

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

Welcome to First Lutheran Church Founded in 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.

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. We have proudly served as a Reconciled in Christ Congregation since 2000.

We acknowledge that we gather, worship, work, and play on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations. We are committed to learning and raising awareness of our country's historical relationship with First Peoples and continue to work toward true Reconciliation.



RETURNING TO IN PERSON WORSHIP

We are pleased to return to In-person woship! These services will look and feel different as we take steps to ensure everyone's safety.

As a sign of our care and love for one another, we are requiring everyone over the age of 3 to wear a mask, socially distance themselves, and wash or sanitize their hands upon entry into the church building. We require all attendees age 12 and up to show proof of vaccination. Worship attendees will be greeted at the 42nd street entrance off of the narthex when doors open at 10am. All are welcome to join us for 15 minutes of fellowship in the Narthex directly following the service.

Communion will be with wafers only. Please be respectful of social distancing as you move forward There is a sanitizing station located along the center aisle, please sanitize your hands before proceeding forward and keep your mask up while collecting your wafer. If you need a gluten free wafer, please let the presider know. We ask that you return to your seat using the side aisles before consuming your wafer.

Congregants with mobility needs can receive communion at their seats as usual. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would prefer a blessing from the presider.

If you feel unwell for any reason or cannot follow our COVID restrictions, please remain at home and participate online. We will continue to stream our services via YouTube. (www.youtube.com/firstlutheranchurchvancouver)

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Presider/Preacher	Pr. Tim LeDrew	Usher	Michael Ray
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THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER May 1, 2022 Now the Feast and Celebration

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with a heart for reconciliation that First Lutheran Church acknowledges that we meet and work and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples — the Musqueam, the Squamish, and the Tsleil-Waututh nations.

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. You are invited to stand.) Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

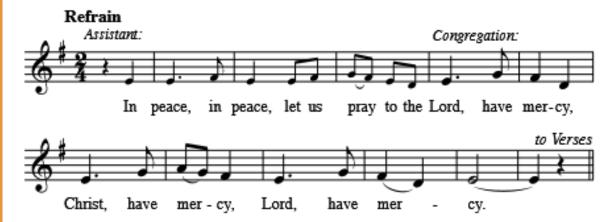


Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

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



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



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NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (You may be seated)

<u>WORD</u>

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20

A reading from Acts.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30 (The Psalm will be read responsively. Please read the portions in **bold** text).

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;

give thanks in holy remembrance.

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

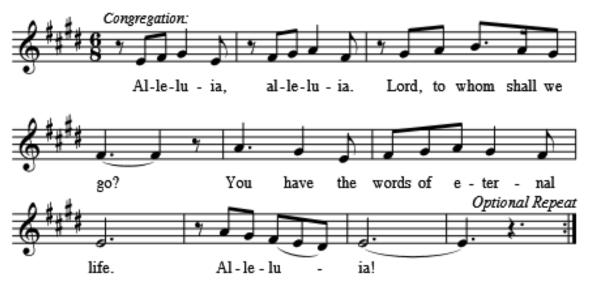
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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GOSPEL VERSE (You are invited to stand)



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GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel, according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

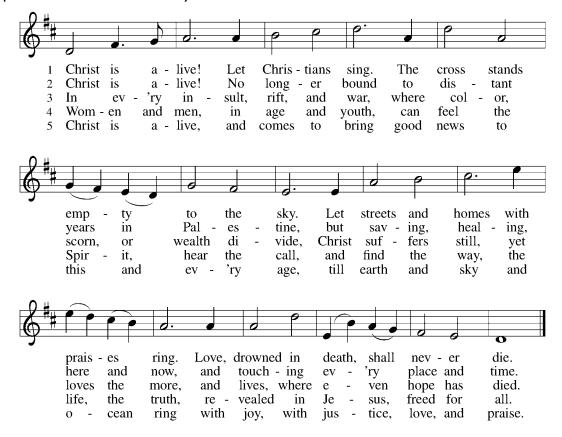
When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (You may be seated)

SERMON—Pastor Tim LeDrew

HYMN OF THE DAY — Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389) (You are invited to stand)



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. (A brief silence).

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guided by the British Columbia Synod Prayer Cycle we pray; for St. Peter's Estonian Lutheran in Vancouver – Rev. Andres Rebaine - Interim, for Peace Lutheran in Vernon - Rev. David Hunter, for our pastors serving Anglican congregations. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayers Cycle, we join voices all over the world in praying for the following countries & territories this week; for Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Ukraine and all those in war-torn lands. Guide global leaders toward peace and justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

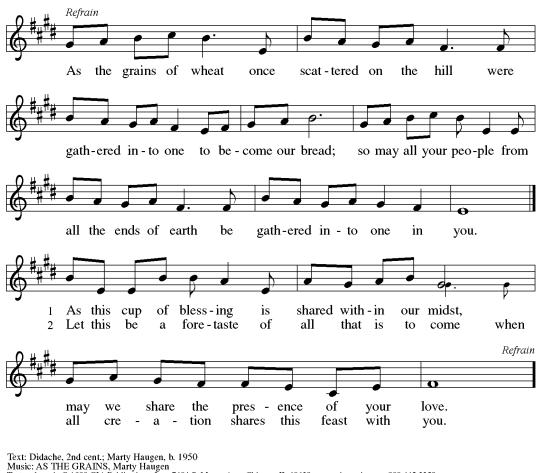
(You may be seated)

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(You may share a visual sign of peace to those around you but please do not leave your seat.) (You may be seated)

OFFERTORY HYMN — As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



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OFFERTORY PRAYER (You are invited to stand)

Let us pray.

Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

<u>MEAL</u>

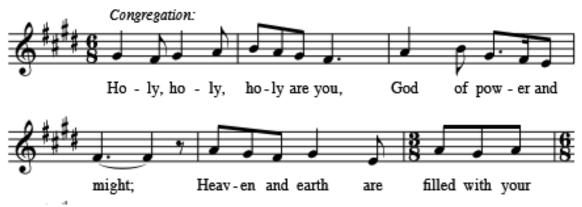
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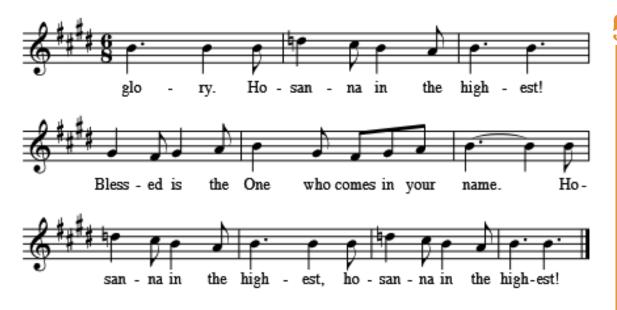
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread, so that we and all who share in the body of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son ⊕, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother, 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. (You may be seated)

LAMB OF GOD



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, come. (Please come forward to receive communion in a manner that respects social distancing. Please keep your mask up while receiving your wafer.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION — Bread of Life from Heaven (ELW 474)



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION (You are invited to stand)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger is no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

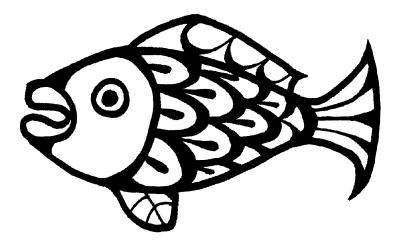
BLESSING

May God bless and keep us.

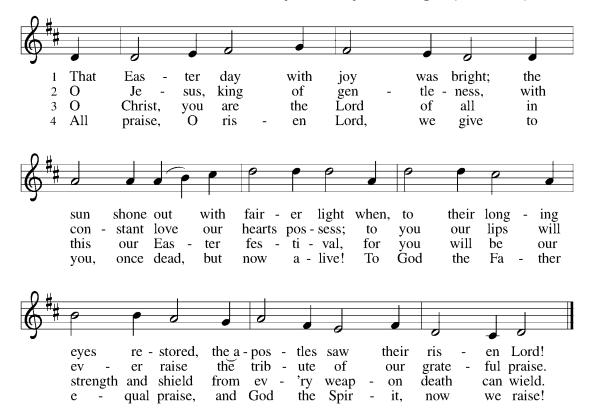
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favour and + give us peace.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN — That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)



Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AFTER CHURCH TODAY

We are resuming regular fellowship hours this week. Please join us after church in the fellowship hall for coffee, light snacks, and fellowship! If you are interested in hosting an upcoming coffee hour, please call Donna Dufresne.

PASTOR REBEKAH AWAY

Pastor Rebekah will be away on holiday (April 20th—May 10th) and at the BC Synod Study Conference for continuing ed (May 11th—18th). Pastor Anita Saroop (Spirit of Life) will be providing Pastoral Care coverage. She can be reached by email (pastoraneeta@gmail.com) or cell (1 250 812-5965) for emergencies.

UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday, May 1

Third Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room)

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)

Thursday, May 12

Church Council Meeting, 7p (Zoom)

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room)

Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room) Confirmation, 11:30 (Cry Room)

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room) Confirmation, 11:30 (Cry Room)

CHRIST IS RISEN



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