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

WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM

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First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

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: O Lord, help us to learn from You how to resist and overcome the devil's evil plans. May we gain strength by reading Your Word. May we gain courage by knowing that You are with us. And may we gain insight by being filled with Your Holy Spirit. In every way, may we make it clear to the devil that we will follow You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: We Fall Down; How Deep the Father's Love for Us; Holy is the Lord; Jesus, All for Jesus; Seek Ye First

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Promise of the Thorn

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 p. 212

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13 p. 1203

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13 p. 1093

SERMON: Take—and Give! – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEDNESDAY, 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/ Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
March 3	169/134	48/44	58

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Marj Fiesel; Anne Marie Kothari; Dave & Belinda Perrin
 Sanctuary Greeters Eldon & Marian Ohlinger; Carl & Shirley Berdahl
 Acolyte Erica Zwick
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 Coffee Team..... Brenda Bode; Jane & Herb Gurski; Dave & Belinda Perrin
 Counters Merv & Karen Borgeson

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God that the preschool fire inspections went well and there were no non-compliance concerns. Pray for the students on the U of C campus, as the quickly passing year brings greater times of stress to the students.

Family Focus:

THE SILVER SAINTS will be meeting off-site on **March 13th** at 12 noon. You are invited to join them at the New Dynasty restaurant 150 Crowfoot Crescent NW for a Chinese lunch. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so that a private room can be reserved for this function.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS are available on the Welcome Desk. We encourage you to make use of them yourself and share them with others.

FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will once again be hosting a St .Patrick's Day tea at Foothills Manor. It will be held on Friday, **March 15th** from 2:00 – 3:30. Please join us for tea and goodies as we fellowship with the residents and sing Irish songs and hymns.

This Week at FLC

Monday:	7:00 pm	Leader's Lenten Bible Study
Tuesday:	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's
Wednesday:	12:00 pm	Silver Saints @ New Dynasty
	1:00 pm	Bible Study @ Gladys Byers
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship – Pastor Dressler
	7:30 pm	Choir Practise
Thursday:	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
	7:30 pm	LifeLight @ Helen Duholke's
Fri – Sat:		Youth Lock-in @ FLC
Saturday:	2:00 pm	LWML St. Patrick's Day Tea at the Manor
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour / Confirmation
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our lesson covered Matthew's account of "The Passion of Christ" as He ventured to the cross for you and me. The Father, the perfect, righteous judge of the universe, forsook Jesus on the cross so that the perfect, righteous sacrifice, Jesus Christ, could be punished for the sins of the whole world. Discuss with your children, "*Why was it necessary for Jesus to die? What benefit do we gain from the death and resurrection of Jesus?*"

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. Inspired by God's love for humanity, CLWR challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty. Much of the work is done in 3rd world countries, but CLWR responds in time of need to serve the needs of others

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 17th) "Ba-a-ah" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler shares how, strikingly, Jesus refers to his people both as "sheep" and as "gods" (Psalm 82). How does that work? Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca. A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at www.lhm.org/lent.

THE NEW ORGAN HAS BEEN ORDERED! The Voters approved the purchase of a new organ in January, and finalized the purchase in a special meeting two weeks ago. We expect delivery shortly after Easter.



You can help support this effort with your gifts. Simply mark them, “Organ”. Praise be to God for the wonderful gift of music, and for the ability to praise Him in song. (and thanks be to God for our organists!)

OUR MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

Our Board of Stewardship seeks to encourage our congregational members in using all that God has given us to His glory – our time, our talents, our treasures. One way is through our Ministry of the Week. This week’s highlighted ministry is the **Front to Back Bible Study**.

Front to Back is exactly what it sounds like—a chance to read and discuss the bible from Front to Back. We read over 2 years, and discuss the questions and lessons we learn from the Word of God. We have been meeting at the Bode home, and will continue to do so as space permits—but you are always welcome to join us!

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OCASSIONS when the exit doors, both upstairs and downstairs have not been tightly closed. This creates a security concern, and at this time of year also is a waste of energy. When leaving the building, please ensure that the door closes properly and is locked behind you.

THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER:

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, hosted by the youth! About 80 people came out for pancakes, ham, and fellowship, and, after the cost of supplies, about \$500 was raised. Youth group fundraising efforts help subsidize the cost of attending events like the 2019 LCC National Youth Gathering and the 2020 District Youth Gathering. Thank you for your support!



OUR LEADERS WILL BE GATHERING IN BIBLE STUDY during the Lenten season, focusing on our spiritual life together, remembering all that our Saviour has done so that we can be His people and serve Him in His church. We will be discussing Lutheran Doctrine and Practice. We meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, **beginning March 11th**, and continue for 5 weeks.

FLC CAMPING TRIP - MAY 31- JUNE 2 at Crawling Valley. Cost is \$30 per night per unit (same rate for tenters). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Hans Dueck at 403-208-0854 and/or check out the campground information at: <http://crawlingvalleycampground.ca/>



BEHOLD THE MAN Pilate said, as he brought the suffering Saviour out before the mob on Good Friday. We invite you to *Behold the Man* in our special Lenten services, which will be held during our regular Wednesday worship time. We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact that God became man, in order to take the place of all lost and sinful mankind. This week Pastor David Dressler, from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd will share with us, “A God Who Prays”.

We also invite you to join us for our **Lenten soup suppers**, which begin Wednesday, March 13th. *Please sign-up to bring a pot of soup* for one of these meals. The soup sign-up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY is offering another “Quest Course” from 7:00-9:00 pm on Tuesdays from March 19 - April 9. The course is available on campus or on-line. The topic is “Heroes & Heretics in the Early Church”, and will look at the Trinitarian and Christological controversies that shape our faith even today. What was at stake, for heroes and heretics alike, was nothing less than the clarity of the gospel itself. Sessions will be led by Alex Marque, PhD candidate in the history of biblical interpretation at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. There is no charge, and group participation using the seminary’s online platform is welcome. Invite your friends!

Register with Kathy Budgell at kbudgell@concordiasem.ab.ca or at 780-474-1468 Ext 225.



SUMMER VBS: Journey With Jesus: He Is The Way Home is scheduled for the weeks of **July 15-19 and 22-26**. Our members are invited to register first. Paper registration forms are now available on the Welcome Desk. Register your children and grandchildren and encourage them to invite a friend. Online registration will open by mid-March, and as classes tend to fill up quickly, we encourage you to make your plans and register prior to that time.

FELLOWSHIP: It is with great thanks that we welcome some new fellowship hosts. We thank Diane and John Voss and Kathy Hilland for enthusiastically offering to serve in this capacity. Diane and John Voss will be joining the team of Tim and Tracy Roth and Kathy Hilland is joining the team of Brad and Anni Adams, Elfrieda Stewart, Jan Geggie and Marilyn Harrison.

We have one team that would greatly appreciate some help. They have served for a long time and could now benefit from an individual, or couple, that could help with the dishwasher and any other heavier tasks in the kitchen. They are a wonderful team of ladies who keep blessing us. If you are led to join this team please contact either Heather Sommers or Belinda Perrin.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

GOD'S WORD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE. That is one of the essential themes through the Book of Acts. Word continues to work in the world, but we are also blessed to see how that Word was at work in the early days of the church. We invite you to join us as we study the book of Acts, and see the Gospel in action after Jesus ascends into heaven. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, as we grow together in God's Word of Life.

GOD DECLARED TO HIS PEOPLE: *“if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”* (2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV). There are so many things that happen around us, even in this land in which we are blessed, that should call us to prayer.

You may see efforts going on around us in the city, province and country right now that call Christians to pray for the land. This is good and pleasing to God, who urges us to pray *“for kings and all who are in high positions”*. (1 Timothy 2:2, ESV) As we see others engaging in prayer, we can also raise our prayers to God for our nation; for the freedom to worship and for the truth of God to be evident in our world.

We urge you to pray. As you do:

- Pray for our leaders, that they may be people of integrity, and that they will remember their responsibilities under God to govern for the good of the citizens He entrusts to their care.
- Pray for wisdom, that we will not see the nation and its leaders misled by the ideas of popular opinion, but that we may see our land seeking the direction and the righteousness that we learn from God's Word of truth.
- Pray that evil may not prevail, and that God's love, mercy and justice will be evident in the lives of His people, who will be beacons to our land.

Again, you may see groups that call for 21 days of fasting and prayer. The idea is admirable, and we want to be people of prayer. We pray, trusting that God will continue to work all things for our good in this land. As the hymn says, “take it to the Lord in prayer!”

FOUND: If you are missing a pair of black-rimmed eyes glasses they are in the “Lost & Found” bin located in the upstairs hallway.

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What is “Lent”?

Lent is a season of the church lasting six weeks in early spring. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks, we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day that He rose from the dead to prove it!

How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can try giving up something you like during Lent. You might see your parents give up their coffee in the morning. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you—His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!

FOR PARENTS

Consider helping your child decide on something to “give up” during Lent to remind him/her of Jesus’ sacrifice. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey will make a big difference!

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