



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 17, 2016

**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: 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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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Lector</i>	Karen Duddy
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod Anne Johnson Karl Maier
<i>Trumpeter</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Blair Duddy Karen Duddy
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Karen Duddy Ingrid Tymm Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Patricia Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tong Wong Frank Filippelli

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, Setting Ten

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 gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRELUDE

*Source of Calm Repose
My Shepherd Will supply My Need*

G. Winston Cassler
Roger C. Wilson

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 376 *“Thine Is the Glory”*

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace 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:
O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the grace of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Response after the reading: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

LESSON HYMN # 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Response after the reading: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Sing a New Song”

Natalie Sleeth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one.

Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY

581 “You Are Mine”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Love: **Keep Your Sheep.**”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Repton

Robert Hobby

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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Prayer over the gifts)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION

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

“LAMB OF GOD”

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*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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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“Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

When Peace Like A River

Philip P. Bliss

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

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

544 "Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

This Week

Today

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

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Easter 5, 10:30 am
Adult Study on “Animate Faith”, 4:30 pm
Evening Service, 5:30 pm
“Living Anew: Called to Love”

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

April 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

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

Today

May 1

Sunday School Schedule 2016

Today

May 1, 29

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.

Please note Arvid Vimb changed his email to arvidvimb@gmail.com

Please update your directory:

June and Randy Schramm

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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 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.

Gather for study, conversation, and refreshments
at a parishioner's home

Would you like to come to a gathering to talk about your faith, have a conversation and hang out with other parishioners? Here are the upcoming opportunities in these homes and locations:

Surrey: Tuesday, May 10, 7-9 p.m.

Burnaby: Thursday May 5, 7-9 pm **or** Thursday May 12, 7-9 pm

Vancouver: Tuesday May 3, 1:30-3:30 **or** Wednesday May 11, 7-9 p.m.

For the Burnaby and Vancouver gatherings, note on the sign up if you can attend on **either** of the dates and times noted or just one of the dates.

Depending on the response, we will choose which date most can attend.

Signup sheets in the narthex.

Please sign up by April 24th.

Thank you to the parishioners who are offering their hospitality.

Details of addresses will be given to those who have signed up.

We promise an interesting time of study and conversation and a chance to relax with other parishioners of First Lutheran!

These gathering are being offered by Friends InDeed. Please talk with the Lead Coordinator, The Rev. Margaret Marquardt after Worship or call the office regarding any inquiries.

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Password: flc1890**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Love: **Keep 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 and mighty God, fulfill your saving work on behalf of all who give thanks for your great love for this creation. Make our song strong enough to invite all hurting people into your family.
God of Love: **Keep Your Sheep.**

Make us ever conscious of how we use and consume the gifts you have given us on the earth and in the oceans. Open our eyes to see creation as good, useful, and worthy of care.
God of Love: **Keep Your Sheep.**

Give your wisdom to people who make decisions that affect others. Fill human institutions with your reconciling justice. When we oppress people, disrupt us and heal our hearts.
God of Love: **Keep Your Sheep.**

Respond to the call of people who cry out in grief, in loneliness or despair, or in chronic pain or illness. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .
Embrace them with your compassion. God of Love: **Keep Your Sheep.**

You give strength to the saints by fulfilling your promise of eternal life. Shepherd us in paths of righteousness, that we may know life now and in the age to come. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God of Love: **Keep 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.**