



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



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: You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship.

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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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 24, 2011

Those Serving the Servants Today

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<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Acolytes</i>	Jordan Manu Benie Gakiza Niyungeko
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Instrumentalists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy Collins Bruce McIver Dawna McIver Derek MacNeill Elina Singh
<i>Choir Accompanist</i>	Katherine Roller
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux June Schramm
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Mikhail Lennikov Irina Lennikova Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Men of the Congregation
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley John Dawson

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 Julie Bauming at 604- 986-5389.

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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

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

PRELUDE *Toccata in F Major* Dieterich Buxtehude
 Voluntary on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" John G. Barr

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 365 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", v.3-unaccompanied

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

*The candidate for baptism, sponsor and parents gather with the ministers at the font.
The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsor presents the candidate
I present Meiyang Zhu for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **We do.**

The presiding minister addresses parents and the sponsor
As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses the sponsor

Do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith
as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church? **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly

People of God, do you promise to support Meiyang
and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the gathered community

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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 the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 presider addresses the parents only

Do you promise to be good loving parents to your children and bring them up in the spirit of the gospel—that is, the spirit of forgiveness and understanding? **We do.**

Do you promise to remain faithful to your children whatever the future may bring, to respect them wherever they may go and to remember always that your children are born of God? **We do.**

THE GIVING OF THE NAME

By what name do you wish your child to be called now and in eternal life?

The Christian name of the candidate is spoken aloud

Meiyang Zhu, may this name be written forever in the Book of Life, in the palm of God's hand.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the words of the prayer over the water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honour to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated

THE HOLY WASHING

The presider baptizes by pouring water over the candidate three times while saying

Meiyang Zhu, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The newly-baptized is brought out into the midst of the gathered community to receive their expressions of joy while her name is added to the baptismal banner. During this time, the assembly is "aspurged" or sprinkled with water as a reminder of their baptisms.

When this is completed, the baptismal party gathers in front of the altar and faces the presider

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain Meiyang with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

CHRISMATION

Using oil prepared for this purpose, the presiding minister anoints the newly-baptized and marks the forehead with the sign of the cross

Meiyang Zhu, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Another person joining our congregation by Affirmation of Baptism (confession of Faith) is welcomed in a brief rite of commitment to the mission and ministry of this community.

All gathered at the front face the assembly while a representative of the congregation speaks

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

HYMN #373 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*,
v.2-women; v.3-men; v.4-unaccompanied; v.5-organ

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(All rise)*

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, is a summary of 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."

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 *“Easter Is Here”* Jon Paige

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN #361 *“The Day of Resurrection”* vv. 1-2

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1–10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN #361 *“The Day of Resurrection”* vv. 3-4

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY #364 *“Christ has Arisen”* v. 2 – women (*refrain-all*);
v. 3 – men (*refrain-all*); v. 4 – unaccompanied (*including refrain*)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Trusting in the renewal of all things through Christ's death and resurrection, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

God of life, awaken us to the celebration of new life in Christ. Open our hearts in this gathering around word and sacrament to your action for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken us to the movement of your life-giving Spirit throughout all creation. Bless plants and animals blossoming into new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken us to your justice and righteousness for all nations. Stir up in us longing for your mercy and eagerness to seek your will in all we do. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken us to the care and compassion you show people in greatest need. Encourage us to extend compassionate, caring hands to those who are ill, lonely, and fearful (*especially...*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken us to your mission of gathering all nations through the saving act of Christ. As we celebrate our new life in him, lead us to boldly proclaim his new life for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken us to the resurrection of Christ revealed in the lives of the saints. Sustain us in the hope of his coming to fulfill the work of redemption and to make all things new. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your wide embrace, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy you have shown us through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may greet one another saying, "Peace be with you" while the baptismal party returns to their seats

MEAL

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Medley of Easter Hymns*

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward.
After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands*

OFFERING PRAYER p. 129

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY p. 130

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (Prayer over the gifts)

LORD'S PRAYER

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD p. 135



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 THE MEAL

#384 *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

#376 *"Thine is the Glory"*

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

George Frederick Handel

After all have received and the table is cleared, the assembly stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #619 *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

(v.2 - women; v.4 - men; v.6-unaccompanied; v.7 - organ only)

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

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* George Frederick Handel



This morning we welcome Meiyang Zhu Yin into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Meiyang is the daughter of Echo Zhu and Hans Yin, and sister to Kooby and Arnold. Her sponsor (godmother) is Ruby He.

We also welcome Tony Wong into membership today and encourage him to continue sharing in our worship, life and service.

Announcement

This Week

Monday

Office is closed

Tuesday

Call Committee meets
with Bishop Greg Mohr, 7:30 pm

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am
Worship, 10:30 am



You are invited to join Normanna at their annual combined celebration of Mother's Day and Norway's Constitution Day (May 17).

Place: Normanna Rest Home
7725 - 4th Street, Burnaby

Tel: 604-522-5812

Date: Sunday, May 8, 2011

Time: 2 pm



Easter Memorial Garden

The Easter lilies adorning our chancel area this morning have been dedicated by

- Jackie Cleroux**
In loving memory of Noel Cleroux
- Lanny and Sylvia Harris**
In loving memory of Miranda, Garry & José
- Bevan & Betty Anderson**
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Barb Breitenmoser**
In loving memory of Meme Milaire
and Valerie Matheson
- The Neumann Family**
In loving memory of Lydia Neumann
- The Neumann Family**
In loving memory of Noel Cleroux
- Fred Batscheider**
In loving memory of Hildegard Batscheider
- Jack & Diana Kuyer**
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Janet, Natalie and Jay Schreiber**
In loving memory of Wayne
and Florence Thompson
- Ingrid Anderson**
In loving memory of the parents, Ray
and Margaret Anderson
- Jack and Barbara Schaub**
In loving memory of dear son, Peter Schaub,
and Maya Rapp
- Shirley Toth and family**
In loving memory of son & brother, Stephen
- June Schramm**
In loving memory of Steven Janssen,
Jack & Connie Jenkins
- Dabora Kau**
To the glory of the Risen Lord

- Tsige Ekubagaber**
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Sarah Speidel**
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Betty Wong**
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Bruce & Dawna McIver**
In loving memory of Allen Joseph McIver
and Giselle Ireson
- Mary Adps**
In loving memory of José Henry
- John, Linda & Michael Dawson with Mary,
Mark, Miranda, Megan, and Myles**
In loving memory of Irene Taylor
and Muriel Kuhn
To the glory of the Risen Lord
- Augusta, Trudy and Richard Hergesheimer**
In loving memory of Rev. Val Hergesheimer,
Esther Forman, Fred and Sylvia Riedel,
Sherol Koskela

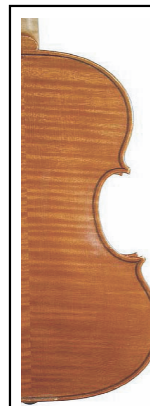


On Sunday, 2 May 2011, the national bishops of the Anglican and Lutheran churches in Canada and the United States will be celebrating ten years of full communion between our two churches in our two countries. Redeemer Lutheran Church and Saint Faith's Anglican Church think that this is too good an occasion to be limited to central Canada. Come and join us as we celebrate our full communion relationship at Redeemer Lutheran Church at Granville and Laurier on Sunday, 2 May 2011, at 2.00 p.m. Parking is plentiful and refreshments will follow. Come celebrate a sign of God's continuing work to bring all Christians into visible unity.

For more information contact Pastor John Gram at (604) 737-9821 or Dr Richard Leggett at (604) 266-8011.

The members of the call committee appointed by church council are: Christine Neumann - Chairperson; Bruce McIver; Celly Manirakoze; Lanny Harris; June Schramm; John Morley; Janet Ray; Fikre Tsehai; Amy Collins; Kim Hoath; Mikhail Lennikov. (Kim and Mikhail represent church council). Pastor Hergy also serves on the committee.

For this Sunday (April 24) and next (May 1), congregational members may suggest names of ordained clergypersons for consideration by the call committee. If anyone believes someone who is in good standing on the clergy roster anywhere across Canada or the USA might be a suitable candidate to serve in First Lutheran as the second pastor, please provide the name and current contact information to any member of the call committee. Thank you.



A Benefit Concert for Lennikov Family
By
A Company of Instruments Baroque Orchestra
*Antonio Vivaldi's **Four Seasons***
Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm - Admission by Donation
Redeemer Lutheran Church (1499 Laurier Ave at Granville)
Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm - Admission by Donation
First Lutheran Church (5745 Wales St at E. 42nd Ave)
(All proceeds go to the Lennikov Legal Fund)

We are recruiting volunteers to join the clean-up team on the altar guild schedule. Anyone is welcome and they will be scheduled with a partner to do the cleanup. Please contact Janet Schreiber if you are willing and able to help out. Thank you.

