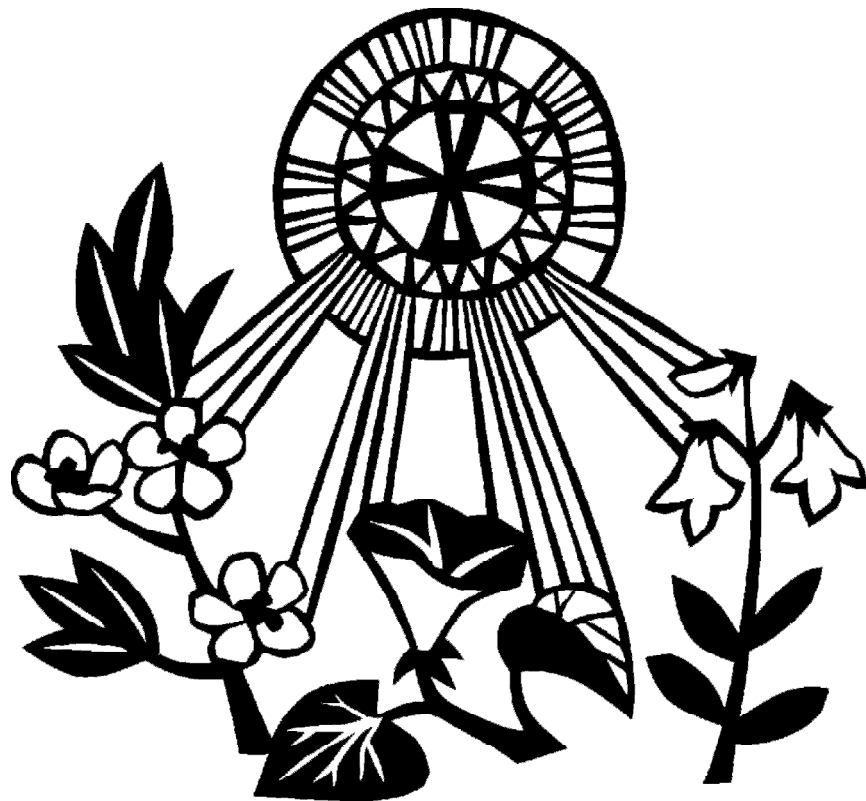




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 29, 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
Torch Bearers	Felix Opoku Andrew Enders
Lector	Janet Ray
Ministry of Music	
Organ/Piano	Jeanette Price
Cantor	Arvid Vimb
Flutists	Anne Johnson Amy Collins Shannon Ingersoll
Soloist	
Gift Bearers	Eve Luong Dan Luong
Communion Servers	Kellen Ray Janet Ray Felicia Quayson Betty Wong
Coffee Hour Hosts	Linda Collins Russell Collins Stephen Holmes
Altar Guild	Mikhail Lennikov Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
Offering Counters	Amy Collins Frank Filippelli

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.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. R**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN # 644 “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”
vv. 1 - 2

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15–21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION HYMN # 644 “Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”
vv. 3 - 4

HOMILY (Silence for reflection follows) - INTRODUCTION / FAITH STORY

HYMN OF THE DAY # 781 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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Presentation

Profession of Faith (confessed by all present)

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Blessing of the Holy Spirit

Blessing of Parents and Sponsors

Blessing of the Parish

Blessing of the Assembly

SONG OF COMMITMENT “Will You Come and Follow Me” (solo)

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.*

You join us as one in baptism, but we often bicker and cause schisms. Transform your church into a faithful witness to the living Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You gave us the gift of creation, but we often misuse its resources. Transform us into good stewards. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You bless the nations of the world, but we curse one another and cause war. Transform us into peacemakers and reconcilers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You stand beside us in our sorrows and pains, but we forget those most in need. Transform us into healers and caregivers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You built a church for us, but we focus on things inside these walls instead of what is beyond our doors. Transform us into missionaries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You sent your advocate, but we still fear death. Transform our fears into a proclamation of resurrection, assisted by the witness of the saints (*especially ...*). 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 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Jack Schraeder

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All rise)*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 190

“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Giving thanks over the gifts)*

LORD’S PRAYER

“**LAMB OF GOD**” p. 191

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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

SHARING OF THE FEAST OF JOY



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 # 482 “**I Come with Joy**”
Adagio (Sonata No.1) Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Saviour, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 543 “**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Henry Purcell

Announcements

This Week

Tuesday
Call Committee Meeting, 7 pm

Thursday
Last Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday
Worship, 10:30 am
Sunday School Bowling Party



We are looking for a few volunteers who are able to come help with the recycled items, such as cardboard, plastics, glass, metal, newspapers etc. They will need to sort items out and take them to the recycling depot on Kent Avenue, Vancouver. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOWLING PARTY

- **Next Sunday, June 5**, after church, Grandview Lanes
- Tickets are \$2 for children and youth (includes a drink and a hotdog)
- All are welcome, including children and youth who don't usually attend Sunday School
- See a Sunday School teacher for a ticket, or phone the church office
- Please get your ticket early, so that we can plan for numbers. Transportation will be arranged later.



Apartment Needed

1-2 bedroom rental is required near Vancouver General Hospital.

A young mother with 2 kids (under 6) will be in need of an apartment for a 3 – 6 month period beginning mid-June. After a major leg surgery on May 18th, Janeen will have prosthesis and receive out-patient care and physiotherapy as part of her rehabilitation. Janeen is a very independent lady anxious to get on with her life after a car accident 3 years ago. With her own vehicle she is clean and responsible with excellent references and would not be a rental risk.

Requirements: Close to VGH
Close to an elementary school
Preferably no stairs
Furnished

For further info, please contact Maureen Penunuri-Yepiz at home:
1-250-679-8530 (evenings)

The Ray family wishes to express their thanks to Shannon Ingersoll for her solo this morning. Shannon has revised the lovely Irish hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me” as a kind of blessing on Kellen.



Testament of a Naked Man – The Good News According to Mark

A Dramatic Interpretation

Friday, June 17, 2011, 7:00 pm

Location: Canadian Memorial United Church, Corner of West 15th Avenue & Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC

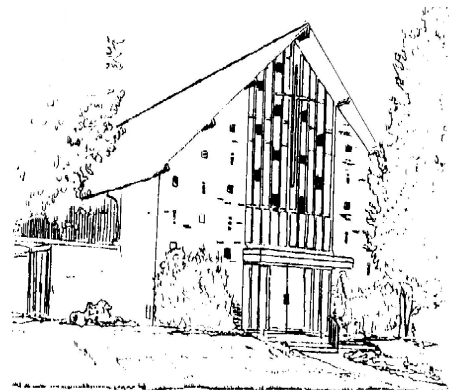
The power of the Gospel story is brought to life in this one-man dramatization of the life and death of Jesus the Christ as told by Mark. The audience is transported back in time to be with Jesus on the dusty road of Palestine and on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Listeners will come away with a sense of not having ever heard these familiar stories before. Proceeds from this event will go to support the Thomas Merton Reading Room, located in the H. R. MacMillan Library at Vancouver School of Theology. Tickets: \$15 (Adult); \$10 (Senior/Student). For more information or to purchase your ticket in advance, please contact the Thomas Merton Society of Canada at tmsc@telus.net

Angus Stuart, Rector of St. Francis-in-the-Wood in West Vancouver, began by telling the story of Christ's arrest, trail and crucifixion from memory on Palm Sunday in 2007. Then he was inspired to memorize the whole of Mark's Gospel.

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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