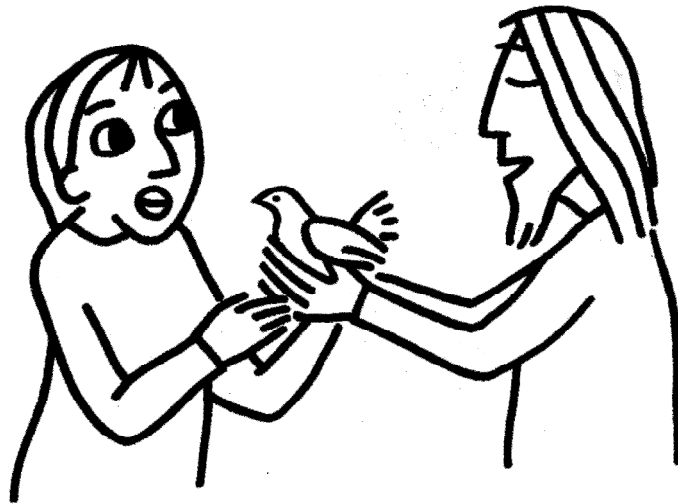




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 1, 2016

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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 - 41<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> 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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*Presider/Homilist* Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford

*Assisting Minister* Michael Ray

*Lector* Janet Filippelli

*Ministry of Music*

*Organ/Piano* Jeanette Price  
*Guest Pianist* Kathryn Roller  
*Cantor* Lorna Hau  
*Flutist* Anne Johnson  
*Trumpeter* Karl Maier

*Gift Bearers* Blair Duddy  
Karen Duddy

*Tray Holders* Ashlee Van Spronsen  
Stephanie Van Spronsen

*Communion Servers* Karl Van Spronsen  
Ernie Neumann  
Karen Duddy  
Betty Wong

*Coffee Hour Hosts*

*Altar Guild* Janet Schreiber  
Christine Neumann  
Soriya Salehi

*Offering Counters* Ernie Neumann  
Betty Wong

**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.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 1, 2016**  
*Holy Communion, Setting Eight*

*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**

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

**PRELUDE**                      *Nocturne No. 8 in D flat Major, Op. 27, No. 2*                      Frederic Chopin

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN**                      # 377 "*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*" v. 3, women; v. 4, men

**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.:

Bountiful God, you gather your people, and you promise us peace and life. Nourish us with your faithful love and your gracious word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, the Beloved giver of peace. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** - By Denise Pawliuk

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15**

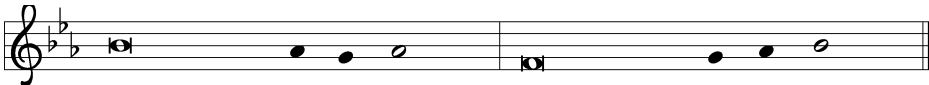
*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.


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

**PSALM 67** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup>us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face <sup>1</sup>shine upon us.  
<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>1</sup>upon earth,  
your saving health a- <sup>1</sup>mong all nations.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup>you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup>sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup>tions on earth. R**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth its increase;  
God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup> stand in awe. **R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5**

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions.*

*Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“Walk in the Light”**

Larry Shackley

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

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**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

*Response to announcement of the Gospel:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father

who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

*Response:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** (*Silence for reflection follows*)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 760 “*O Christ the Same*”

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Faithful God: Give us peace.”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Thanks Be to Thee* George Frederic Handel

**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

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**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** p.191

**INVITATION**

Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you. **Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING OF THE BLESSED SUPPER

*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.*

“LAMB OF GOD”

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 638 “*Blessed Assurance*”

*Sanctus (German Mass)* Franz Schubert

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 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

# 866 “*We are Marching in the Light*”

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz

**“WELCOMING HOME” A Lutheran Women’s Retreat  
May 27-29, 2016  
Cedar Springs, Christian Retreat Center, Sumas, Washington**

**REGISTRATION & COSTS / person**

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

DOUBLE occupancy \$160 USD/pp

SINGLE occupancy \$184 USD/pp

Bunk Beds \$150 USD/pp

Day Guest \$50 USD (no accommodation)

**Registrations must be received TODAY, May 1st 2016** (No refunds past this date)

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

**Mail completed registrations to:** Selma Strowbridge  
34680 Mila Street, Abbotsford BC V2S 4Z5

**US Money Order or Draft Only**, payable to: “Lutheran Women’s Retreat”

**Retreat Coordinator:** Selma Strowbridge at 1-604-853-9190  
selmalwr@telus.net  
sstrowbridge@telus.net

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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 the remaining sessions of small group study over coffee and snacks  
on Sunday mornings **9:30am-10:15am** before worship in the lower level.

**May 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**

Sunday School, 10:45 am  
Confirmation, 4 pm  
Last Evening Service, 5:30 pm  
*“Living Anew: First Steps”*

**Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

**Wednesday**

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm  
Friends InDeed Home Gathering, 7-9 pm  
**(BURNABY LOCATION ONLY)**  
Celebration of Eucharist at St. Thomas, 7:30 pm

**Saturday**

Craft Drop-in, 10 am to noon  
MVA “1000 Conversations Kick Off Meetings”  
*(See announcement to the right)*

**Next Sunday**

Easter 7, 10:30 am

*“Living Anew”* evening services will recess after tonight for the spring and summer, and will resume in the fall. The evening services this season use the original liturgy created by Brad Langerud.

**Confirmation today at 4 pm**

**Sunday School 2016:** today and May 29

**Reminder of Craft Drop in this Saturday,  
May 7 from 10 am to noon.**

**MVA “A Thousand Conversations  
Kick Off Meeting”**

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

We are looking for a team to go from FLC on May 7th.

MVA member organizations are invited to **send 2-3 delegates** to the meeting.

First Lutheran Parish is a member organization of Metro Vancouver Alliance.

Please RSVP to The Rev. Margaret Marquardt at mmarquardt@telus.net.

**Ascension Day** is this Thursday. The parish of St. Thomas Anglican would like to invite us at First Lutheran to join them 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.

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

## DIRECTORY

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|---|---|
| <b>Ministers</b>  | God's People                              |
| <b>Pastor</b>   | Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford<br>604.720.7255 |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>  | Jeanette Price<br>604.251.2656            |
| <b>Friends InDeed Lead Coordinator</b>                          | The Rev. Margaret Marquardt               |
| <b>Friends InDeed Information and Communication Coordinator</b> | Elina Singh                               |
| <b>Office Administrator</b>                                     | Iris Kong                                 |
| <b>Caretaker</b>  | Peter dela Torre                          |
| <b>Altar Guild Coordinator</b>                                  | Janet Schreiber                           |
| <b>Liturgical Artist</b>  | June Schramm                              |

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### Church Council

Lanny Harris - Chairperson  
John Morley - Vice Chairperson & Property  
Ernie Neumann - Treasurer  
Jen Langerud - Secretary & Human Resources  
Sylvia Harris - Envelope Secretary  
Wayne Wong - Property and Fellowship & Hospitality  
Deanna Wilson - Fellowship and Hospitality  
Betty Wong - Fellowship and Hospitality  
Debbie Powell - Outreach Adult (seniors)  
Francis Antobre - Outreach Technology  
Felix Opoku - Outreach Youth & Young Adults  
June Heywood - Education & Human Resources  
Brad Langerud - Music and Worship  
Ray Hartley - Member at large

### Mutual Ministry Committee:

Sandi Strate - Chairperson  
Russell Collins  
Anne Johnson  
Arvid Vimb  
Shannon Ingersoll

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**Free Wifi is now available at  
First Lutheran. To log in:**

**User name: flcwifi  
Password: flc1890**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Faithful God: **Give us peace.**”*

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, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people.  
Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth.  
Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems.  
Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation.  
Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near  
and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people.  
Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed.  
Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used.  
Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit.  
Deliver your healing and peace to all in need. We pray especially for those whom we name  
aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names  
also in the book of life. Make us Christ’s presence for others while we await his coming.  
We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .  
Faithful God: **Give us peace.**

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.**