

EMERGENCY SURGERY

At the urging of his eye specialist, Pr. Hergy will undergo unexpected emergency surgery this Tuesday morning, April 6, to repair a recently-discovered partially-detached retina. Because of the delicateness of the surgery and the damage suffered by his left eye from previous operations for cataracts and a resulting cornea transplant (and subsequent repair), the recovery period will likely be longer than the usual 4-6 weeks.

Church Council has given Pr. Hergy permission to add a month of holiday time to the recovery time which means that he will be away from his work here at First Lutheran for about 3 months.

In his absence, we are fortunate to have the Rev. Peter Fischer carry out the basic pastoral and sacramental responsibilities. Other lay leaders have also volunteered their assistance in many ways to make sure that our ministries to one another and to the community around us continue. The Hergies ask that you would keep them in your prayers (while understanding the reasons behind minimal replies to phone calls and emails, even to those expressing care and affection).

Your continued support of this parish, its leadership and its financial commitments will not only be much needed but much appreciated. Thank you.

The Pathfinders will be here at First Lutheran on Sunday, April 11, to sell Girl Guide cookies (chocolate and vanilla sandwich crème) after the service for \$4/box.



AUGUSTANA CHOIR presents a Benefit Concert for LUMS

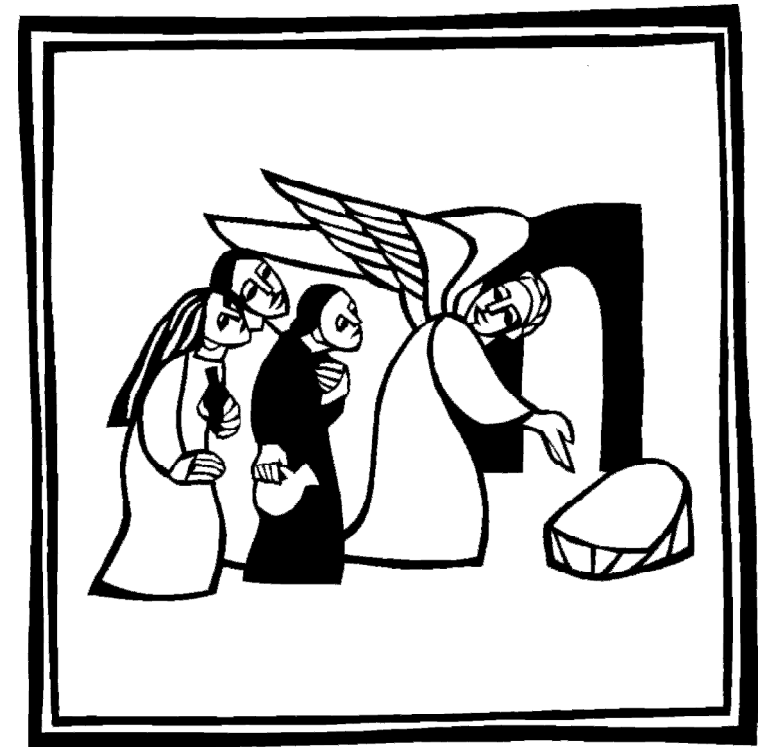
Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 pm
Christ Church Cathedral
(690 Burrard St., Vancouver)

The Augustana Choir of the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus in Camrose, AB, will embark on their "Due West 2010 Spring tour" at the end of April. The choir will perform benefit concerts for local causes at a number of churches and schools in Calgary, Nelson, Vancouver and Victoria. The Augustana Choir, with director Dr. Ardelle Ries and pianist Dr. Roger Admiral, will sing a **benefit concert for the Lutheran Urban Mission Society (LUMS)** at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 pm with featured works by composers Brahms, Bruckner, Chatman, Haydn, Schafer, Tate and Willan. Admission is by free will donation. (The Augustana Campus of the U of A is formerly known as Camrose Lutheran College.)



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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

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

***Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589** — Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC *Tocatta (Fifth Symphony)* Charles-Marie Widor

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN #365 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* (v.3 - unaccompanied)

GREETING AND KYRIE (cantor sings verses, all sing refrain) p. 184

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #619 *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*
(v.3 - women; v.5 - men; v.7 - organ)

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

POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Announcements

This Week

Monday
Office is closed

Thursday
NO choir rehearsal

Next Sunday
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship, 10:30 am

**Please note that the
church office will be
closed tomorrow
(Easter Monday).**

Please join us after worship in the "almost-completed" basement for the delicious leftovers from the Easter breakfast.

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Jack K.** and the **men of the congregation** for the delicious (and wonderfully fattening) Easter breakfast; to **June S.** for decorating the church and clergy with brilliant white and gold "clothing"; to **Janet and Frank F.** for picking up the lilies; to our Minister of Music, **Jeanette P.**, the instrumentalists and the augmented choir members for beautifying our adoration of God with music and song, the highest of all praise; and thanks to **Nelly G.** and to all who came and helped wash, clean, dust and prepare the basement for our Easter festivities and for the return of our ESL classes on Tuesday.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Alleluia*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All Rise*)

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...

LORD'S PRAYER

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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 thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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

“LAMB OF GOD”

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It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — 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. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or, if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

#376 “*Thine is the Glory*”

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all.

³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “*See, What a Morning*”

Keith Getty & Stewart Townend

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading*)

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GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and

the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY #377 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" (v.2 - women; v.3 - men; v.4 - unaccompanied)

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 worshiped 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 FAITHFUL

Gathered at the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
A brief silence.

God of every Easter, invigorate the church with the good news of death to sin and resurrection to new life with Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Easter rebirth, renew creation with rain, warmth, and a creator's love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Easter everywhere, charge and challenge leaders of all nations to be servants and peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Easter joy, surprise, amaze, and comfort all who seek healing *especially...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Easter people, hear the prayers of this congregation on this and every day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Easter promises, invite us into the hope and joy of Christ's victory over death. We celebrate the life and witness of (*Benedict the African and*) all the saints you have called by name *especially...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE