



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2017

**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. Michael Rodgers
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Karen Duddy
<i>Lector</i>	Sylvia Harris
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organist/Pianist</i>	Graham Pudek
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	John Morley Lanny Harris
<i>Communion Servers</i>	John Morley Lanny Harris Sylvia Harris Shannon Ingersoll
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Soriya Ingrid Anderson
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sylvia Schmidt Paul Schmidt Irina Lennikova Carol Laslett
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Shannon Ingersoll Alysha Ingersoll
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tony Wong John Morley

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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

APRIL 23, 2017

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

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 380 "*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*" (please rise)

GREETING

From God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

LESSON HYMN **# 390 “The Risen Christ”** (please rise)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ’s resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please rise*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 635 “*We Walk by Faith*” (*please rise*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*please remain seated*)

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER (*please rise*)

Let us pray: **Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he gave himself for us,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With Thomas and all of your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 *(as the bread is broken)*

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

*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 # 379 “*Now the Green Blade Rises*”
495 “*We Who Once Were Dead*”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please rise)*

Let us pray: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 367 “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*”

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

POSTLUDE

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM

Thursday

Missional Renewal Clergy Cohort
Langley, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Community Coffee House & Open Mic, 7 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)

Next Sunday

Easter 3, 10:30 AM

Our thanks to Pr. Michael Rodgers for leading the worship this morning, and also to Graham Pudek for playing the service while Pr. Lori-Anne and Jeanette are away resting after a busy Holy Week.

Community Coffee House & Open Mic Friday, April 28, 7-9 pm

Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up! If you're able to help, please talk to Elina or Shannon, or sign up in the narthex.

Confirmation Schedule 2017

May 7, 21 (last class)

Children's Worship 2017

May 7, 21

Regular choir practice will resume this Thursday, April 27.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Cedar Springs Christian Retreat Sumas, Washington

the weekend of May 26-28, 2017.

Deadline for registration: May 1st.

The theme this year is "How the Light Gets In" which was inspired by lyrics by the late Leonard Cohen.

The facilitator for Saturday's sessions, **Elina Singh**, will be leading the group in conversations about brokenness and mending.

A printout of the poster and registration forms are also available in the narthex.

**If there are any questions,
please contact Taina Phelan at:
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Friends InDeed Gathering Friday, May 12th, 7 - 9 pm

Help us plan for the future of Friends InDeed ministry! Come and join the conversation. Everyone welcome.

Please sign up in the narthex.
For more details, talk to Elina Singh.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Breathe your Spirit into us. Renew us with your power. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with your love.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for fields and forests, gardens and vineyards, and all newly planted crops. Sustain our world with clean water and favorable weather.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our fearful and doubting world. Empower leaders to work for the well-being of all. Send peace into every place where people live in the shadow of violence and displacement *especially*... Free all who are isolated behind walls of fear.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of First Lutheran, to be guided by your grace. Give us courage to walk with those who are inquiring, those who harbour doubts and questions, and those who are absent from us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your people who are suffering and those who bear hidden wounds. Draw near to those who seek you. Comfort the dying, console the grieving, and heal the sick. We pray especially for...and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith. Inspire us by their witness. Bring us with them to the heavenly feast. We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**