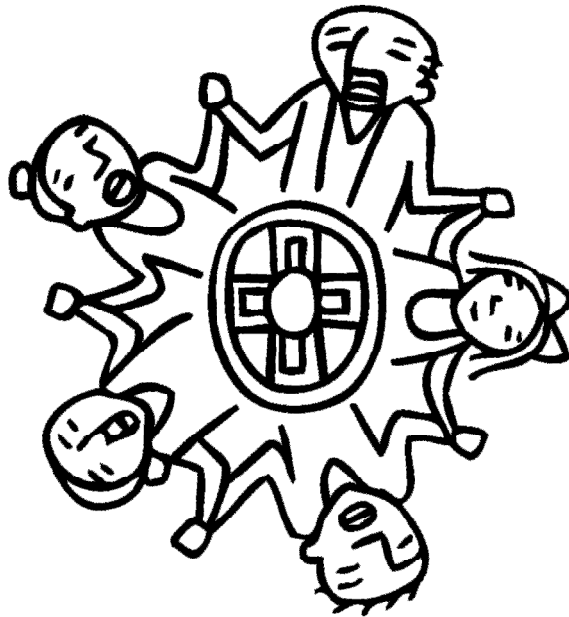




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 28, 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. Margaret Marquardt
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<i>Lector</i>	Janet Ray
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Heidi Ackermann
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Janet Ray John Morley
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Soriya Ingrid Bielenberg
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Janet Ray John Morley Ingrid Anderson Jean Ndhokubwayo
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Eulalie Niyungeko
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Janet Schreiber Jordan Manu Soriya
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Tong 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.**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 28, 2017

*Holy Communion, Setting Ten*

*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 these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

### PRELUDE

*Be Thou But Near  
Panis Angelicus*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Caesar Franck

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

**GATHERING HYMN** # 393 *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"* v. 3, unaccompanied

### 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.** Let us pray:

O God of glory, Christ Jesus embraced all that this life has for us, including suffering.

Unite us with Christ and with each other in our suffering and in our joy, that we may know your bountiful presence in every season of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath's day journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

### PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35 (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*Tone*



*Refrain*



Sing to God, who rides up - on the clouds.

Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;  
let those who | hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;  
 let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;  
 "I AM" is that name, rejoice | before God! R

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habita- | tion, O God,  
 you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;  
 but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,  
 when you marched | through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,  
 at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,  
 at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;  
 you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their | home in it;  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor. R

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;  
 sing praises | to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;  
 you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe pow- | er to God,  
 whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,  
 giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God! R

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when Christ's glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on Christ Jesus, because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist evil, steadfast in your faith, for you know that our brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

<sup>11</sup>To Christ Jesus be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“Rain Down”**

**Jaime Cortez**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise)*

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**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Heavenly One, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# 482 **“I Come with Joy”**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

“One who holds us close, **Teach us to look with Your eyes.**”

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* arr. Jack Schrader

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(Please rise)*

Let us pray. **Be known to us, Healing Bread of Life, 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

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

May God be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them up to God.**

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying (singing):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
    you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
    you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.  
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.  
On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,  
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE 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

Now let us feast this day on Christ Jesus, the bread of heaven This is the Body of Christ. You are the body of Christ. Receive what you are and be what you receive. The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## “LAMB OF GOD”

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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.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 478 “Father, We Thank You”

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Alice Jordan

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please rise)*

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to overcome 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

May the blessing of the God of Sarah and Abraham , the Son born of the woman Mary and the Spirit who broods over us as a mother over her children, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

# 855 “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*”

v. 3, women: v. 4, men.

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

*A Trumpet Call*

Domenico Scarlatti

*Our thanks to Pr. Margaret Marquardt for leading the worship this morning while Pr. Lori-Anne is on study leave. Please contact Pr. Nathan Fong for pastoral emergency at 604-433-1515 or pastor@graceburnaby.com .*

## **This Week**

### **Monday**

Centering Prayers, 7:15 PM

### **Wednesday**

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM

### **Saturday**

Ray Hartley Memorial Service, 2 PM  
Reception to follow

### **Next Sunday**

Pentecost, 10:30 AM  
Confirmation Sunday

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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.**

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

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### ***Free!* COMMUNITY BBQ**

*11 am – 2 pm, Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>*  
First Lutheran Church

Food, live music, kids' activities

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.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Hildur Head on May 4<sup>th</sup>, a day after her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hildur's children and their families during this difficult period of time. Details on the memorial service will be announced.

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

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### **Discussing Wills and Estate Planning 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 1**

Lower Hall, Mount Zion Lutheran  
930 Cumberland Street, New Westminster

Presented by professionals.  
Free admission

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***You, the congregation,  
are invited to a Parkinson Potluck Party  
to celebrate the 50th Anniversary  
of Linda and John Dawson.***

10:30 AM on July 2, 2017 at FLC

Bring your favourite appetizers, casserole, platter or dessert to share please.

In lieu of gifts, a donation may be made to either BC Parkinson Society or FLC.

You may also bring non-perishables for the food bank. Food items to be brought to the chancel area after the "Peace" and before the "Offertory" as at Thanksgiving.

Please sign the list in the narthex  
if you are coming.

Please also sign on a "Helper" list also.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

“One who holds us close, **Teach us to look with Your eyes.**”

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. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission.

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes.**

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail.

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes.**

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster *especially*... Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict.

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes.**

For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community.

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes.**

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick. We pray especially for... and for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . .

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes.**

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home.

We remember especially ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart.

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.

Leader: One who holds us close.

**Response: Teach us to look with Your eyes. Amen.**