



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 17, 2013



**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16–21**

*The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

**PSALM 126** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

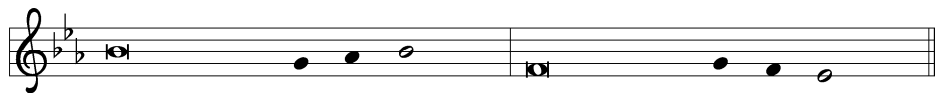
*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

*Refrain*



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for-<sup>1</sup>tunes of Zion, then were we like<sup>1</sup> those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with<sup>1</sup> shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great<sup>1</sup> things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great<sup>1</sup> things for us, and we are<sup>1</sup> glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our for-<sup>1</sup>tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses<sup>1</sup> of the Negeb. R**

<sup>5</sup>Those who<sup>1</sup> sowed with tears will reap with<sup>1</sup> songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carry-<sup>1</sup>ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder-<sup>1</sup>ing their sheaves. R**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**LENTEN VERSE**

**LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE**

*(Sing before and after reading. All rise)*



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**GOSPEL: John 12:1-8**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

**HOMILY** *(Silence for meditation follows)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** # 708 *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

**INSTALLATION OF THE NEW COUNCIL**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**”*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY** *Arabesque No. 1* Claude Debussy

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Prayer over the gifts) p. 110

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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”*  
*O Sacred Head* Johann Sebastian Bach

**“NOW, LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT”** p. 113

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** # 337 *“Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed”*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Rockingham* Healey Willan

**AUGMENTING THE CHOIR FOR EASTER SUNDAY**

Having an augmented choir on Easter Sunday has become a tradition at First Lutheran. This is an invitation to those who enjoy singing but who are unable to make a commitment for several months of the year as our choir members do.

Rehearsals will take place from 7:30 to 8 pm on Thursday March 14th and a week later on March 21<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a short run through the anthem at 10 am on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to have the music before the first rehearsal, please speak to any member of the choir or Jeanette Price. You may also e mail Jeanette at [mjprice7@shaw.ca](mailto:mjprice7@shaw.ca)

Thank you.

**This Week**

**Wednesday**

Adult Lenten study at FLC, 6:30 pm

**Thursday**

Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**

Procession from St. Thomas, 10 am  
Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 am

Our prayers of thanksgiving to God are raised on behalf of Mildred Constance MacNeill (Millie) who died this past Monday at 92 (?) years of age. We pray, too, for Derek who mourns his mother while sharing in our thanks for her life well-lived and her love freely and gladly given. Millie’s memorial service will be sometime in mid April. *“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”*

**OUR LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE**

**Mar 20** Adult Lenten study “CALL TO CHANGE” with St. Thomas at FLC, 6:30 p.m.

**Mar 24** Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday  
Gathering rite at St. Thomas Anglican, 10 a.m.  
followed by Procession to First Lutheran for joint Eucharistic liturgy

**Mar 28** Maundy Thursday at First Lutheran, 6:30 p.m. - light meal  
Worship (including foot-washing, Eucharist, stripping of the altar), 7:30 p.m.

**Mar 29** Good Friday, 10:30 a.m. - Opening prayer at First Lutheran followed by  
Procession to St. Thomas for solemn liturgy

**Mar 30** *Please note that the Easter Vigil on this day is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.*

**Mar 31** Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord  
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Please be reminded that tonight’s Taize Communion Service begins at 7 pm preceded by a potluck supper at 6 pm. This will be the last Lenten evening service.

Sunday School is now on break. Class will resume on April 7.

**First Lutheran Coffeehouse!**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**6 - 10 pm**

**Potluck at 6 pm**

**Show at 7 pm**

Bring your talents! A song, a skit, a poem, a story—what ever you feel led to share! All are welcome! You can sign up by email (shannon.heartsong@gmail.com ) or be brave and jump in the night of the show! This is a time of sharing, encouraging each others gifts, and building community...

This morning we installed all our church council including our two newest members, Wayne Wong and Cheryl Conant. Their willingness to lead us and our willingness to support them in their duties are only possible because of God’s blessing on them and the Holy Spirit’s empowerment of them.

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| Lanny Harris      | Russell Collins |
| **Cheryl Conant   | Alex Wilson     |
| Karen Kerfoot     | John Morley     |
| Ernie Neumann     | **Wayne Wong    |
| Christine Neumann | Kim Hoath       |
| Mikhail Lennikov  | June Heywood    |

*\*\* are the new members to council.*

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