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First Lutheran Church of Boston Announces Special Bach Vespers Schedule for 2015-2016

Services Mark Start to Reformation Anniversary Celebration

BOSTON, MA. As 2017 will mark the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, First Lutheran Church of Boston is launching a series of Vespers Services on Saturday evenings to celebrate the Lutheran musical tradition in a worship setting. The centerpiece of the hour-long Vespers services is a Bach Cantata with appropriate liturgical music, hymns, an epistle and Gospel reading of the day and a short homily. They are free and open to the public.

The Saturday evening services begin at 5 p.m. (full schedule below), and will be preceded by half-hour instrumental preludes beginning at 4:30 p.m. Each service will feature a period orchestra, soloists and the First Lutheran Church of Boston's choir. A wine and cheese reception will follow each service.

The schedule is as follows:

- 1. September 26, 2015 @ 5pm** (prelude begins at 4:30) - Ordinary Time
BWV 114: Ach, lieben Christen, seid getrost (Ah, dear Christians, be consoled)
Motets from the *Florilegium Musicum*
Readings (for the 17th Sunday after Trinity): Epistle - Ephesians 4:1-6, Gospel - Luke 14:1-11, (Introit - Psalm 50)
- 2. October 24, 2015 @ 5pm** (prelude begins at 4:30) - Reformation Celebration
BWV 188: *Ich habe meine Zuversicht* (I have put my trust)
BWV 98: *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan* (What God does, is done well)
Readings (for the 21st Sunday after Trinity): Epistle - Ephesians 6:10-17, Gospel - John 4:46-54

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3. **December 12, 2015 @ 5pm** (prelude begins at 4:30) - Advent
BWV 62: *Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland* (Come now, Savior of the gentiles)
Motets from the *Florilegium Musicum* and *Leipziger Gesangbuch*
Readings (for the 1st Sunday in Advent): Epistle - Romans 13:11-14, Gospel - Matthew 21:1-9

4. **January 23, 2016 @ 5pm** (prelude begins at 4:30) - Epiphany
BWV 111: *Was mein Gott will, das g'scheh allzeit* (May my God's will always be done)
Motets from the *Florilegium Musicum* and *Leipziger Gesangbuch*
Readings (for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany): Epistle - Romans 12:17-21, Gospel - Matthew 8:1-13

5. **March 19, 2016 @ TBA** (as part of the annual Bach Birthday celebration - Palm Sunday
BWV 182: *Himmelskoenig sei willkommen* (King of Heaven, welcome)
Readings (for Palm Sunday): Epistle - Philippians 2:5-11 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Gospel - Matthew 21:1-9

Additional Service (funds permitting)

Ascension Service, **May 7, 2016 @ 5pm** (prelude to begin at 4:30)
BWV 11 *Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen* (Ascension Oratorio)
Readings: Epistle: Acts 1: 1-11; Gospel: Mark 16: 14-20

For additional information, please contact Balint Karosi, First Lutheran Church of Boston's Minister of Music and organist, at 617-536-8851 or by email at balint.karosi@flc-boston.org. The church is located at 299 Berkeley Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Marlborough Street.

Upcoming Concerts at FLC

Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2015 7:30 p.m.

Italian Music for Cornetto and Recorder from the 16th-17th Centuries

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 8 p.m.

Organ Concert by Thiemo Jansen, Norden, Germany

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