



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

Prelude: Two Interludes on “Bread of the World” and “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” - Robert Lau

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

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GATHERING


Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to





you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn- I Come with Joy (ELW 482)

Greeting

Kyrie 8 (ELW page 184)

This Is the Feast 8 (ELW page 187)

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation 8 (ELW page 188)

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just

as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

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

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Prayer

MEAL

Dialog & Preface (ELW page 190)

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW page 190)

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ELW page 191)

Lamb of God (ELW page 191)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn- Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us (ACS 989)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING





Blessing

Sending Hymn- Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (ELW 836)

Dismissal

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

“Keep in your prayers”

Linda Dawson/ Bruno Tymm/ Doreen Reid/ Carol Laslett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTIVE CANDLE SAFETY

Light no more than 2 candles with one stick.

This is to prevent the flames from climbing up the stick and burning you.

Do not blow out the sticks — extinguish them in the sand.

This breaks off the charred part of the stick and prevents embers from falling onto the carpet.

If you want to light more than 2 candles, please extinguish the stick in the sand and relight it before continuing.

Thank you for keeping everyone safe.

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. David Lefsrud	Livestream Tech	Emmanuel Manu
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Michael Ray
Assisting Minister	Arvid Vimb	Communion Set-Up	Gloria Tymm
Cantor	Arvid Vimb	Communion Assist.	-
Lector		Coffee Hour Hosts	Ingrid Tymm Carol Vinge O’Byrne