



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 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/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	June Schramm
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutist</i>	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Betty Anderson Karen Duddy
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Betty Anderson Karen Duddy Christine Neumann Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Carol Laslett Barbara Perry
<i>Altar Guild</i>	June Schramm Betty Anderson Eve Luong Daniel Luong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	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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Holy Communion, Setting Seven

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's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

PRELUDE

*Jesus Lead Me On
Largo (Xerxes)*

Paul Manz
George Frederic Handel

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,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
**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 Jesus Christ.
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 word of God.
Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name
and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you
both now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 449 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

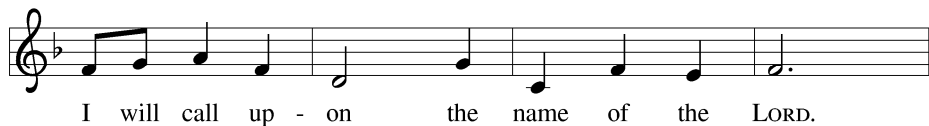
³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

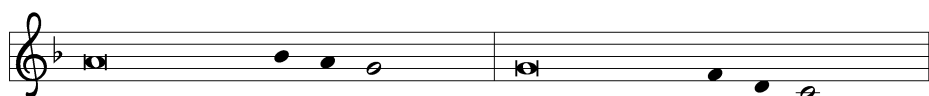
Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain)
I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

Refrain



Tone



I love the LORD, who has¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my¹ supplication,
**²for the LORD has given¹ ear to me
whenev-¹er I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave¹ came upon me;
I came to¹ grief and sorrow.
**⁴Then I called upon the name¹ of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you,¹ save my life." R**
¹²How shall I re-¹pay the LORD
for all the good things God has¹ done for me?
**¹³I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the LORD.**
¹⁴I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people.
**¹⁵Precious in your¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death¹ of your servants.**
¹⁶O LORD, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.
**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the LORD. R**
¹⁸I will fulfill my vows¹ to the LORD
in the presence of¹ all God's people,
**¹⁹in the courts of¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.¹ Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17–23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Response after announcement: Glory to you, O God.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to

them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 374 *"Day of Arising"*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, **awaken our hearts.**"*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Jack Schraeder

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 180

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" p. 181

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Prayer over the gifts*)

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

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

INVITATION

“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 # 483 “Here Is Bread”
Meditation**

Jacob Arcadelt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN # 385 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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

POSTLUDE *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* arr. Robert Hobby

This Week

Today

Young Adult Group lunch and hiking
(see announcement below)
Living in New Life
Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Wednesday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am
Council, 6:15 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Psalms Study, 11 am
Won by One, 1:30 pm
Youth Clean-up, 1:30 pm
(Hotdog lunch and games to follow)

Next Sunday

Easter 4, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Living in New Life
Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

The young adults group will meet at the church today after the service. They will be going for lunch together and then for a hike at Deer Lake park. Please contact Cheryl Conant if you need more info.

Our youth group will have a clean-up day next Saturday, May 10 at 1:30 pm. Snacks, hotdog lunch and games are to follow.

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

May **11 & 25**
June **8 & 22**

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.heartson@gmail.com to sign up or get brave and be spontaneous!

Psalms Study Schedule

May 10	Psalms 111-115
May 17	Psalms 116-120
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.

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in May next Sunday after worship. It will also be Mother's Day.

"Living in New Life"

Contemporary Evening Services, 6:30 pm
Sundays, April 27- May 25

A time for fellowship, coffee and goodies to follow.

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)

First Lutheran Church is a member of the *British Columbia Synod* (one of five regions) which make up the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)* which in turn belongs to the *Lutheran World Federation* which represents the 80 million Lutherans around the world. For more information on the ministries of the ELCIC (office in Winnipeg, Manitoba), visit its website at www.elcic.ca. For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at www.bcsynod.org.

Financial support of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent in our service to Christ and to others.

Have you remembered First Lutheran in your will? Consider how a bequest or gift might continue supporting our mission and ministry.

Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm

Or

www.livestream.com/flcv

Welcome to join us online if you are unavailable to worship at church. The recording of the service is available for the whole week.

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