

Lenten Schedule



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- 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

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away ... the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Air in G

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Gordon Young

J.S. Bach

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING HYMN #602 "Your Heart, O God, is Grieved" (Cantor sings first line)

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

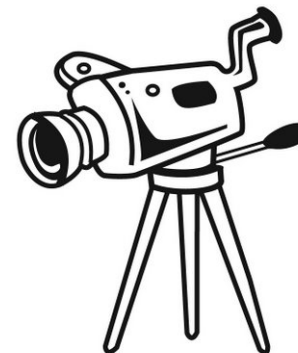
FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

Please join us for coffee, cake and conversation after the service this morning as we celebrate birthdays of our friends who were born in **March.**



Thanks to Mikhail L., videos of homilies and choir anthems can be found on our website. Go to firstlutheranvancouver.com; click on "worship" and follow the links. We hope this will be of value to those who are unable to attend worship every week.



"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.



“NOW, LORD, YOU LET YOUR SERVANT”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(All rise)*

SENDING

BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN #631 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (v. 2 - women; v. 3 - men)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D*

Healy Willan

Announcements

This Week

Wednesday

Book Study with St. Thomas
Anglican
7:00 pm at FLC

Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday

Annual General Meeting

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship, 10:30 am

FLC AGM

Friday, March 19, 2010

6:00 Set up

6:30 Potluck Dinner

7:15 Meeting

Note the following:

- The kitchen and the elevator will not be available for use
- Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board your name, and if you will bring a main course dish or dessert
- Volunteers are needed for set up at 5:30 pm

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

PSALM 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

Refrain:



¹Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile! R**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer. R**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them. R**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;
I will guide you¹ with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart. **R**

Tone:



SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Let Your Steadfast Love*” (Sing before and after reading) p. 103

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O God.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had

Deliver us from greed, teach us to be obedient to your will, and lead us to seek out the lost and all who have strayed from you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the gift of life. Comfort those who mourn and welcome to the eternal feast all who have passed through the gate of death *especially*... 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 *There in God's Garden* arr. David Cherwien

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*All rise*) p. 107

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*The three-fold exchange is sung unaccompanied*)

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 108

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts) p. 111

FRACTION The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112



It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine.

During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#338 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Paul Manz

**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.**

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.*

Forgiving God, gather all who have wandered from you. Bless your church, reconcile us to you, and lead us to be ambassadors of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all people a share in the abundance and beauty of your creation, and teach us to preserve and protect the world you have entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those who rule the nations with your presence and guide them in the ways of peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing to those who are sick, hope to those who despair, and comfort to all who suffer *especially...*, that they may know your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY *#606 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"*

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.**