



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 19, 2015

**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 people 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>	Carol Laslett
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson
	Amy MacLeod
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Trombonist</i>	Taka Kasuya
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid John Morley Janet Filippelli
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Jen Langerud Ingrid Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Carol Laslett Barbara Perry
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Frank Filippelli

**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 Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
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*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**

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*  
*Largo (Concerto in D)*

Paul Manz  
Antonio Vivaldi

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**      # 374 “Day of Arising”

**GREETING AND KYRIE**

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**“NOW THE FEAST”**

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**SALUTATION**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you proclaim to us that we are your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12–19**

*After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

<sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

*Response after the reading:* Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 4** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



The LORD does won - ders for the faith - ful.

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender<sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishon-<sup>1</sup>or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek<sup>1</sup> after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders<sup>1</sup> for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me<sup>1</sup> when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and<sup>1</sup> do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up-<sup>1</sup>on your bed. R**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed<sup>1</sup> sacrifices,  
and put your trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us<sup>1</sup> any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon<sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness <sup>1</sup> in my heart, more than when grain and <sup>1</sup> wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie <sup>1</sup> down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me <sup>1</sup> rest secure. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Response after the reading:* Holy Word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE** (*sing before and after the reading*)      **“Alleluia”**      p. 8

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b–48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

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

<sup>36b</sup>"Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <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.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 744 *“Lord, Be Glorified”*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of peace: **Renew us.**”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *How Firm A Foundation* Robert Hobby

**“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”** (*All rise*) p. 10

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** p. 11

## **MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 11

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

**THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST** p. 13

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **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. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 468 “Around You, O Lord Jesus”**

*Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* Johann Sebastian Bach

**“THANKS BE TO YOU”** *(All rise)*

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Saviour. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

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**SENDING HYMN # 881 “Let All Things Now Living”**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Hornpipe (Water Music)*

George Frederic Handel

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The 50 plus group will meet on Friday, April 24th. Please join us for a potluck lunch at 12:30 pm on the church lower level. Following the lunch there will be a nurse speaking on blood pressure. She will be answering questions afterwards. We hope to have some time for blood pressure checks for anyone interested.

## **This Week**

### **Today**

Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm  
“*Rising Again*”

### **Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

### **Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am  
Confirmation, 4:30 pm  
Mutual Ministry Meeting, 7 pm

### **Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

### **Friday**

50+ potluck lunch, 12:30 pm  
“The Good Lie” presented by CLWR, 7 pm

### **Saturday**

Friends InDeed Orientation Intensive, 10 am

### **Next Sunday**

Easter 3, 10:30  
Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Contemporary Evening Service, 6:30 pm

Our prayers and condolences are with Barbara Schaub, whose mother, Peggy Bowes, passed away last Sunday morning at nearly 96 year of age. “*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; let light perpetual shine upon her.*”

An updated church phone directory has been posted in the narthex. Please review your entry and make change(s) if necessary.

Donations of coffee for fellowship hours are appreciated. Please drop off at the office if you come by on a weekday. Thank you.

## ***“Be still and know that I am God”***

Our lives are full of busyness, constantly stimulated, and we get caught up on the hubbub of everyday life. We offer an opportunity to become calm and centered through listening with “The Ear of the Heart” through the practice of Centering Prayer, setting out intention for the presence and action of God within.

You are welcome to join us on Monday nights (drop-in as they are ongoing), 7:00-8:30 pm at First Lutheran Church, 5745 Wales Street, entering through doors of 42nd Ave by parking lot.

Contact Karen Duddy for more info:  
604-742-1607, kmduddy@gmail.com

## **FRIENDS INDEED ORIENTATION INTENSIVE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at FLC**

This intensive is for those who would like to attend a Friends InDeed Orientation and for those who need to make up sessions. Please confirm your attendance with the office at 604-435-6020 or Nicolas Alexandre at [friendsindeed@firstlutheranvancouver.com](mailto:friendsindeed@firstlutheranvancouver.com).





**FIRST LUTHERAN/ST THOMAS JOINT OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

*Are you interested in becoming more involved in outreach to our local community?  
Have any ideas for our future?  
Would you like to help our churches join their resources in connecting with our neighbours?*

Please contact Pr Lori-Anne if you are interested.

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**CLWR presents a Friday Screening**

April 24, 7 p.m. @ First Lutheran Church  
5745 Wales Street, Vancouver, BC

*Join us for the true story of the **Lost Boys of Sudan***

Followed by a coffee and tea reception

THE **GOOD LIE**

**ADMISSION IS FREE**

Please call 604-540-9760 for more info.

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 <b>Canadian Lutheran World Relief</b> <small>Creating a world where people live in justice, peace and dignity</small>	<b>PG - 13</b>	<b>PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED</b>
	Some Material May be Inappropriate for Children Under 13	

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**Sunday School 2015**

April 26      May 10, 24      June 7, 21

**Confirmation 2015** (youth ages 12-15)

April 22                      May 6, 20

Congratulations to Phil Schulze and Leanne Harder on the arrival of their new family member, Jessica Naomi Schulze, born on March 24 at 12:16 pm. Baby girl 6lb 11oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

## Wilson Heights United Church

### 2015 Meal Dates

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**You will be served at your table.  
The dinner is child-friendly and  
all are welcome.**

We are located at  
1634 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
halfway between Victoria Drive  
and Knight Street.

For more info or to volunteer,  
call the church office at 604-325-9944.

**Free Wifi is now available at First  
Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flcwifi  
Password: flc1890**

## DIRECTORY

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	Lanny Harris - Chairperson
	John Morley - Vice Chairperson
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	Mikhail Lennikov - Secretary
	Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary
	Alex Wilson - Property
	John Morley - Property
	Wayne Wong - Property and Fellowship and Hospitality
	Deanna Wilson - Fellowship and Hospitality
	Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality
	Debbie Powell - Outreach Adult (seniors)
	Mikhail Lennikov - Outreach Technology
	Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adults
	June Heywood - Education & Human Resources
	Marly Zell - Human Resources

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of peace: **Renew us.**"*

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For stewards of creation, for farmers planting and ranchers tending to livestock, that the bounty of the earth provide for all who hunger or thirst. God of peace: **Renew us.**

For those who work to keep us safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders; that God's peace and compassion come to us. God of peace: **Renew us.**

For this assembly and for the worldwide church, where the scriptures have been opened in our midst, that with boldness of heart we proclaim the joy we have in our new life in Christ. God of peace: **Renew us.**

For the distressed, rejected, bereaved, sick, and frightened *especially...* that support for them be close at hand, and that all experience the gift of healing. God of peace: **Renew us.**

In thanksgiving for the witnesses of the faith who have died and are now at rest *especially ...* that with them we have hope in the promises of the Author of life. God of peace: **Renew us.**

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**