

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 22, 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.



IN PERSON WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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 strongly encourage all worshipers age 5 and up to be fully vaccinated. We will, however, no longer be requiring proof of vaccination for entry. 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 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. We will return to communion in both kinds with the Pentecost Sunday service.

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER May 22, 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.**

GATHERING HYMN — Come Down, O Love Divine (ELW 804)



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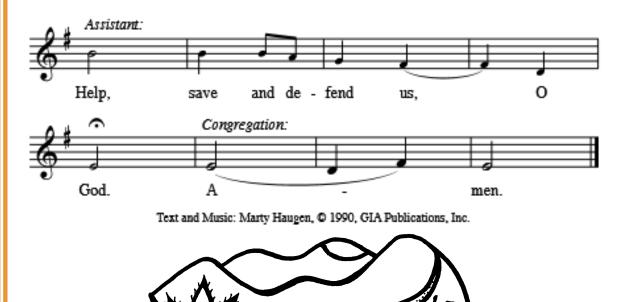
GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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)



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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

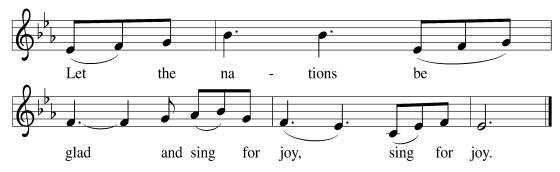
A reading from Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67 (*Please sing the refrain at the beginning and again where indicated below. The cantor will sing the verses*).



REFRAIN

May God be merciful to us and bless us;

may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations. [REFRAIN]

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you. [REFRAIN]

The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. [REFRAIN]

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

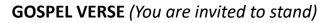
A reading from Revelation.

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

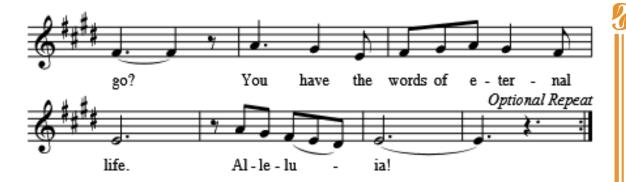
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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







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GOSPEL: John 14:23-29 The Holy Gospel, according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)

(You are invited to stand) 1 Love di - vine. all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in to ev -'ry Al-might - y, de - liv - er; let 3 Come, to us all thy 4 Fin ish then thy new cre - a tion, pure and spot - less earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy trou - bled breast; let all thee in - her - it; let us in us and life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, nev - er, nev - er let be; let us thy great sal - va - tion per - fect us see faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning; tem - ples leave. Thee would be more thy we al - ways bless - ing. re stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, lv pure, un bound - ed love thou art; vis it us with Al - pha 0 of faith. and me ga be; end as serve thee thy thee as hosts a bove, pray, and praise till till in heav'n we take place, cast our our we trem - bling heart. thy sal - va tion. en ter ev -'ry its be - gin ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty. per - fect love. with ceas ing, glo thy out ry in crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887 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).

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guided by the British Columbia Synod Prayer Cycle we pray; for Grace Lutheran in Dawson Creek - Rev. Marilyn Carroll (United) - Interim, for Deo Lutheran in Salmon Arm - Rev. Erik Bjorgan. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. 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 Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles . God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. 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.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. 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.

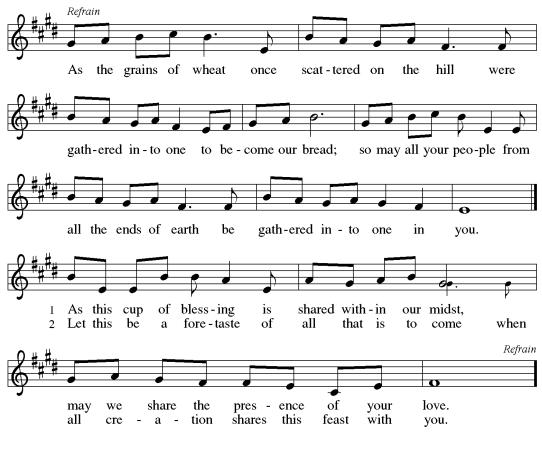
(You may be seated)

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)



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

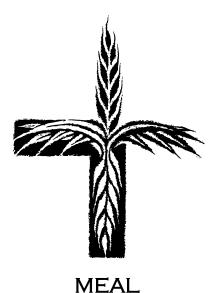
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OFFERTORY PRAYER (You are invited to stand)

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.



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

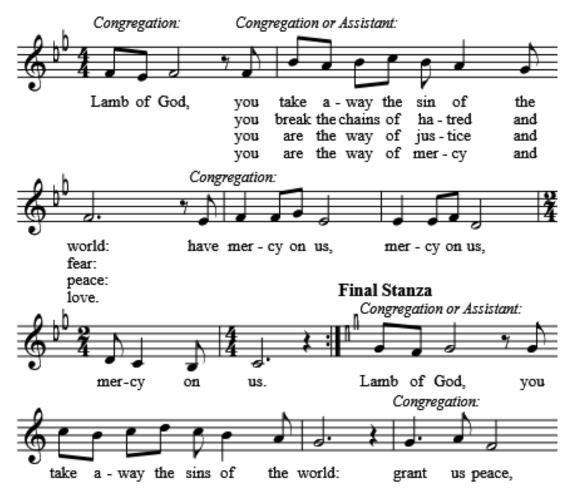
Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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 — When Peace like a River (ELW 785) When riv peace like а tend eth my when 1 er at way, tan should buf - fet, though tri Though Sa let 2 als should come. -3 He lives— oh, the bliss this of glo ri - ous thought; my 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the rows like bil - lows roll. what - ev sor sea er mv lot. thou hast this that Christ hath re - gard - ed blest as - sur - ance con - trol. mv whole, nailed to his sin. not in part, but the is cross and Ι clouds be rolled back as trum - pet shall sound and the scroll, the а taught me is well. well with my to say, it it is soul. help - less and es - tate, hath shed his own blood for my soul. bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, 0 my soul! Lord shall de - scend: it is well with mv soul. e - ven so Refrain It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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.**

<u>SENDING</u>

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)





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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 MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

Mattias K. Janet R. Diane L. Sylvia H. Barbara M. Sandi S. Linda D. `Felicia Q. Irene M. Irina L.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS

As of the May 22nd service, Vaccine Passports will no longer be required for entry to First Lutheran services and events. We continue to strongly encourage attendees to be fully vaccinated.

A properly fitted mask that covers both the nose and the mouth continues to be required for everyone over the age of 3 years old in all areas inside the church at all times. Masks may be briefly lowered for the express purpose of consuming communion at your seat and for eating and drinking during fellowship hour.

Covid restrictions will continue to be evaluated by church council at monthly council meetings. We thank you for your continued care and consideration as we strive to maintain a safe space for all people.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AFTER CHURCH TODAY

Fellowship Hour resumes weekly starting May 29th! If you are interested in hosting an upcoming coffee hour, please call Donna Dufresne.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE-MONDAY, MAY 23rd

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 23rd in observance of Victoria day.

UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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) Fellowship Hour, 11:30a (Fellowship Hall) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room) Confirmation, 11:30 (Loft Room)

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Fellowship Hour, 11:30a (Fellowship Hall) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room) Confirmation, 11:30 (Loft Room)

Sunday, June 12

The Holy Trinity, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Fellowship Hour, 11:30a (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Make Up Class, 11:30 (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 19

The Holy Trinity, Holy Communion, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube) Fellowship Hour, 11:30a (Fellowship Hall) Sunday School, 11:30 (Study Room) Confirmation, 11:30 (Loft Room)

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