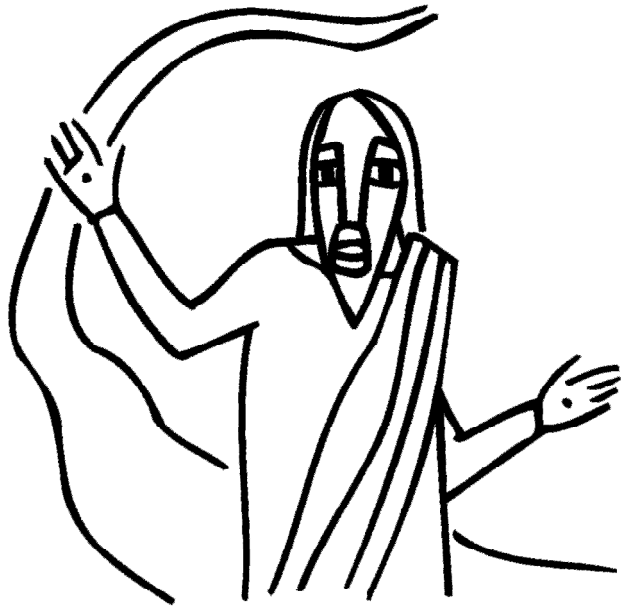




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2017

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

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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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<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Lorna Hau
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Violinist</i>	Elina Singh
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Alex Wilson Deanna Wilson Karen Duddy Karen Kerfoot
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Emmanuel Manu Jordan Manu
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Pr. Adolf Manz
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Lanny Harris 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 Wayne or Betty Wong at 604-301-9381.

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Holy Communion, “Tree of Life”

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

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

PRELUDE

Largo (Concerto in D)
Aria

Antonio Vivaldi
Paul Manz

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING SONG

“Tree of Life, Entrance Hymn”

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit 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:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. In and through him, the way of love, grace, and mercy is lived. Give us grace to love one another, to follow the way that Jesus calls and empowers us to live, and to share his abundant life with all the world. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Response after the reading: Word of God; Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 (*Cantor sings refrain; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹put to shame;
deliver me ¹in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ¹ear to me; make haste to de- ¹liver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag ¹and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead ¹me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly ¹set for me,
for you are my tow- ¹er of strength. R**

⁵Into your hands I com- ¹mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ¹God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are ¹in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹on your servant;
save me in your ¹steadfast love." R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing before and after reading. Please rise*)

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GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY # 816 *“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”*

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach
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MEAL

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“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 14

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

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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.*

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

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

“LAMB OF GOD”

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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 477 “I Received the Living God”

Sanctus (German Mass)

Franz Schubert

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favour and +give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN # 389 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Minuet Finale (Water Music)

George Frederic Handel

The Altar Guild needs more volunteers. There is a lot that goes on before and after a worship service! Would you like to learn how to set up the altar for communion? We will teach you! Or you could choose to be on the clean up crew, and learn how to wash and store the communion vessels after worship is finished. Know that you are welcome to join the team!

If you are interested, please contact

Janet Schreiber (janetmts0108@gmail.com)

This Week

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm

Wednesday

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

MVA Board and Strategy Team, 5:30 pm
(see announcement elsewhere)

Saturday

Worship and Music Committee, 9:30 am

Next Sunday

Easter 6, 10:30 AM

Children's Message, 10:45 am

Confirmation, 3-5 PM

(last class)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Ray Hartley. Ray passed away last night in Pentecostal Lodge. His memorial service will be Saturday, June 3 at 2 PM at FLC.

We will need donations of food and volunteers to help with the reception after the service. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

*"Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him."*

Confirmation Schedule 2017

May 21 (last class, dismissal at 5 PM)

Online Registration Open for Lay Academy Sessions June 3 and June 10 8:40 am to 11:10 am

*Building Community:
Welcoming the Stranger
/ Loving Our Neighbour"*

Welcoming the stranger and getting to know one's neighbours, be they inside or outside the pew, has never been the easiest of missions. At first glance it may appear like we have nothing in common but we need to commit to listening and connecting, to going a step beyond.

Visit <https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/sessions> to register, pay and for more details!

**Registration fees are \$30 per session
or \$55 for the 2 dates.**

British Columbia Locations

Trinity Lutheran Church
11040 River Rd, Delta

Our Saviours Lutheran Church
3590 Dufferin Ave, Prince George

Children's Worship 2017

May 21

Save the Date!

COMMUNITY BBQ

*Saturday, June 24th
11 am – 2 pm*

First Lutheran Church
5745 Wales Street, Vancouver

Food, live music, kids' activities

Free!

We're looking for a few volunteers to help plan and coordinate the barbecue.
We will need to coordinate the food, entertainment, publicity, etc...
Please talk to Elina Singh or Janet Ray for more details, or if you're able to help.

More info will follow at www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranVancouver

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.

Volunteers are needed to count the offering on Sundays.
If you are interested in helping out, please see Ernie Neumann.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Lord, in your mercy, free us."

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. Show us your ways. Teach us your truth. Enliven us in mission.
Keep us from discord. Lead us to unity for the sake of the gospel.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn us away from impulses to pollute this world. Protect fragile habitats. Nurture our planet
to be a life-sustaining home for generations yet to be born.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill all leaders with a spirit of compassion for the poor and oppressed, especially our newly
elected provincial leaders. Give courage to those who work for justice and equality.
Bring an end to conflict and violence. We pray *especially for...*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless mothers and all who offer motherly care. Strengthen child care workers, nursery
attendants, and those who teach our youth. Uphold our elders and those who care for aging
parents. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to those who struggle with depression. Comfort those for whom this day evokes
heartache or sorrow. Console those who grieve, and heal those who are ill.
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 and those
who have borne witness to your love. Bring us with them to dwell with you forever.
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.**