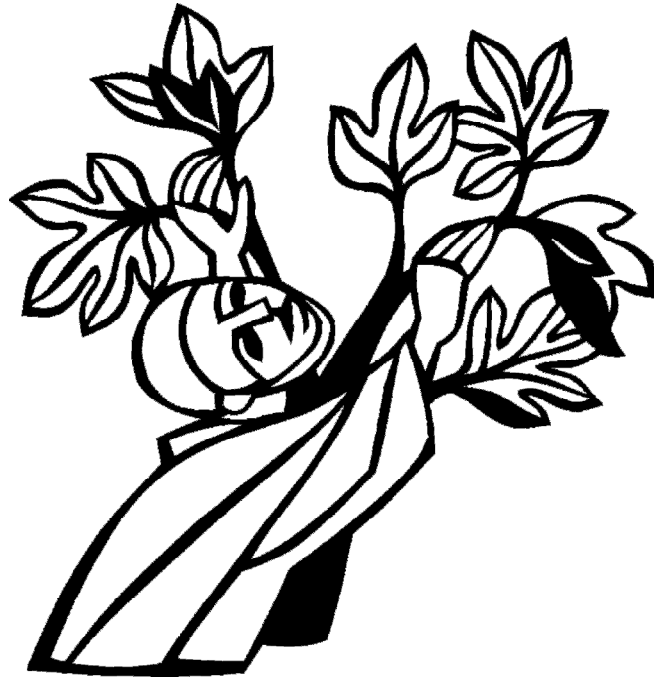




# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 3, 2013

WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890

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*Those Serving the Servants Today*

*First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.*

*Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.*

*Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.*

**To our Visitors:** Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A **special welcome** to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

*First Lutheran is easily accessible* via major city routes - 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

*For your convenience*, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

*The present building*, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 3, 2013**  
*Holy Communion, Setting One*

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!

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>	Caesar Franck
	<i>Aria in F Major</i>	George Frederic Handel

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** p.94

**GATHERING HYMN** # 700 "*Bring Peace to Earth Again*" v. 1& refrain - choir

**GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ our Saviour, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE** p. 98

**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.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9**

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

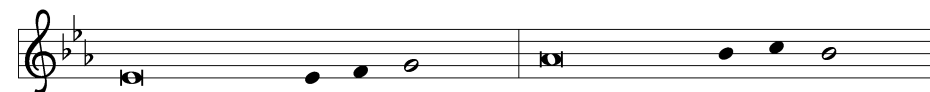
**PSALM 63:1-8** (*Cantor sings refrain first; then all sing refrain*)

*O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager-<sup>1</sup>ly I seek you;  
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
 as in a dry and weary land where there<sup>1</sup> is no water.  
<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your<sup>1</sup> holy place,  
 that I might behold your power<sup>1</sup> and your glory.**  
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than<sup>1</sup> life itself;  
 my lips shall<sup>1</sup> give you praise.  
<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long<sup>1</sup> as I live  
 and lift up my hands<sup>1</sup> in your name. R**  
<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich-<sup>1</sup>est of foods,  
 and my mouth praises you with<sup>1</sup> joyful lips,  
<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup>on my bed,  
 and meditate on you in<sup>1</sup> the night watches.**  
<sup>7</sup>For you have<sup>1</sup> been my helper,  
 and under the shadow of your wings I<sup>1</sup> will rejoice.  
<sup>8</sup>**My whole being<sup>1</sup> clings to you;  
 your right hand<sup>1</sup> holds me fast. R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Taste and See"*

Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

**LENTEN VERSE**

**RETURN TO GOD**

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

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
 Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der  
 faith - ful - ness of God.

**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 Lord.**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or 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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then 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. <sup>7</sup>So 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?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If 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** *(Silence for meditation follows)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      # 698 *"How Long, O God"*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Each portion of the prayers ends with "Hear us, O God",  
and all will respond by singing "Hear Our Prayer". (words and music below)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all people, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Etude Tableau* Sergei Rachmaninoff

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"LAMB OF GOD" p. 112

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



*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 # 324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"  
*God's Time Is Best* Johann Sebastian Bach

"NOW, LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT" p. 113

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Come Sweet Peace* Johann Sebastian Bach

Please be reminded that tonight's Taize  
Communion Service begins at 7 pm  
preceded by a potluck supper at 6 pm.

Please update your phone directory with  
Laurel Aeberhardt's new address:  
1441 East 10th Ave  
Vancouver V5N1X4

### This Week

#### Today

A Story of First Lutheran, 12:15 pm

#### Wednesday

Adult Lenten study at FLC, 6:30 pm

#### Thursday

Choir, 7:30 pm

#### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:45 am

Lent IV, 10:30 am

Potluck, 6 pm

Lenten IV Evening Service, 7 pm

This is the time for community.

This is the time for reflection.

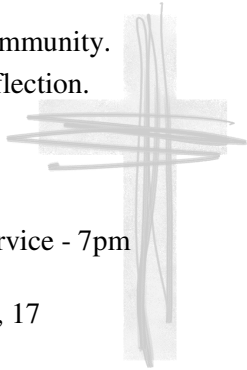
This is Lent.

Potluck - 6pm

Taizé Communion Service - 7pm

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17

We will celebrate with all those who have birthdays in March next Sunday after worship.



## LENTEN WORSHIP/ADULT STUDY SCHEDULE

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

**Mar 10** Lent IV, 10:30 a.m.

**Mar 17** Lent V, 10:30 a.m.

**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** Vigil of Easter, Resurrection of Our Lord, 7:30 pm

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

Sometime this fall, FLC will begin an intentional and comprehensive look towards our future and ponder on questions, such as: What do we see as our primary calling in being "the church"? What are our ministry goals/objectives and how do we meet those goals? What resources (money, staffing, volunteers, technical support, etc) do we have to assist us in our ministries? How can we relate more specifically and purposefully to those in our neighbourhood?

These and many more questions, ideas, changes, etc. will be put forward, discussed, evaluated and studied as we collectively develop a vision of who we are as First Lutheran Church. However, before we can look more deliberately at the future, it is necessary to know where we have come from and where we are. In other words, a look back at the past and the present are both needed when it comes to setting a new course for and into the future.

To help us look back, Pr. Hergy will be presenting a "visual story" of First Lutheran's history over the past 20 years. By means of lots of photos (in which many of you are featured. . . albeit when you were somewhat younger) coupled with a description of what was happening and when and why and what resulted, we will get a good taste of how this congregation was "re-vitalized"--given new life. . . a new life that turned out to be an "unexpected" gift of God--a gift that continues to "keep on giving" up to the present day.

The 45 minute presentation was put together by Pr. Hergy for the ELCIC national convention in 2009. Following that occasion, it "went on the road" to Calgary (shown to a meeting of Lutheran churches there) and, later, to Winnipeg where the ELCIC Missions' Committee had the opportunity to see it and discuss it.

It will be shown (for the first, last and only time at First Lutheran) today, beginning at 12:15 pm following the coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend, watch, laugh, and be astonished at how God was (and is) at work refashioning and re-creating this congregation into the community we are today.

For longtime members, it will be a trip down memory lane; for those who have come here or joined us more recently, it will be a chance to see and learn who and what we are as a parish; how we got where we are; and why we are the way we are and do what we do.

Experience the joys of growing your own vegetables. Gardening plots available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



## 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.

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**Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through [www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm](http://www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm)**

**or**

**[www.livestream.com/flcv](http://www.livestream.com/flcv)**

**Welcome to join us online if you are unavailable to worship at church. The recording of the service is available for the whole week.**

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### Caring & Sharing in South Africa

This January, a group of 6 Lutheran women, led by Michael and Pamela Nel, travelled to South Africa to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” in the community of Richmond, KwaZulu/Natal. Marilyn Steele, one of the women on this journey of faith, will share her photographs and experiences during Women’s Breakfast on Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 6340 No. 4 Road, Richmond, BC.

The women of First Lutheran are cordially invited to join us. Please call Marilyn Steele at 604-274-1418 by Wednesday, March 6 if you are planning to attend.