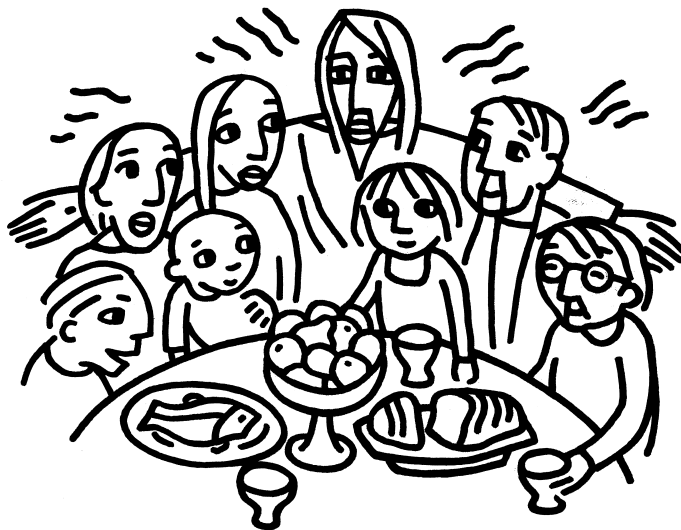




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



ORDINATION SERVICE OF ELINA SINGH

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MAY 18, 2024



**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.



**WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN**

As a sign of our care and love for one another, all those wishing to wear masks for their own and others' safety are welcome to do so. We strongly encourage all worshipers age 5 and up to be fully vaccinated.

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building. Accessible, gender neutral washrooms are on the main floor in the northwest corner. Go through the door on the left of the altar, then turn right—the washrooms are at the end of the corridor. There are additionally two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A wheelchair accessible entrance (also our office entrance) is located near the parking lot on the 42nd street side.



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# ORDINATION SERVICE OF ELINA SINGH

## MAY 18, 2024

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### **PRELUDE**

*Two Communion Pieces*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

### **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.

You are invited to take a moment, and acknowledge the land you live on, as applicable.





# GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL SONG — We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Response:

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

## 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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.





## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.





## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL AND PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINANT

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Elina, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Exodus 18:5-6, 13-27

#### Response:

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 121

*(The psalm will be spoken responsively. The congregation will speak the portions in bold print.)*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.





**<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

**<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

**<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.**

**<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

**Response:**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.







## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-44**

The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





## SERMON—Rev. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford

### HYMN OF THE DAY — Loving Spirit (ELW 397)



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## ORDINATION PROMISES

### APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**





suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

### ORDINATION HYMN—Veni Sancte Spiritus (ELW 406)

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.      Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.      Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community

Music: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## **SIGNS OF MINISTRY**

*The stole is a gift to Elina from First Lutheran Church. It was made by Linda Collins.*

*The cup and the plate are a gift from the BC Synod, made by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land.*

*The Bible was gifted to Elina's grandparents at their wedding in 1946.*

*The cross necklace was gifted to Elina by the same grandparents as well as great aunts and uncles in 1999. They had been praying for one of their children or grandchildren to go into ministry. When Elina was entering college to study to be a youth worker for the Lutheran church in Finland, they saw it as an answer to those prayers. Today, they are no longer with us, but we trust that they know that their prayers have been fully answered.*

## **ENCOURAGEMENTS AND ACCLAMATION**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition ends with the words, "God, in your mercy".  
You are invited to respond "Hear our prayer".*

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share a sign of peace to those around you.)*

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*The offering gathered today will support the ministries of First Lutheran Church and Canadian Lutheran World Relief.*





## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your





glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### Response:

The earth is full of your glory.

**The earth is full of your glory.**


## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Those watching the livestream at home are invited to commune at this time. Find a piece of bread (or crackers), and a small cup of wine or juice. Share the bread and the cup with those around you, saying, "This is the body of Christ, given for you" and "This is the blood of Christ, shed for*





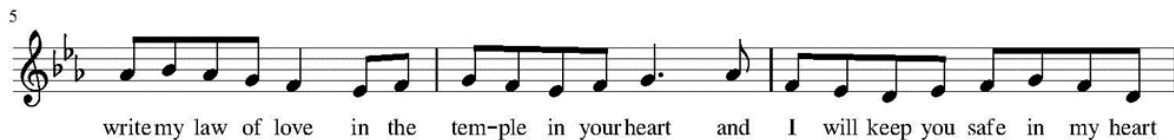
you.” If you are by yourself, you can say the words to yourself as you eat the bread and drink the cup. Trust that God is with you.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Take My Life That I May Be (ELW 583)

#### Temple

*This song was written by Anne Johnson, and gifted to Elina at the time of her seminary graduation in 2022.*



### By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 469)

#### In The Singing (ELW 466)

#### Eat This Bread (ELW 472)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Consecrate us with the Spirit of your love, O Blessed Trinity, and by this holy food teach us to adore one another and the world you so love; strong





in faith, serving in mission, and united in peace through Jesus Christ our saving God. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN — Soli Deo Gloria (ELW 878)**

*(See the next page for music)*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Grand Choeur*

Denis Bédard

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# Soli Deo Gloria



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!





*Dear friend,*

*I am grateful for your presence today. I wish you could have been with us in person, but I am thankful for the technology that allows us to gather even across continents, oceans, and time zones.*

*I am also grateful for your prayers / good thoughts and words of support. This calling would be impossible without a network of people who are in my corner, and I don't take that network for granted.*

*I hope we will meet soon, face to face. Until then—peace with you.*

*Much love,*

*Elina*



## Ministers Today:

Presiding Bishop	Bishop Kathy Martin
Preacher	Rev. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
Assisting Minister	Arvid Vimb
Organist	Rachel Alflatt
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann
Flute	Anne Johnson
Chancel Care	Linda Collins
Communion Servers	Jacob Singh, Aria Ackermann
Readers	Jason Singh, Heidi Ackermann
Usher	Michael Ray
Presenters	Rev. Sylvia Schmidt & Rev. Paul Schmidt Rev. Eric Krushel
Signs of Ministry	Linda Collins, Jason Singh & Jacob Singh Rev. Eric Krushel Rev. Sylvia Schmidt Rev. Paul Schmidt
Encouragements	Jacob Singh Jason Singh Rev. Jennifer Wilson Rev. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
Hospitality	Donna Dufresne And other First Lutheran volunteers