



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
MAY 7, 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. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	Heather Robbie
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Violinist</i>	Elina Singh
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jack Kuyer Diana Kuyer
<i>Tray Holders</i>	Ashlee Van Spronsen Stephanie Van Spronsen
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Ernie Neumann Christine Neumann Jack Kuyer Diana Kuyer
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Karen Kerfoot Janet Filippelli
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carol Laslett Christine Neumann Soriya
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Ernie Neumann

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 Seven

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 is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE

*Be Thou But Near
On Wings of Song*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Felix Mendelssohn

EASTER ACCLAMATION Christ is risen! **He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN

883 "*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*"
v. 4 - 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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GLORIA

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

O God our shepherd, you know all of your sheep by name, and you lead us to safety through the valleys of death and despair. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security, and receive the joyous feast you have prepared for us, through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - by Denise Pawliuk

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23 *(Congregation reads the bold.)*

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“I Will Joyfully Sing”

Mary McDonald

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

HOMILY (*Silence for reflection follows*)

HYMN OF THE DAY

782 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**”*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION # 482 **“I Come with Joy”**
O Bread of Life from Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach

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 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 # 544 **“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”**

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

POSTLUDE *Promenade* Modest Moussorgsky

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)

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

This Week

Today

Executive council meeting after worship
Confirmation, 3-4:15 pm

Monday

Centering Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday

Soup Meal, 5:30 PM
Council, 6:30 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Friends InDeed Gathering, 7-9 PM

Saturday

South Ministry Area Meeting
at Christ the King, Surrey, 9:30 am - noon

Next Sunday

Easter 5, 10:30 AM

St. Mark's Lutheran Church invites you
to the following concerts:

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.

Children's Worship 2017

May 21

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Cedar Springs Christian Retreat
Sumas, Washington
the weekend of May 26-28, 2017.**

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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or Brenda Eastman at:
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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.

Confirmation Schedule 2017

May 21 (last class)

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!

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



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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. Strengthen all leaders who are called to shepherd your people. Renew your church and unite us through your Spirit. Give wisdom to our volunteers, council, committees, and all who nourish and guide this congregation's ministry. Send us out to serve our neighbors and to receive their care with gratitude. Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**

We pray for creation, for pastures and prairies, rivers and streams, oceans and mountains. For those who care for livestock and pets. For all animals, wild and domestic, with whom we share this world. Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**

We pray for our world. Guide leaders into the path of peace. Uphold all who govern. Bring an end to injustice, warfare, and violence. Protect those who risk their lives to shield others from danger. We remember *especially*...Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**

For those who lack safe housing and adequate food. For workers whose pay is insufficient to meet their daily needs. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. We pray *especially for...and* for those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . .Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith. In your goodness and mercy, bring us to the fulfillment of your promise to dwell in your house forever. We remember *especially* ... and those whom we name aloud or silently in our heart. . . Shepherding God: **We trust in you.**

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.