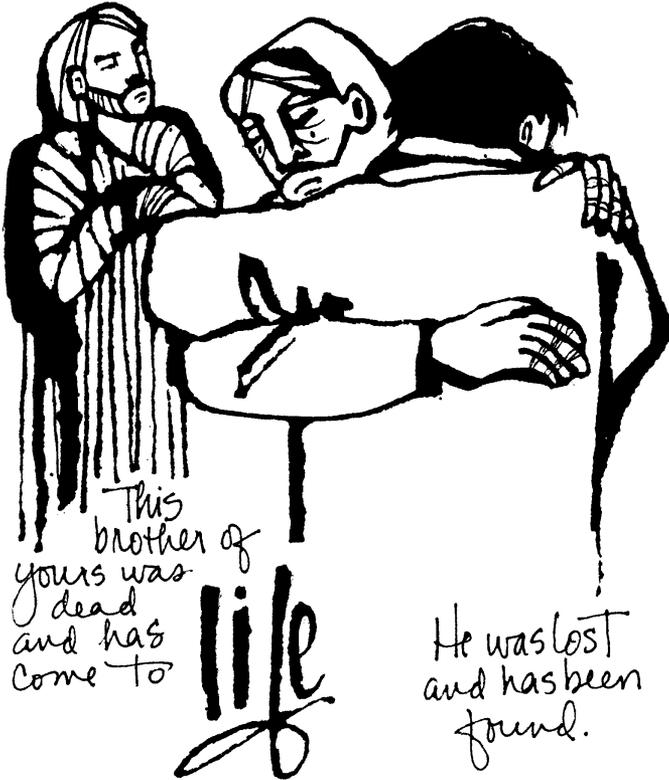


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



L U K E 1 5 : 3 2

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 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: So many times, O Lord, we, like the Prodigal Son, have been "far off." Thank you for always welcoming us back into Your arms when we stray. Forgive us for ever thinking that we could make it in the world on our own. And lead us in the way You want us to go.

O Guiding God, stay close beside us forever.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service, Setting 5, p. 213

HYMNS: 702; 761; 561;935; 525; 739; 560; 436; 425; 527

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 12:1-6..... p. 733

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21..... p. 1228

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32..... p. 1112

CHOIR.....*The Suffering Servant*

SERMON: *A Tale of Two Trees* - Genesis 2:8-9, 16-17

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Lenten Service/ Communion	Education Hour
March 24	172	53/52	42

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Brian & Barb Vincent; Brian Chandler; Tom Copeland
 Sanctuary Greeters Elfrieda Heiden; Mark Kihn; Gary & Laurel Anderson
 Organist Phil Lemke
 Lector Aiden Taylor
 Coffee Team Carl & Shirley Berdahl; Phil & Cheryl Lemke; Ellen Wagner
 Counters Merv & Kareen Borgeson

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital: No one at the moment – Praise the Lord!

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God for the time students had to relax over spring break this past week. Pray that their focus will be renewed as classes resume this coming week.

Family Focus:



VOTER'S MEETING: Our next voter's meeting is on **April 7th** following a light lunch after service. Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend.

PASTOR ERIC HAS RECEIVED A CALL to serve as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisherville, Ontario. As he seeks God's will for His church, please keep him and Kayla in your prayers. Remember also the members of Trinity, as they wait for God to provide them with a Shepherd. He also invites your thoughts on this call.

BOTTLE DRIVE: Our winter bottle drive realized \$190 for Youth activities. Thanks to all who participated.

This Week at FLC

Monday:		<i>Preschool Resumes</i>
	7:00 pm	Leader's Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday:	1:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study @ Gladys Byers
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship – Pastor Bode
Thursday:	9:30 am	Moms & Tots
	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
Saturday:	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	9:30 am	Kids Bible Club
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour / Confirmation
	10:15 am	Worship (T) / Communion
	12:00 pm	Voter's Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today in Sunday School, the children learned of how the disciples recognized the resurrected Jesus through the Scriptures and the breaking of bread when “Jesus Appears on the Emmaus Road” (Luke 24:13–35). Talk with your children, “*How does Christ come to and abide with us?*”

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

This Lent, CLWR is launching 2 new emergency responses, as conflict and hunger have uprooted families in South Sudan and Central African Republic. Your gifts allow CLWR to respond quickly and share hope. Learn more and support our efforts by calling 1-800-661-2597 or visiting clwr.org/foodcrisis.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Apr 7th) “**The Darkness Has Not Overcome It**” (John 12:37-50) Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God works through the darkness to overcome the darkness. Even in history's darkest moment, the light is still shining. 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.

BOOK & BAKE SALE: St Matthew Lutheran Church (66 – 7th Street NE) invites you to their book and bake sale on Saturday, **April 13th**. All proceeds from the sale will go to local missions.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPDATE: Thank you to our wonderful church family for your concern for Prince of Peace, and most of all, for your prayers. It has been a long process, in which we were taught faith and trust. We were overjoyed when we heard that God answered "YES" to our prayers. The school will have some changes but will be staying open. This we praise God for! ~ The Dueck Family

OUR LEADERS ARE 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 are discussing Lutheran Doctrine and Practice, this week looking at *Jesus Christ*. We meet Mondays at 7:00 pm.

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 Bode will share with us, "*A God with a Mother*".



We also invite you to join us for our **Lenten soup suppers**. 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.



IT HAS PLEASSED ALMIGHTY GOD to call to Himself the soul of Darcy Schmidt, the brother of Murray Schmidt. We pray for God's grace and comfort for Murray, Karen and the family.

We also extend our prayers to the family of George Wipf. We pray that God's comfort be with all who mourn, and that the life that is ours in Christ would sustain His people.

NOMINATION NOTICE: It's time to begin the nomination process. Please prayerfully consider if you or your fellow members can serve our congregation in one of the positions of leadership. Candidates for the various positions will need to be finalized in the near future.

All positions are for 2-year terms (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021) with the exception this year of Human Care Ministries which is for one year only to maintain continuity for elections to the PPC. Position descriptions and **nomination forms are available on the welcome desk** in the narthex. Current openings are Board of Elders (multiple) – male only; Vice President, Treasurer, Board of Evangelism and Public Relations; Board of Christian Education and Young Peoples' Ministry; Board of Whole Life Stewardship and Human Care Ministries. Completed forms can be dropped in the mail slot outside the Administrative Office.

WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS who have allergies to perfumes and other strong scents. Please remember this, as we gather for worship. We want to be considerate of the needs of others and inviting in our habits. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!



HELP US TO BE A HELP: When it comes to recycling, it does make a difference if we do this well, according to city guidelines. Please flatten boxes; rinse containers and do not throw loose bags into the bin. We also ask that you do not put Styrofoam or mixed materials (those that are both paper and metal, for example) with the recycling. And when it comes to refundable bottles, please make sure that these do not contain liquid, and that they also have been rinsed. Your help makes sure that our recycling efforts do not end up being wasted by having these products treated as waste. Thank you!

JOIN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES ON APRIL 27, 2019 for the 22nd annual Walk/Run For Love. Thank you to all walkers and donors for your generosity in the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual *Walk/Run for Love*, will take place on **April 27, 2019**. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. Finish with a light lunch. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Pledge forms are available on the welcome desk. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,500. For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support.

OUR MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, April 6th, and we will look at another great men of the Bible We meet at 9:00 am for breakfast, and time together in the Word. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.



AND FOR THE LADIES... our Women's study, sponsored by the LWML, also meets this Saturday. It is for all our ladies as we seek to serve our working women and stay-at-home moms, too. This is for all ages, and we gather April 6th at 9:30 am. We'll be starting a look at the book of Proverbs.

KIDS BIBLE CLUB runs Saturday, April 6th from 9:30 – 11:30. Children age 4-10 are invited to participate in music, a Bible lesson, crafts and games. This year's theme is God's Good Gifts: From Life to Eternal Life. Contact Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register your child!

**God's
love
rules at
VBS!**

SUMMER VBS REGISTRATION: Our Vacation Bible School, "*Journey With Jesus: He Is the Way Home!*" will be held July 15-19 and 22-26. Paper registration forms are available on the Welcome Desk. Register your children and grandchildren and encourage them to invite a friend. Online registration is also open, and as classes tend to fill up quickly,

we encourage you to make your plans and register prior to that time

One major change: We removed the VBS line from the budget, believing that people would like a more direct way to be involved. We are asking you to consider sponsoring a child for \$10.00. This will provide materials and all that is necessary for our work. Along with those gifts, we need your prayers, for the students and for 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! 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Staff (Fridays only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> I will provide snacks for volunteers (nut free) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Games | <input type="checkbox"/> I will sponsor a child (\$10.00 each) | |

Signed: _____

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Will you share hope this Lent?



**Your support
was vital in
changing
the story
for Maombi
Babonye and
her young
family.**

After conflict forced them to flee their home in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Maombi was worried she would lose her young daughter to malnutrition.

But today, Dorcas is a happy, healthy 4-year-old, and Maombi is running a small business and providing independently for the whole family.

This spring, CLWR is launching two new emergency responses, as conflict and hunger have uprooted families just like Maombi's in both South Sudan and Central African Republic. Your gifts are allowing us to respond quickly — just \$17 provides a week's worth of support to a family in Central African Republic.

This Lent, we invite you to pray for those affected by conflict around the world, and to continue in partnership as we share hope with families like Maombi's.

Find out how your support is sharing hope:

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