

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 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)



Those Serving the Servants Today

Presider/Preacher Pr. Tim LeDrew Livestream Tech Emmanuel Manu

Organist/Pianist Ben Dobyns Church Admin Norita Dobyns

Lector Marly Zell

Cantor Heidi Ackermann Internet Log-in:

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SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER APRIL 24, 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.**



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GATHERING HYMN — Before the Ancient One, Christ stands (ACS 953)



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Music: CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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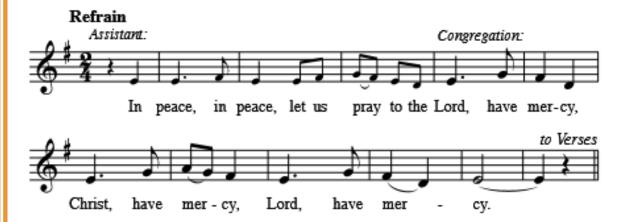




GREETING

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









SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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)

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.





PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 (*Please sing the refrain at the beginning and again where indicated below. The cantor will sing the verses*).

REFRAIN



Psalm refrain reproduced from Psalm Settings for the Church Year: Revised Common Lectionary

The Lord is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord.

The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death. [REFRAIN]

Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

"This is the gate | of the Lord;

here the righ- | teous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone. [REFRAIN]



By the Lord has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Hosanna! | O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days! [REFRAIN]

REFRAIN



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Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord; we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

You are my God, and | I will thank you;

you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever. [REFRAIN]

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.





To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

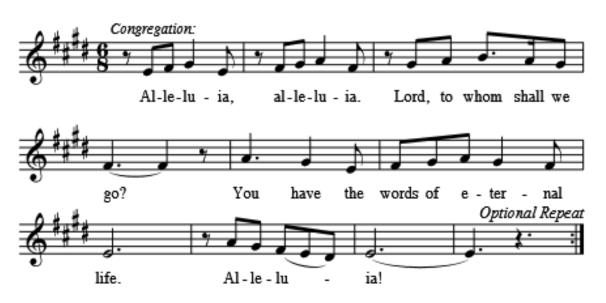
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE (You are invited to stand)









GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel, according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (You may be seated)

SERMON—Pastor Tim LeDrew



HYMN OF THE DAY — Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen (ELW 375)

(You are invited to stand)



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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.



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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 who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guided by the British Columbia Synod Prayer Cycle we pray; for our bishops Susan and Kathy, for Oakridge Lutheran in Vancouver, for Redeemer Lutheran in Vancouver - Rev. Katrina Vigen . Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. 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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.





For Ukraine and all those in war-torn lands. Guide global leaders toward peace and justice. Merciful God,

hear our prayer.

Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen. (You may be seated)

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

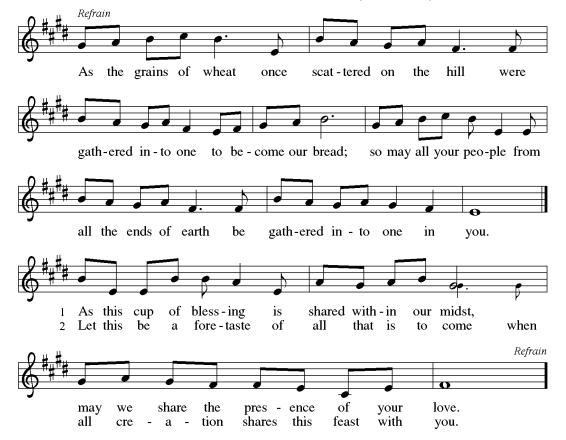
And also with you.

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



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



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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.





MEAL

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

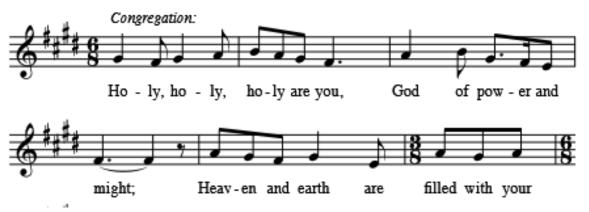
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 — We Walk by Faith (ELW 635)



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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.

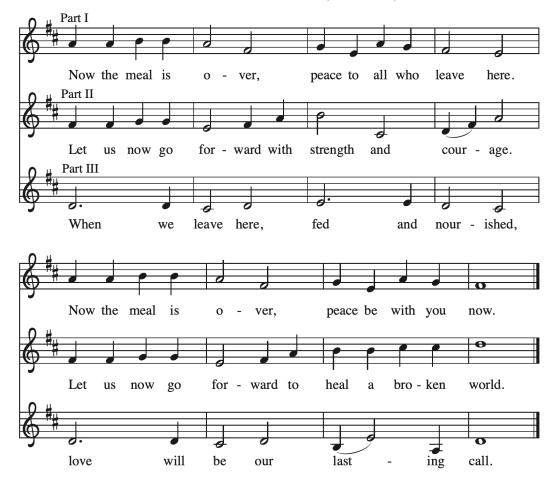
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

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

Amen.



SENDING HYMN — Now the Meal Is Over (ACS 983)



Text: Paul Andress, b. 1956 Music: NOW THE MEAL IS OVER, Paul Andress Text and music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO:

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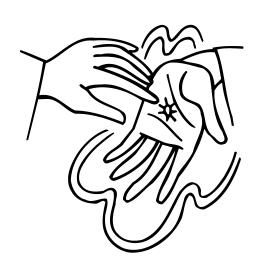
Melody T. Ruby C.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR RESUMES MAY 1st

Regular Fellowship Hours will resume next Sunday on May 1st after the service. If you would like to host 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, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Confirmation with Linda C., 11:30a (Sanctuary)
Sunday School, 11:30 (Fellowship Hall)

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, April 24

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





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