



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 24, 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>	Karen Duddy
<i>Lector</i>	Christine Neumann
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Brad Langerud
<i>Flutists</i>	Amy MacLeod
	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Jordan Manu Emmanuel Manu
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux John Morley Christine Neumann Julie Bauming
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Janet Filippelli Cheri Ditsche
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley Max Cordell

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 Seven

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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

Siciliana
A Quiet Voluntary for Evensong

Johann Sebastian Bach
Basil Harwood

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**
Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,
you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ embraces you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN # 641 “*All Are Welcome*” v. 3 - unaccompanied

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your gifts of love. Made alive by your Spirit, may we may know your peace and joy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Beloved One. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God’s intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus’ own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave

them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

PSALM 148 (*cantor sings the refrain; then all sing the refrain*)

Refrain



Tone



Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
 praise God¹ in the heights.
²Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels; sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.
³**Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;**
sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heav-¹en of heavens, and you waters a-¹bove the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD, who commanded, and they¹ were created,
⁶who made them stand fast forev-¹er and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away. **R**
⁷**Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,**
you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog, tempestuous wind, do-¹ing God's will;**
⁹mountains¹ and all hills, fruit trees¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰wild beasts¹ and all cattle, creeping things and¹ flying birds;
¹¹**sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,**
princes and all rulers¹ of the world;
¹²**young¹ men and maidens, old and¹ young together. R**
¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all¹ faithful servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

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

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 642 **"Where True Charity and Love Abide"** (see back cover)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "God of Abundant Grace, fill us with your love."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Scenes from Childhood

Robert Schumann

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

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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 # 498 *“United at the Table”*
Hear My Prayer Felix Mendelssohn

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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING
The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ Jesus, the Beloved One, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 452 *“Awake, O Sleeper”*

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

POSTLUDE *Bachiana* Gordon Young

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 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 interested in joining the study.

This Week

Today

Adult Study on "Animate Faith", 4:30 pm
Evening Service, 5:30 pm
"Living Anew: Called to Love"

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm
BC Synod Convention, 2-9 pm

Friday - Saturday

BC Synod Convention Coquitlam, 9 am - 9 pm

Saturday

St. Thomas Retreat at FLC, 9 am - 4 pm
(Lower level with kitchen)

Next Sunday

Convention Worship service, 10:30 am
(*Good Shepherd Lutheran, Coquitlam*)
Easter 6, 10:30 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am
Confirmation, **4 pm**
Last Evening Service, 5:30 pm
"Living Anew: First Steps"

Ascension Day is May 5 this year. It is one of the most important days in the Christian calendar. The parish of St. Thomas Anglican would like to invite us at First Lutheran to join them on **May 5**, the Ascension Day, for a celebration of the Eucharist at 7:30PM, followed by a potluck dessert party. You do not have to bring a dessert to share, but if you can, it will be gratefully received.

"Living Anew" evening services will recess after its last session on May 1 for the spring and summer, and will resume in the fall.

Confirmation on May 1 at 4 pm

Sunday School 2016: May 1, 29

"WELCOMING HOME"

A Lutheran Women's Retreat

May 27-29, 2016

Cedar Springs

Christian Retreat Center

Sumas, Washington

REGISTRATION & COSTS / person

DOUBLE occupancy \$160 USD/pp

SINGLE occupancy \$184 USD/pp

Bunk Beds \$150 USD/pp

Day Guest \$50 USD (no accommodation)

Fees Include: Shared rooms with private facilities, bed linens, towels, meals.

Registrations must be received by:

May 1st 2016 (No refunds past this date)

Mail completed registrations to:

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US Money Order or Draft Only

Payable to: "Lutheran Women's Retreat"

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**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

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

For the Vancouver gathering, 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.

MVA “A Thousand Conversations Kick Off Meetings”

Saturday, **May 7th, 10 AM - 12 PM** at Raycam Community Centre, 920 E Hastings St

Tuesday, **May 24th, 7 - 9 PM** at Grandview Calvary Baptist Church, 803 E 1st Ave

MVA member organizations are invited to **send 2-3 delegates** to one of these meetings.

Please RSVP for one of the two dates at: www.metvanalliance.org/calendar.

The new directory will be printed in a few weeks. Please verify your entry details posted in the narthex.

DIRECTORY

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Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson
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Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources
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June Heywood - Education & Human Resources
Brad Langerud - Music and Worship
Ray Hartley - Member at large

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Password: flc1890**

You can find First Lutheran on:
FB: First Lutheran Church Vancouver
TWITTER: FirstLutheranVan

F C Dm B \flat D G C

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

[A] F C Dm Gm C ³ F

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

These verses may be sung during the second half of the ostinato above.

Leader [A]

1 Your love, O Je - sus Christ, has gath - ered us to - geth - er.

[A]

2 May your love, O Je - sus Christ, be fore - most in our lives.

* [A]

3 Let us love one an - oth - er as God has loved us.

[A]

4 Let us be one in love to - geth - er in the one bread of Christ.

* [A]

5 The love of God in Je - sus Christ bears e - ter - nal joy.

* [A]

6 The love of God in Je - sus Christ will nev - er have an end.