



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 30, 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 - 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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***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Sylvia Harris
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<i>Violinist</i>	Elina Singh
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<i>Tray Holders</i>	Melody Carson Ruby Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid Julie Bauming Karen Kerfoot
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Christine Neumann Jackie Cleroux
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Wayne Wong Betty Wong
<i>Offering Counters</i>	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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

### PRELUDE

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Paul Manz  
Robert Hobby

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p. 2 (red folder)

**GATHERING HYMN** # 373 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"*

**GREETING AND KYRIE** p. 3

**"NOW THE FEAST"** p. 4

**SALUTATION** p. 6

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, Christ Jesus makes himself known in the breaking of bread and throughout our entire journey. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Jesus in his faithful and redeeming work, in all that we are and in all that we do. **Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19** (*cantor sings the refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

I love the LORD, who has<sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my<sup>1</sup> supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given<sup>1</sup> ear to me whenever<sup>1</sup> I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave<sup>1</sup> came upon me;  
I came to<sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD:**

**"O LORD, I pray you,<sup>1</sup> save my life." R**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re-<sup>1</sup> pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has<sup>1</sup> done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup<sup>1</sup> of salvation  
and call on the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**  
<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your<sup>1</sup> sight, O LORD,  
is the death<sup>1</sup> of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I<sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me<sup>1</sup> from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice<sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD. R**  
<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of<sup>1</sup> the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      # 374 “*Day of Arising*”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**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**

<b>OFFERING/OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Plenty Good Room</i>	Lloyd Larson	
<b>“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”</b>			p. 11
<b>OFFERTORY PRAYER</b>	<i>(please rise)</i>		p. 11

**MEAL**

<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>			p. 11
<b>“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”</b>			p. 11
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<i>(Eucharistic Acclamations # 2 and # 3)</i>		
<b>THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST</b>			p. 13
<b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>			p. 13
<b>INVITATION TO COMMUNION</b>			
<i>Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. <b>Thanks be to God.</b></i>			
<b>“LAMB OF GOD”</b>			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.*

<b>MUSIC DURING COMMUNION</b>	<b># 674</b>	<b>“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”</b>	
		<i>Lead Me Lord</i>	Samuel Sebastian Wesley
<b>“THANKS BE TO YOU”</b>	<i>(Please rise)</i>		p. 15

**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**

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

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Michael Burkhardt

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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.



## **This Week**

### **Monday**

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

### **Wednesday**

Lower mainland regional meeting, 10am - 2pm

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM

Mutual Ministry Meeting, 6:30pm

### **Thursday**

Friends InDeed Working Group, 6 pm

Choir, 7:30 pm

### **Next Sunday**

Easter 4, 10:30 AM

Children's worship, 10:45 am

Executive council meeting after worship

Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

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### **MVA Board and Strategy Team Meeting**

**Thursday, May 18, 5:30 to 7 pm**

**PSAC 3rd fl. Boardroom**

**5238 Joyce St. Vancouver**

We will be following up on the commitments made at the Provincial Election Assembly and considering our plan for the year ahead, in light of the election results.

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### **Confirmation Schedule 2017**

May 7, 21 (last class)

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### **Children's Worship 2017**

May 7, 21

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT**

### **Cedar Springs Christian Retreat**

**Sumas, Washington**

**the weekend of May 26-28, 2017.**

**Deadline for registration: May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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.

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**If there are any questions,  
please contact Taina Phelan at:  
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St. Mark's Lutheran Church invites you to the following concerts:

April 29 - organ

May 20 - organ

June 17 - organ and saxophone

Concert starts at 2 PM

Admission by donation

Address: 1573 E 18th Ave, Vancouver  
www.stmarkschurch.ca for more info.

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### Church Council

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## **THE 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. Remove all that hinders us from sharing your love. Empower our ministries of outreach and hospitality. Raise up faithful preachers and teachers to lead your people. Heal our divisions. Unite us at your table. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect animals whose environments are endangered. Bring bountiful sunshine and sufficient rainfall for fields, pastures, and orchards. Bless those whose labors bring food to our tables. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give all leaders wisdom and courage to work for the common good. Strengthen disaster relief workers, peacemakers, and all whose contributions to society go unnoticed. We pray *especially for...* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to those who have lost hope. Provide food for the hungry and shelter for those who need safe housing. Comfort 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. Bring us with them to the fullness of your glory with all your saints. 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.**

*Would you like to add a prayer petition on Sundays? We invite you to write down your prayer request on the music stand in the narthex, which will be included each Sunday in the prayers of the people. Please note that prayer petitions will be refreshed each week.*