



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 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>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Pr. Adolf Manz
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Arvid Vimb
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Joy Anderson Soriya Salehi
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Pr. Adolf Manz Marion Manz Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Shannon & Alysha Ingersoll Wayne & Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Alex Wilson

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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Now the Feast and Celebration

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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRELUDE

*Sarabande (Oboe Concerto)
Old Hundredth*

George Frederic Handel
Michael Burkhardt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 383 "*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*"

GREETING AND KYRIE

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"NOW THE FEAST"

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SALUTATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, form the minds and hearts of your people. Open our minds and hearts to love what you love and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, we may see where truth and joy are found, in and through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies

to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

GOSPEL VERSE (*sing before and after the reading*) **“Alleluia”** p. 8

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

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

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 247 **“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Hyfrydol* arr. Jonathan Reuss

OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 11

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 11

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 11

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3*)

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST p. 13

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 14

*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 # 478 **“Father, We Thank You”**
Kingsfold Ralph Vaughan Williams

“THANKS BE TO YOU” (*All rise*) p. 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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SENDING HYMN # 482 *“I Come With Joy”*

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

POSTLUDE *Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds* Robert Hobby

This Week

Today

Easter 7, 10:30 am

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am
FLC council, 6:15 pm

Thursday

Missional Renewal Clergy Cohort, 9:30am-3:30pm
Friends InDeed Working Group meeting, 5:30 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Pentecost, 10:30 am

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 last session of small group
study over coffee and snacks
next Sunday morning 9:30am-10:15am
before worship in the lower level.

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

Please indicate if onsite childcare
is needed.

Our sympathy is with Jeanette Price, our
Minister of Music, as she mourns the death of
her brother Lester. Lester passed away at home
in St. John's this past Tuesday morning.

*Rest eternal grant him, O lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

**Everyone is invited to wear red next
Sunday to celebrate Pentecost.**

Sunday School 2016: May 29

**“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
Bunk Beds \$150 USD/pp

SINGLE occupancy \$184 USD/pp
Day Guest \$50 USD (no accommodation)

Registrations has been extended to May 8, 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
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BC SYNOD CONFIRMATION CAMP

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp
(Just north of Nanaimo)
July 4 - 9, 2016

Any youth aged 12 and up interested in attending, please contact Pr. Lori-Anne.

**Registration fees: \$360 by June 2, 2016
\$385 June 2-19, 2016**

Registration form is available through the office.

Dean for 2016 Camp is Pastor Kristen Steele, Shepherd of the Valley - 604-530-1311

The registration fee for the current confirmation students will be covered by FLC; however, donations are appreciated. We can also cover as much as needed for other youth who are interested in attending the camp in our congregation from our Love Fund. Donations earmarked to confirmation camp are welcome and a tax receipt will be issued.

Fort McMurray Wildfire Appeal

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) issue an appeal for prayers and financial support for all those suffering loss due to the wildfires striking northern Alberta and the city of Fort McMurray in particular.

Fort McMurray fire officials are facing challenges as firefighters try to save the city from a massive wildfire that has destroyed homes and businesses, and forced the largest wildfire evacuation in Alberta's history. Tens of thousands of people have fled Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Fuelled by soaring temperatures that hit 32 C and tinder-dry forest, the fire breached the city limits and a mandatory evacuation order was issued for the entire city.

"Today has been a devastating day. We have had explosive fire conditions on the landscape brought on by extremely high temperatures and low relative humidity," said Bernie Schmitte, wildfire manager at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, on Tuesday night during a news conference.

"The fire is still out of control," Schmitte said. "We have been challenged on many fronts as the fire came through the community. It has entered the community and it has gone through the community."

Fort McMurray will require a great deal of aid to assist individuals to rebuild their lives. Canadian Lutheran World Relief is appealing for funds to assist in the rebuilding efforts. Emergency funds received will be channeled through the city's Lutheran churches.

Lutherans are encouraged to participate in the appeal through prayer and financial support.

Remember the people who live in Ft. McMurray in your prayers and donations.

Donations to the "Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief" appeal may be made in the following ways:

1. By making a designated offering donation through any ELCIC or LCC congregation.
2. By giving online at ["Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief."](#)
3. By calling CLWR at 1.800.661.2597 (locally at 204.694.5602) to donate by credit card.
4. By sending a cheque made payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. **Please indicate that you wish to contribute to "Fort McMurray Wildfire Relief."**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**”*

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.*

God of renewal, fill us to overflowing with the grace we receive in word, in water, in the meal. Draw others to join the life we share in your church.

God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

Declare your righteousness through the blossoming of creation. By the wind’s blowing and birds’ singing, inspire us to join in the hymn of all creation. Send your refreshing rain and help for all of creation and lives devastated by force fires, especially in Fort McMurray.

God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

Be the source of all strength and peace for people who are imprisoned. Renew them with the overwhelming power of your salvation, and give them release for their spirits.

God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

Bless those who serve in a mothering role for others. Send your Spirit to those who mourn, who have not known their mothers, or who long to be a mother.

God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

Reveal yourself to those who feel isolated because of illness, grief, status, or the prejudice of others. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Comfort and welcome them into your Spirit-filled community.

God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

You draw all the saints into your presence. Draw us into the mystery and wonder of your presence until Christ comes again. We pray especially for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . God of Life: **Heal us and make us one.**

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.**