



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 3, 2011

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 - 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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
APRIL 3, 2011

### *Those Serving the Servants Today*

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Sylvia Schmidt
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Adolf Manz
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kellen Ray Felix Opoku
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson Amy Collins
<i>Guitarist/Violinist</i>	Bruce McIver
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Mikhail Lennikov Irina Lennikova
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Kim Hoath Mikhail Lennikov Randall Hunter Betty Wong
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Joseph Nurani Janet Filippelli
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber June Schramm Veronica Okoree
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Randy Enders Ernie Neumann
<i>Anointers</i>	June Schramm Julie Bauming Christine Neumann Karen Kerfoot

**If you would like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Lori Hedin at 604.941.5803. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Julie Bauming at 604- 986-5389.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Holy Communion, Setting Two*

**APRIL 3, 2011**

*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

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. I was blind, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

### PRELUDE

*Sarabande*

Gordon Young

*Erbarm Dich Mein, O Herre*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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### GATHERING HYMN

# 339 *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

### GREETING

### KYRIE

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### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being

king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Response after the reading:*

**Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN

# 502 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8–14

*Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

*Response after the reading:*

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Before the Throne of God Above”*

Lloyd Larson

### LENTEN VERSE *(all sing before and after the reading)*

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## GOSPEL: John 9:1–41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were

not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #593 "Drawn to the Light"

**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 worshipped 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

As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Let us pray for Christians around the world, made one in baptism; for ecumenical partnerships; and for our sisters and brothers in other faith communities. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the receding polar ice caps, and the disappearing glaciers; for polluted waterways and garbage-filled oceans; for the shrinking rain forests and the many creatures that call them home. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for kings and queens; for presidents and prime ministers; for legislatures and court systems; and for local governments, that all these may serve their peoples with justice. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for day-care providers and librarians; for business owners and artists; for social workers and custodians; for farmers and scientists; for all who are unemployed and underemployed; for the sick and lonely, (*especially...*); for the fearful and the friendless. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the members of this assembly, and for any visitors among us, that we all might see and proclaim you as the light of the world. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the many witnesses, living and dead, who have served you in astonishing ways, (*especially...*). God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* arr. Jack Schraeder

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*All rise*)

## MEAL

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** p.129

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*Prayer over the gifts*) p. 133

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**“LAMB OF GOD”** p.135

## FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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



*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 a wafer into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or, if desired, dip the wafer into the second (intinction) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communion.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 811** **“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**  
*Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck

**“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT GO”** p. 135

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*All rise*)

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN # 611 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Fortunatus New* Carl Schalk

# Announcements

## This Week

**Wednesday**  
Adult Studies, 7 pm

**Thursday**  
Choir, 7 pm

Thanks to Pr. Sylvia Schmidt for leading our worship this morning while Pr. Hergy is recovering from his eye surgery this past Tuesday. If anyone is in need of emergency pastoral care, please call Pr. Sylvia or Pr. Paul Schmidt at 604-589-6014.

*Please read a message from Katie Weiss. If you are able to assist her in some way, please contact her directly.*

Hello,

I am a new veterinarian who is moving to from the US to Vancouver for the year to do a post-graduate internship. I'm looking for a congregation and also housing for the year. My home congregation is Crossroads Lutheran in Amherst, NY with Pastor Nancy Milleville. Is there anyone in your congregation that has an apartment or room to rent in the Vancouver/Burnaby area? I will be working at Canada West Veterinary Specialists in Burnaby. I am a relatively quiet person, non-smoker, but I do work long hours and may leave early and come home late many nights. I am also planning to bring my car with me. I would really appreciate any help as moving out to the west coast is a bit of a daunting undertaking.

Thanks so much,  
Katie Weiss  
weisska@gmail.com / 734-678-4013

### **Our Lenten worship/adult study schedule:**

April 6 - Vigil at Commercial Drive & East Broadway, 12 - 1 pm

April 6 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest: Dr. Wendy Fletcher, Principal of VST**

April 10 - Lent V, 10.30 a.m.

April 13 - Vigil at Cambie & West Broadway, 12 - 1 pm

April 13 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest: the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral**

April 17 - Holy Week Begins with Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering rite at St. Thomas Anglican at 10 a.m.

followed by a procession to First Lutheran for Eucharistic worship

April 21- Maundy Thursday at St. Thomas, 6.30 p.m. - meal; 7.30 p.m. - worship

First Lutheran attendees—bring salads

April 22 - Good Friday, 10.30 a.m. - Opening prayer at First Lutheran

followed by procession to St. Thomas for Eucharistic worship

“Way of Cross” procession at 360 Jackson Ave, 12:30 pm

April 24 - Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Breakfast at 8.30 a.m.

Festival Worship at 10.30 a.m.

*Information about the noon hour vigils is elsewhere in the bulletin.*

### **LENTEN VIGIL FOR THE SILENCED**

**Wednesdays 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM**

We stand in solidarity with those whom Jesus identified: the poor, the homeless, the shunned, the aged, the sick, the foreigners/migrants, the criminal outcast  
—**THE SILENCED**

#### **Date & Locations of Vigils**

- \* April 6th at corner Commercial Drive & East Broadway
- \* April 13th at Cambie & West Broadway
- \* April 22nd Good Friday at Way of the Cross—beginning 12:30 pm at Lutheran Urban Ministry - 360 Jackson Ave

### **AUGMENTING THE CHOIR FOR EASTER**

Having an augmented choir on Easter Sunday has become a tradition at First Lutheran. This is an invitation to those who enjoy singing but who are unable to make a commitment for several months of the year as our choir members do.



Rehearsals will take place from 7:30 to 8 pm on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> and a week later on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a short run through the anthem at 10 am on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to have the music before the first rehearsal, please speak to Jeanette Price or email her at [mjprice7@shaw.ca](mailto:mjprice7@shaw.ca). Thank you.

Please fill out page 10-12 of a document called “Congregational Mission Profile”. The 3 pages were sent to you last week through email or mail. It will assist FLC in the process of calling a second pastor. If you didn’t receive your copy, please let the church office know. Please complete and return to church office through email or drop them off by April 10. Thank you.

Please join us after service today in the lower level for a simple lunch provided by Joseph Nurani in memory of his late parents Asma Nurani and Noordin Nurani.

Please note the new email address for Tony Liu: [tony.liu@live.ca](mailto:tony.liu@live.ca)

At the special meeting of the congregation on March 27, the decision to call a second pastor was unanimous (53 votes cast). As a result, church council will begin to implement the following steps in the call process:

1. Appoint a call committee (about 8 members of the congregation plus Pr. Hergy)
2. Begin to gather names of potential candidates for a second full-time pastor which are drawn from 4 sources:
  - a) Members of the congregation (submit a note in writing),
  - b) church council,
  - c) Pr. Hergy may suggest names to the call committee for consideration--names which will be passed on to Bishop Greg Mohr who will, in turn, consult with other Bishops in Canada to determine whether those persons are interested, available and suitable for a call to First Lutheran and
  - d) The Bishop himself will also bring names of pastors to the committee which he feels would be good candidates.

Ideally any and all names of clergy should fit into the pastoral skills and needs talked about by church council: Someone

-with some years of experience in parish ministry;

-familiar with cross-cultural/culturally and racially diverse parish settings;

-comfortable with an "open" communion table;

-committed to liturgical worship (while being contemporary in the use of music); and supportive of First's involvement with being a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation (publicly welcoming to gay and lesbian persons). Additional areas of concern to council are youth/young adult and seniors' ministry.

3. Completing the "Congregational Mission Profile" (an intensive and thorough examination of the congregation's demographic makeup (age, gender, place of residence and distance from the church), our financial situation, a description of the community surrounding the church, our goals and objectives for mission and ministry, and our expectations of/for our pastoral leadership.

Three pages of this profile were sent by email and regular mail to all members following the March 27 meeting. All are asked to spend some time and thought in completing the questionnaire to help council determine the major emphases for mission and the most important pastoral qualities preferred. Regular guests and attendees are invited to fill out one of those forms as well. Extra copies can be found in the narthex on the shelf below the bulletin board. All completed forms should be returned to the church office by **April 10.**

4. Once the profile is completed, the call committee appointed and names of prospective candidates have been submitted to council and then to the Bishop, the call committee will have its first meeting with the Bishop (or the Conference Dean who represents the Bishop) to begin the process of selecting the 3 or 4 candidates whose skills, interests and background best fit our needs. The committee will interview those candidates in depth and then select the name of one candidate to present to the congregation for approval.

The involvement of every member of the congregation (regardless of age) is requested and important. So please do what you can to help our soon-to-be-established call committee do its job of finding and recommending the most suitable candidate to be the second pastor of First Lutheran. Thank you.

## UPDATE ON OUR BALDWIN GRAND PIANO

The Baldwin was delivered to First Lutheran on January 10<sup>th</sup> of this year - a gift from Jonathan Service - and we have been waiting for it to become acclimatized before having it serviced. First Lutheran decided to continue with the same piano technician, Johann Krebs, who has cared for the instrument since it was new.

Johann Krebs has been the staff piano technician for the University of British Columbia's School of Music since 1984 and has been the recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence. About one half of the more than 130 pianos are grand pianos.

Johann has extensive experience with Steinway pianos in particular, having worked on Steinways for various orchestras, solo performers and chamber musicians in North America, the Hague in the Netherlands and Vienna. In addition he has worked with many of Vancouver's local theatres and nationwide with the CBC and the University of Toronto.

On Monday afternoon of this week, Johann Krebs completed his work on our Baldwin. He followed the manufacturer's protocol to restore tonal balance and tuning stability plus a custom tuning following a move. His tuning included a full inspection of our piano and its playing capabilities and he used a combination of computer programmes and his own ear to ensure both an accurate tuning and a warm smooth tone.

Our beautiful Baldwin is now under the capable and loving care of Johann Krebs. First Lutheran is blessed - again. Thanks be to God!



We are recruiting volunteers to join the clean-up team on 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.