



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

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**Prelude:** Allegro grazioso - Léon Boëllmann, Méditation sur “O Filii et Filiae” - Denis Bedard

**Words of welcome & Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

## GATHERING

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**





**Gathering Hymn\_\_ Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)**

**Greeting**

**Kyrie** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 3*)

**Now the Feast** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 4*)

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

**Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

**Gospel verse** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 8*)

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to

redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Homily – Rev. Erik Parker**

**Hymn of the Day\_\_ Day of Arising (ELW 374)**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

**As the Grains of Wheat** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 10*)

**Offering Prayer**



## MEAL

**Dialog & Preface**

**Sanctus** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 11*)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Lamb of God** (*Now the Feast & Celebration page 14*)

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn\_\_ I Come with Joy** (ELW 482)

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn\_\_ Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!** (ELW 377)

**Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Salvation Has Come to Us - J. S. Bach

### ***Those Serving the Servants Today***

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|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b> | Rev. Erik Parker | <b>Livestream Tech</b>   | Alin Kucheran                  |
| <b>Minister of Music</b>  | Rachel Alflatt   | <b>Usher</b>             | -                              |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Linda Collins    | <b>Communion Set-Up</b>  | Carol Laslett                  |
| <b>Cantor</b>             | Lorna Hau        | <b>Communion Assist.</b> | -                              |
| <b>Lector</b>             | -                | <b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b> | Sylvia Schmidt<br>Paul Schmidt |