

Lenten Schedule



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday
Begins at St. Thomas, 10:30
Procession to FLC

April 1 Maundy Thursday at FLC
with St. Thomas
Meal at 6:30 pm; Liturgy at 7:30 pm

April 2 Good Friday with St. Thomas
Begins at FLC, 10:30 am
Procession to St. Thomas



April 4 Easter Sunrise Service
at St. Thomas, 7:00 am
Easter Breakfast at FLC, 8:30 am
Festival Worship at FLC, 10:30 am



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Holy Communion, Setting I

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Pastoral Ancienne

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour

Garth Edmundson

Healy Willan

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GATHERING HYMN

#320 "The Glory of these Forty Days"

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

Please remember the following in your prayers: **Edith Windt** in VGH and the **people of St. Thomas Anglican** whose priest, Rev. William Derby, will be moving to New York City at the end of April.



For past, present and future confirmands (and parents)

Please note that that Confirmation Camp at Nanoose Bay (near Nanaimo) will be **Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2.**

Cost is **\$275 per person** and registration deadline is **June 13.**

Counsellors are also needed. For more info contact Pr. Kristen Steele at kristen.svlc@shaw.ca

"A Company of Instruments" — a baroque orchestra will present a **Benefit Concert for the Lennikov family.**

The event titled "Mostly Mozart" will also feature 3 guest vocal soloists.

One performance will be at Redeemer Lutheran on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 pm; a second performance will be here at **FLC on Friday, March 26 at 7:00 pm.**

A reception will follow the Friday concert.

Admission by donation. All funds raised to go to the "Lennikov Legal Fund."

More info on the posters on the narthex bulletin board.



Announcements

This Week

Monday

Confirmation, 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Book Study, 7:00 pm

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Worship, 10:30 am

Lenten Book Study

Beginning **Wednesday, February 24th** and running for the next five Wednesdays, First Lutheran and St. Thomas Anglican will join in a Lenten book study. The text to be used is *Simply Christian* by the English Anglican bishop, **N.T. Wright**. The books (\$20) are available this morning. Please see Pr. Hergy for a copy.



FLC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) Friday, March 19, 2010

6:00 Set up

6:30 Potluck Dinner

7:15 Meeting

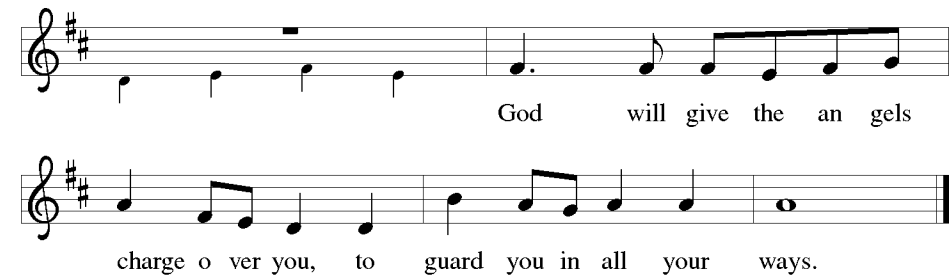
When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Response after reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

Refrain:



¹You who dwell in the shelter of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹the Almighty--

²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust." R**

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,

**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.**

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life. *A brief silence.*

Faithful God, teach us to live in the covenant of baptism, defend us from all temptation, and deliver us from all that draws us away from you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide us in our care of your creation, that all people might enjoy the bounty of the earth for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your gift of peace upon the world, grant wisdom to all who govern, and uphold all who suffer from violence and cruelty *especially those in Haiti, Iraq and Afghanistan.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with those who are sick or grieving and with all who need your healing presence *especially...*, that they may find comfort and refuge in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our spiritual disciplines, grant us a holy Lent, and be with those who are preparing for baptism into your death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your loving care all who have died *especially...* Help us trust in your eternal love and the promise of resurrection that is ours in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Steal Away

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Spiritual

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Response to conclusion of reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #319 *“O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days”*

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.**