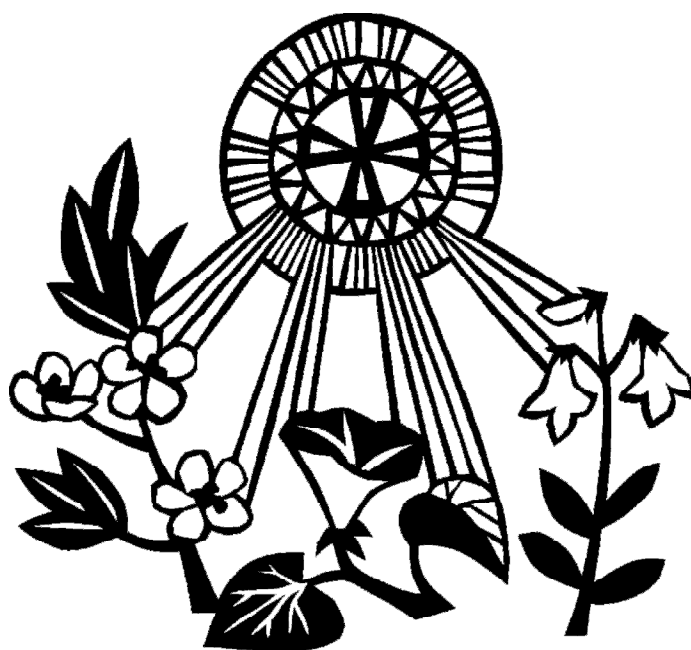




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Carol Laslett
<i>Lector</i>	Julie Bauming
<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>Drummer</i>	Elina Singh
<i>Trombonist</i>	Melody Carson
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ruby Carson Melody Carson
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Julie Bauming Dennis Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Karen Duddy Deanna Wilson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Frank Filippelli Tony 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.

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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

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

Air
Beautiful Saviour

Giuseppe Tartini
William Cassler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 392 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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.** Creating and Life-Giving God in whom we live and move and have our being, you made the world and gave life to everything in it.

By your Spirit of Truth, counsel and help us to attend to your commandments by sharing with all of the world the love and grace that we have known and received in Christ Jesus, our Advocate and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - by Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM 66:8–20 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

Tone



Refrain



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.
⁹Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. **R**

¹⁰For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- ¹ ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- ¹ to the net;**
you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings and will pay ¹ you my vows—**
¹⁴those that I promised ¹ with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of rams;**
I will give you ox- ¹ en and goats. R

¹⁶Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,**
and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart, the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;
¹⁹**but in truth ¹ God has heard me and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me. R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Sing Alleluia verse before and after reading. Please rise*) p. 188

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY

397 “*Loving Spirit*”

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: "Spirit of Truth, receive our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Lullaby

He Luting

OFFERTORY 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.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 # 781 "*Children of the Heavenly Father*"

Be Now My Vision Irish Traditional

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

THANK YOU FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT FLC

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 *# 543 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* Don Hustad

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

Today

Children's Message, 10:45 am
Confirmation, 3-5 PM
(last class)

Monday

Office closed for Victoria Day

Wednesday

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM
Prayer Vigil for Bilali Miyonkuru, 11 pm-5 am
(led by his family)

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm
(last practice)

Friday

Girl Guides, 5:30—9 pm

Next Sunday

Easter 7, 10:30 AM

Ray Hartley's memorial service will be Saturday, June 3 at 2 PM at FLC.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup and cleanup of the reception after service. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Melody Carson and Ashlee Van Spronsen will be confirmed on Pentecost, June 4. Please wear red to celebrate the occasion.

Our deep appreciation to Denise Pawliuk and her team for their hard work with the children's ministry at FLC.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church
11040 River Rd, Delta

Pr. Lori-Anne will be on study leave starting tomorrow. She will return to the office next Wednesday, May 31. For pastoral emergency, please contact **Pr. Nathan Fong at 604-433-1515 or pastor@graceburnaby.com**

Coffee hour hosts are urgently needed for the rest of May, June and July.

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 Annual General Meeting
Monday, June 12
7-9 PM
Venue to be announced

Two delegates from each member organization are expected to attend the AGM.
New board to be elected and plans for the coming year to be decided at the meeting.

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

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Altar Guild Coordinator	Janet Schreiber
Liturgical Artists	Linda Collins Marion Manz

Church Council

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Spirit of Truth, **receive 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. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse us to greater love and mission. Spirit of Truth, **receive our prayer.**

For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Spirit of Truth, **receive our prayer.**

Give wisdom to those who govern. Strengthen all who work for peace. Protect those who have been displaced or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. We pray *especially for...* Spirit of Truth, **receive our prayer.**

Bless those preparing for baptism and affirmation of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of evangelism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith and knowledge of you. Spirit of Truth, **receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who struggle with addiction. For those who grieve and all who are ill. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Spirit of Truth, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your eternal presence to live with you forever. We remember *especially ...* and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Spirit of Truth, **receive 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.