

Foothills Lutheran Church

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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

Education Hour: 9:00 am
Morning Worship with Communion: (1st, 3rd and 5th) 10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm

A Prayer Upon Entering: Draw us to You, O Lord. Gather us close to Your cross, and reveal Your glory to us there. Help us to see that in Your passion and death, You are bringing us back to the Father and binding us together as the family of God. May Your cross bring peace and unity to all.

Christ of the cross, we stand in awe of what You have done for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 435; 611 (v.1,5); 430; 433; 806; 530; 350

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34..... Pg. 837

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10 Pg. 1278

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10: (32-34) 35-45 Pg. 1076

SERMON:

WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS! This is God's House, so you and we, too, are His guests. Together we have come to hear His word, and to grow in faith and love to motivate us in our walk with Christ. Do come again to this house of prayer for all. Please sign the Guest Register, and if the pastor can help with any spiritual need, please talk to him.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY, in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and the Elders will know how to respond.

THE NURSERY is available for times that children are restless, and is equipped with a sound system to enable parents to continue worshipping. Because some of our children and parents have severe nut allergies, **please keep the nursery a nut-free zone.**

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND SERVICE are available for your use. Please pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher for a copy.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS, crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION following our worship this morning. Take a few moments to catch up with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/ Communion	Education Hour
March 11	178	54/52	52

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex GreetersPhil & Cheryl Lemke; Art Hanger; Kim Harvey
 Sanctuary Greeters Tim & Tracy Roth; Phil & Cheryl Lemke
 Acolyte Luke Abraham
 Organist Walt Evans
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 Counters Alan Pentney; Gary Ring
 Coffee Team..... Anni & Brad Adams; Elfrieda Stewart;
Jan Geggie; Marilyn Harrison

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions Please pray that as preschool students hear how Jesus died and rose again for them (some for the first time), that they would be impacted by God’s great love for them.

Family Focus:

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL we learned more about “John Prepares the Way.” As John pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, so our pastors point us to this same Jesus, who grants us forgiveness, life and salvation. *Ask your children, “What did you learn about John, what he ate and how he dressed?”*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: March 25th – Palm Sunday “*And They Crucified Him*” (Mark 14:2-41) Next week The Lutheran Hour celebrates the Savior’s resurrection. Today we mourn the unjust murder of the Savior by considering the text: “And they crucified Him.” Hear this message on CHRB 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



CHRIST ON TRIAL is the theme for our Lenten observance this year. We have been hearing about Christ from various witnesses. John will take the stand this week, to testify concerning Christ. Soup suppers begin at 5:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex to help with these suppers.

This Week at FLC

Today:	12 Noon	Faith @ Home: Forgiveness in the Family
Monday:	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders' Bible Study
Tuesday:		First Day of Spring
Wednesday:	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:		FLCP Easter Break (Mar 22-Apr 2)
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	LifeLight Romans, Part 2
	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
Saturday:	10:30 am	Parenting Families: From Me to We
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - Mark 10:(32–34) 35–45 “We, too, could have such guests (i.e. as the three strangers who came to Abraham) every day if our unbelief did not stand in the way. Therefore these events are recorded for our shame and reproach, because we do not do the same thing in faith and do not conclude that as often as we show hospitality to exiled brethren and to those who are in distress because of their confession, the Son of God Himself and His angels — not flesh and blood — are lodging with us.” LW 3:199 (*56 vols.*; *St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955–1986*).

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Through community relief, emergency relief and the “We Care” programme, CLWR seeks to meet the needs of those in crisis around the world. Provides food and physical support, as well as training in life-skills for 3rd world countries.

WE HAVE SCHEDULED OUR FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP for Saturday, April 7th, beginning with a light breakfast beginning at 9:30 am. This will be in place of our Men's Breakfast Bible Study. The workshop is about 1½ hours long. We hope you will be able to join us – let Pastor Bode know if you are interested!

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD invites you to join them as they celebrate their 30th anniversary with a dinner and a silent auction. Saturday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. \$30 per person and \$10 for children under 12. RSVP by April 9th to Mezaun Evin (mezaun24@gmail.com).

NOMINATION NOTICE: The nomination process for this year will be taking place through March. Please prayerfully consider if you or your fellow members

can serve our congregation in one of these positions. Candidates for the various positions need to be finalized by May 13th for approval at our June voters meeting.

All positions are for 2-year terms (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020). Position descriptions and ***nomination forms are available on the welcome desk*** in the narthex. Current openings are Board of Elders (multiple) – male only; President – male only; Board of Church Properties; Board of Human Care Ministries; Board of Fellowship; Board of Evangelism (the term for this position expires June 30, 2019).

SNOWED UNDER? With winter's recent downfall, maybe you need assistance? If you are elderly and need help, please call the church office.

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL: Prayer is the heartbeat of the Christian. Over and over again, we are encouraged by our God to pray. Because we know the importance of prayer, we are going to hold another Easter Prayer Vigil. The list has half hour sessions, allowing you to take only one half hour or to sign up for two consecutive half hours or non-consecutive half hours. It is our hope that as a church we will be in Prayer with the Lord from the time we leave the sanctuary after Good Friday services until we meet again for Easter Sunday service to celebrate our risen Saviour. We will provide resources for you in the next weeks, including how to pray for an hour and suggestions on what to pray for, including specific congregational needs. Thank you to those who have already signed up! May God guide and bless us through our prayer vigil.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-16: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

FAMILY EASTER EGG-DECORATING: Parents – bring your children to the church on **Holy Saturday, March 31st, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am** to decorate Easter eggs together. We'll have some fun decorating, followed by special egg hunt and a short devotion. Bring boiled eggs that you would like to decorate, and we'll also have some eggs to decorate for the church's Easter breakfast. Decorating materials will be provided. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you are planning to come!

PYSANKY WORKSHOP will be rescheduled sometime after Easter. Please watch your bulletin for a new date.

CALGARY CIRCUIT REFUGEE SPONSOR REQUEST: If you have a pickup truck that could be used to move larger pieces of furniture, please contact Theo Dillenburg at (403) 971-0905. Many thanks.



DON'T MISS OUR SEDER SUPPER on Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 6:00 pm. This special evening will help us understand the background and significance of the Passover Celebration, during which our Saviour gave us the blessed Sacrament of the Altar. It includes dinner, as well as our Maundy Thursday worship. This is a wonderful, unique

experience, and we believe you will find it a real blessing, both for your understanding of Scripture, but also as a special time of fellowship together as God's people. To help in our planning, and to cover the cost of the dinner, we are selling tickets, available through the church office. The cost is \$5.00/person, with a maximum cost of \$18.00/family. We also need help to prepare the meal, and with several items, such as green salads (nothing dairy) and pies. Sign up lists are posted on the fellowship bulletin board. We hope you will join us for this special Lenten observance. **Confirmands:** This is a required part of confirmation instruction, replacing the class that week.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE SEDER? Brenda Bode is looking for some people to help prepare the meal for the Seder. We're having Shepherd's Pie, and will make it Thursday afternoon at the church. We'll have lots of potatoes to peel, and many hands make light work. If you can assist, please speak to Brenda.



EASTER IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE OTHERS to come and see the wonders of God's love and grace. Invite a friend to join you, as we remember all that our Saviour has done for us, and thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Invite them to breakfast, too! Our special services of Easter and Holy Week:

- March 29th Maundy Thursday Seder Supper at 6:00 pm
- March 30th Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- April 1st Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at 7:30 am
Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:45 am
Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion 10:15 am

Let us remember all that our Saviour has done for us, and to thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ, and share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.

THANK YOU from Operation Christmas Child "for your packing of 55 shoeboxes this past season. You had a part in Canada's total of 615,120 gospel opportunities to children around the world." ~ OCC NW Team Volunteer

WE WILL BE RE-TILING THE FLOORS in the fireside room and the corridor in the basement from March 21-24. The basement doors will be inaccessible at that time, and that may include the Sunday morning. We'll hold Sunday School that weekend upstairs in the parish hall (the Bible Study will gather in the

sanctuary). We appreciate your patience, as we seek to care for, and improve, God's house.



YOUTH EVENT—FRIDAY! Youth and parents, check your email so you know what we're up to, and how you can be involved!

THE COLORS SEMINAR: Saturday May 12th, 12:30 to 4:00pm at St Matthew Lutheran: 66-7th St. NE, Calgary. This seminar is hosted by George Boelcke, CCP and author of: *Colorful Personalities – Discover your personality type through the power of Colors*. The cost is \$39 (incl. GST). To check it out in advance go to: www.vantageseminars.com. You can register online at www.lutherancolors.eventbrite.com.

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JOIN US ON APRIL 28, 2018 FOR OUR “21TH ANNUAL WALK/RUN FOR LOVE”: The Lutheran Hospital Ministries annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on April 28, 2018. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000. For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com.



JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST between the services on Easter morning. This breakfast, hosted by the Elders, gives us a wonderful opportunity to share together in the joy of Easter day. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will be with us!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018: Registration is open to 3 and 4 year-old children for September. Registration packages are available on the table outside our classroom and at www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com. If

you would like a tour of our preschool or have questions about our program, Betty Ann would be happy to speak with you.



SUMMER VBS REGISTRATION: Our Vacation Bible School, “**GOOD NEWS!**” will be offered July 16-20 and July 23-27. **General registration opens on March 19th.** We also encourage our families to be evangelists in their communities by inviting a friend to come and hear the **GOOD NEWS** of salvation in Jesus Christ. Pick up a registration form at the information desk, or ask for one from Deaconess Miriam.

We hope you will keep our efforts in your prayers, and especially the staff who will be sharing God’s good news. You can also join us any day that week; we can always benefit from an extra pair of hands and feet! Your financial support is also important. Simply use the form below, fill it in, and drop it on the offering plate or put it on the secretary’s desk.

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God is so good to us! In grateful thanksgiving, I offer to serve Him in VBS as:

- Teacher
- Crafts
- Games
- Helper
- I will provide snacks for volunteers (nut free)
- I will sponsor a child (\$7.00 each)
- Kitchen Staff (Fridays only)

Signed: _____

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