

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



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2010**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 7, 2010
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 warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 — Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Prelude in D Minor
Erbarm Dich

Antonio Vivaldi
 J.S. Bach

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING HYMN #666 "What Wondrous Love is This" (v. 3 - unaccompanied)

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Time Change:
 Spring Forward
 March 14, 2010**



Sing Out!

Voice and Gospel Music Workshops

with Gail Suderman
 Director of Choral Studies
 Kwantlen Polytechnic University

**Saturday & Sunday
 May 15-16, 2010**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
 6340 No. 4 Road, Richmond

Cost: Includes continental breakfast and hot buffet lunch

Early Bird (postmarked by April 27)
 \$95
 Students \$75
 Adult (after April 27) \$125

For more information and to register:
 Email: singoutproductions@hotmail.com
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"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.



**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.*

Merciful God, you call your church to be a witness to your steadfast love. Grant that the work of ministers, teachers, missionaries, relief workers, and all the baptized may be faithful and fruitful. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, all you have made is good. Teach us to care for the earth, the sea, the sky, and all living things with love and reverence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Just God, your ways are beyond human understanding. Give those in positions of authority wisdom and compassion for all who suffer especially those in Chile and Haiti. Bring relief to victims of natural disasters, violence, and oppression. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, hear the cries of the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless, the lost and forgotten *especially*... Bring healing and hope, food and shelter, love and compassion to all in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, teach us to seek your will in all things. Deepen our faith and give us strength to follow wherever you lead us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY **#698 "How Long, O Lord"**
(v.2 - women; v.3 - men, v.4 - unaccompanied)

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.**