup>but in truth <sup>1</sup> God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound <sup>1</sup> of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- <sup>1</sup>ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing <sup>1</sup> love from me. R

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22**

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?  
<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;  
<sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.  
<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

***“Give Me a Vessel”***

Stan Pethel & Julie Myers

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### GOSPEL: John 14:15–21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

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

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

<sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 629 "Abide with Me"

**BLESSING OF DELEGATES TO THE BC SYNOD CONVENTION**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY**      *Seek Ye First*      arr. Joel Raney

**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**      p. 190

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**      p.191

**INVITATION**

Come, taste and see that our Lord is good. **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.*

**"LAMB OF GOD"**      p.191

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 837 "Many and Great, O God"**  
*Be Thou But Near*      Johann Sebastian Bach

**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, 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**                    *# 822 “Oh, Sing to the Lord”*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Chaconne*

Andre Campra

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Please keep Pr. Lori-Anne, Alex Wilson and Felix Opoku in your prayers as they set out to attend the 2014 BC Synod Convention in Prince George this Thursday. Felix is the Synod youth delegate to the convention. We wish them a safe and pleasant trip to Prince George and back home! The bulletin of reports for the Convention can be found at <http://bcsynod.org/upcoming-events/2014-bulletin-of-reports/>

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**BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP**

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp (just north of Nanaimo)  
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. For more info, please read the announcement elsewhere.



## **This Week**

### **Today**

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

### **Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Eucharist and potluck dinner, 6:30 pm  
*St. Thomas Anglican*

### **Wednesday-Sunday**

2014 BC Synod Convention

### **Saturday**

Won by One, 1:30 pm  
Vancouver Estonian Mixed Choir, 6:30 pm  
*"TOUCHED BY TIME"*  
*(see announcement elsewhere)*

### **Next Sunday**

Easter 7, 10:30 am  
Community BBQ/Potluck, 5 pm  
Coffee House, 6:30 pm  
*(see announcement to the right)*

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**MVA Leader's Meeting**  
**May 28 , 5-6:30 pm**  
**Gordon Neighbourhood House**  
**1019 Broughton St.**

All who are interested in a leadership role in the MVA are invited to attend.

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

**June 8 & 22**

## **COMMUNITY BBQ and CREATIVE CIRCLE!**

### **Next 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.heartsong@gmail.com](mailto:shannon.heartsong@gmail.com) to give a heads up or be brave and share your ideas spontaneously !

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### **Psalms Study Schedule**

<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.

## **BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP**

Nanose Bay Pentecostal Camp (just north of Nanaimo)

**For 2014, Confirmation Camp will begin on Monday, June 30th, and conclude on the morning of Saturday, July 5th.**

For 2014 the **Dean** is: **Pastor Cliff Reinhardt**, Spirit of Life – Ph. (604) 874-2212;  
[prspiritlife@shaw.ca](mailto:prspiritlife@shaw.ca)

We have again asked Mt. Zion for the use of their bus. There is limited seating on the bus and seating is assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please get those registrations in early!

### **Confirmation camp is divided into four levels:**

- **Level 1** (For those beginning a confirmation program in the fall): Will study Baptism, Holy Communion, the Ten Commandments, and Prayer. This level provides a supportive and encouraging start to confirmation studies.
- **Level 2** (For those currently in a confirmation program): Will study the Creed: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Church. Students in Level 2 focus on faith and what it means for daily living.
- **Level 3** (For those who have just recently been confirmed): Will study our public affirmation of faith (Affirmation of Baptism Service, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 234) and how it relates to life – living among God’s people, hearing God’s word and sharing the supper, proclaiming good news, serving, striving for justice and peace.
- **Level 4** (For those who have and have not attended Level 4 before, preferably have gone through previous levels): Will emphasize leadership in the life of the Christian community. Registration limited to twelve participants.

### **Registration fees:**

- If postmarked by **June 2nd** – (\$345.00 for 2014; Cliff recommends \$350 for 2014)
- After **June 16th** – (\$370.00 for 2014; Cliff recommends \$375 for 2014)
- Deadline for registration is by **June 20th**. (This is the date on which we will need to decide whether we have sufficient enrolment to proceed with camp.) Please make cheques payable to “BC Synod Confirmation Camp.” If we have received insufficient registrations by June 20th, Confirmation Camp will be cancelled. Registrants will be notified and fees will be refunded.

### **Pastoral Endorsement required for all registrants**

The registration form is not complete until it is endorsed by a pastor on the roster of the BC Synod of the ELCIC.

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

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**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.

**[www.vesbc.com](http://www.vesbc.com)**  
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