



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 1, 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 - 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

Presider/Homilist	Pr. Hergy
Assisting Minister	Celly Manirakoze
Acolyte	Andrew Enders
Lector	Heather Robbie
Ministry of Music	
Organ/Piano	Jeanette Price
Cantor	Arvid Vimb
Flutists	Anne Johnson Amy Collins Bruce McIver
Guitarist	
Gift Bearers	Mikhail Lennikov Irina Lennikova
Communion Servers	Christine Neumann Mikhail Lennikov Karen Duddy Betty Wong Kellen Ray
Coffee Hour Hosts	Christine Neumann Lorna Hau
Altar Guild	Janet Schreiber Veronica Okoree Betty Anderson
Offering Counters	Frank Filippelli Randy Enders

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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“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

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

*Christ Thou Art Our Light and Day
Aria*

Georg Bohm
Paul Manz

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Living God,

**we confess before you and one another our futile ways,
our pursuit of perishable things, our own part in crucifying the Lord Jesus.
Forgive us, O God; renew the face of the earth; and give us the assurance
that you have rescued us from the power of sin and made us alive in the Spirit forever.
Amen.**

Christ suffered for sins once for all in order to bring you to God.

Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy.

In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight.

Live in the marvelous light of Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

363 *“Come, You Faithful”*, v.3-women; v.4-men

GREETING AND KYRIE

p. 3 (red folder)

“THIS IS THE FEAST”

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

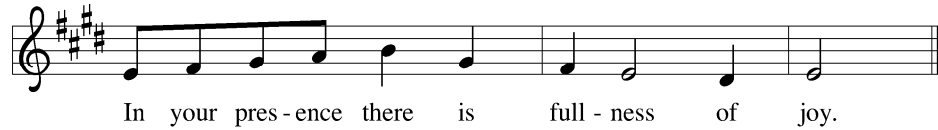
³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

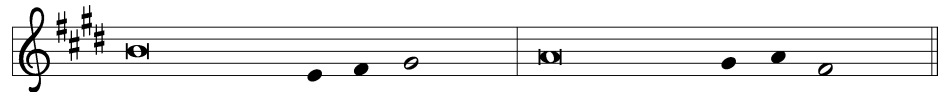
PSALM: Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

Refrain



Tone



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an

inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(to be sung before and after reading)*

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

Response after announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Response to the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 374 "Day of Arising"

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

In this season of resurrection, we lift up to God all those in need in the church and throughout the world. *A brief silence.*

Alleluia! We thank you for your church and its mission. Give us courage to take good news into a world that does not know you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Alleluia! We thank you for your creation. Challenge us to use its resources wisely, generously, and respectfully. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Alleluia! We thank you for leaders throughout our world. Equip them to do justice and love mercy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Alleluia! We thank you for all the good things you have given us. Transform our thanks into compassion for those who are poor in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*).

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

Alleluia! We thank you for this congregation, its pastor/s and lay leaders. Equip us with a sense of purpose in this place to serve our community and country, especially, in light of tomorrow's election. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Alleluia! We thank you for the resurrection we have been promised through Jesus' death and resurrection. Bring us together again one day with all the saints (*especially Phillip and James, apostles and ...*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your care, O God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Anne Roberts

“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT” (*All Rise*) p. 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 10

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Acclamations 2 & 3*)

FRACTION (*as the bread is broken*)

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

“LAMB OF 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 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 379 “*Now the Green Blade Rises*”
Teach Me, O Lord Thomas Attwood

“THANKS BE TO YOU” p. 14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All rise*)

SENDING

RECOGNITION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 389 “*Christ Is Alive!*”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Andre Campra

Announcements

This Week

Today

Anglican-Lutheran Service at Redeemer Lutheran, 2 pm
(*See announcement elsewhere in bulletin*)

Monday

Worship & Music Committee, 9:30 am
Confirmation, 7pm

Friday

Four Seasons Concert, 7:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am
Worship, 10:30 am--Mother's Day
(Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Harry Maier)

Our thanks to Diana and Millie Kuyer for designing and creating the bookmarks in the worship books. We trust they will be useful for worshippers and a wonderful memento for guests to take home with them.



Thanks as well to the Sunday School children and staff for the 6 striking banners gracing the sanctuary walls. They will remain up for the entire 7 weeks Easter season.

Our newly-appointed call committee had its first meeting with Bishop Greg Mohr this past week. The process of selecting a gifted candidate to serve as our second pastor is now underway. The committee will do its best to keep the congregation informed within the boundaries of confidentiality placed upon and around it.

This morning we recognize the ministry of the call committee--those volunteers offering their time and imagination to the service of Christ and their community of believers. They are: Christine Neumann - Chairperson; Bruce McIver; Celly Manirakoze; Lanny Harris; June Schramm; John Morley; Janet Ray; Fikre Tsehai; Amy Collins; Kim Hoath; and Mikhail Lennikov.

Apologies to those whose names were not included in the Easter Memorial Garden in Easter Sunday's bulletin. Here are their names and a few more:

Easter Memorial Garden

Irina Lennikova

In loving memory of Maria

Linda Dawson

In loving memory of M. Chan
To the glory of the Risen Lord

Olga Reounina

In loving memory of Olga, Olga, Gennady

Anne Johnson

In loving memory of Floyd and Geney Johnson
& Grace Kucheran
To the glory of the Risen Lord

The Van Spronsen Family

In loving memory of Oma Van Spronsen
& Stephen Lee & Ken Hoshowski

Caroline, Matthew and Nicole Weger

In loving memory of Karoline & Gottfreid Ruf

Eulalie Niyungeko

In loving memory of Bacakako Diomede,
Leniya Oscar Ndayisada & Josephine

Eve and Daniel Luong

To the glory of the Risen Lord

Please read this 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

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Pathfinder and Ranger Bottle & Clothing Drive, Sun May 15

Fundraiser for SOAR, a 7 day tent camp in Agassiz for 2500 Girl Guides in July.

Bottle/can donations-any refundable drink containers

Clothing donations-reusable items eg, backpacks, clothes, clothing accessories, coats, curtains, gloves, hats, linen, purses, shoes, wallets



Start collecting items now ! We will take donations before the service starts on Sun May 15. Questions? contact Denise ddhalian@shaw.ca



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada

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



Please note the new address for **Ralphe and Joellanne Stanfield:**
#9-8701 16th Ave, Burnaby, BC V3N 5B5

Their phone number remains the same.

Please note the new email address for **John Morley:** Jamor@telus.net

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.



On Sunday, 1 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, 1 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.

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.

Today is the last of two Sundays when 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 today. Thank you.

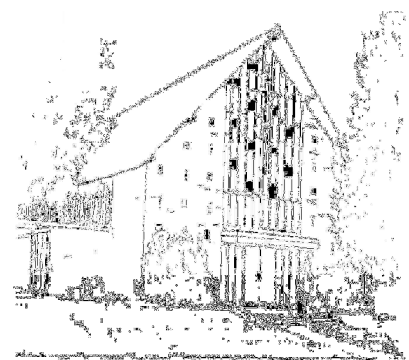
A Benefit Concert for Lennikov Family
By
A Company of Instruments Baroque Orchestra
Antonio Vivaldi's **Four Seasons**
Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm - Admission by Donation
Redeemer Lutheran Church (1499 Laurier Ave at Granville)
Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm - Admission by Donation
First Lutheran Church (5745 Wales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



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.



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