



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 10, 2016

**WELCOME TO
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FOUNDED 1890**

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Those Serving the Servants Today

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: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A special welcome to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

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 people and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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If you'd 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'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Deanna Wilson at 604-430-5893 or Betty Wong at 604-877-1578.

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Holy Communion, "Tree of Life"

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

The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
Nimrod (Enigma Variations)

Robert Hobby
Edward Elgar

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING SONG

"Tree of Life, Entrance Hymn"

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: Eternal and all-merciful God,
with all the angels and all the saints we praise you. By the resurrection of your Son,
reveal yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 30 (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain

You have turned my wail - ing in - to
danc - ing, in - to danc - ing.

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you, and you restored¹ me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. R**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my LORD, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper." R**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;**

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Response after the reading: Holy Word; holy wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing before and after reading. All rise*)

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GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

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

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him,

“We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 846 *“Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life: Feed your sheep.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

In Eudoxia Garth Edmundson
“COME, LET US BRING”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*)

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MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 14

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 17

*It is Christ who invites all 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. All are welcome to the table of grace! Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. **Grape juice is available pre-poured in the trays.** Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.*

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 17

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 491 *“Come, Let Us Eat”*
Joyous Light Marty Haugen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE” p. 18

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION p. 19

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 843 *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G Major* George Frederic Handel

This Week

Today

Youth Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Living Anew: Casting Our Net”

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Saturday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am

Next Sunday

Easter 4, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm
Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Living Anew: My Deeds Testify”

First Lutheran has been invited to join Collingwood Neighbourhood House in the effort of supporting local Syrian refugee families and collecting art supplies (paper, scissors, crayons, pencil crayons, markers, glues, and etc.), toys in clean and good conditions for children of all ages, and books. Please bring your donations to church if you are willing to help. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate this effort. If interested, please contact church office.

“Living Anew” Easter Evening services
Featuring Brad Langerud’s original liturgy

April 10, 17, 24
May 1

Evening services will recess after May 1 for the spring and summer, and will resume in the fall.

Youth Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

Today

May 15 and **June 5** study cancelled due to shortened evening service season.

Adult Study on “Animate Faith” 2016

April 24

May 22 and **June 12** study cancelled due to shortened evening service season.

Confirmation class 2016, 4:30 pm

April 17 May 8

Students and families are enthusiastically invited to stay for the evening service as part of formation.

Sunday School Schedule 2016

April 17 May 1, 15, 29

A PLACE FOR INQUIRY
A PLACE FOR FAITH

Are you new to the Christian faith?
Looking for a safe space to connect with others in your faith journey?
Have more questions than you do answers?
Interested in learning more
about the Lutheran faith?

Join us for a 6-week small group study over coffee and snacks
on Sunday mornings **9:30am-10:15am** before worship in the lower level.

April 10, 17, 24

May 1, 8, 15

This small group will be an open and safe place for prayer and inquiry,
to learn more about and to experience our Lutheran tradition,
and to be supported by a faith sponsor.

Content for each group session will come from
Daniel Erlander's, "Baptized We Live."

Please indicate if onsite childcare is needed.

Please contact Pastor Sylvia Schmidt or Pastor Lori-Anne
if you are interested in joining the study.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Life: **Feed your sheep.**"*

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, you supply everything we need, and more. Equip us to do the work you intend with the confidence that you will multiply the outcome. God of Life: **Feed your sheep.**

Open our eyes to the promise of new life all around us. Make sprouting plants, awakening animals, and swimming fish all bear witness to your glorious abundance.
God of Life: **Feed your sheep.**

Preserve the lives of those who are persecuted for their devotion to you.
Use the faithfulness and insight you have given them to transform their persecutors.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore the well-being of people who cry out to you in suffering and in want.
We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Pour out your mercy upon them, and turn their wailing into dancing.
God of Life: **Feed your sheep.**

Remembering the saints who praised you in life and in death, bring us also to the day when you will gather all people to sing hymns of praise in your presence.
We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
God of Life: **Feed your sheep.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**