



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

Prelude: Voluntary in F major - William Russell

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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GATHERING

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,





make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity. waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- Now the Green Blade Rises (*ELW 379*)

Greeting

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

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

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



WORD

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

Children's Message

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

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Sermon- Rev. David Lefsrud

Hymn of the Day- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (*ELW 708*)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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- One Bread, One Body (*ELW 496*)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn- Go to the World (*ACS 991*)

Dismissal

Postlude: *Marche - Arthur Vanden Plas*

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. David Lefsrud	Livestream Tech	Emmanuel Manu
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	-
Assisting Minister	-	Communion Set-Up	Rev. Mei Sum Lai
Cantor	Lorna Hau	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	Paul Schmidt	Coffee Hour Hosts	Heidi Ackermann Emmanuel Manu