

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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about to  
do a new  
thing. now  
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*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*April 7, 2019*

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

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** As people plot to kill You, Lord, and danger is all around You, may we take the time to honour You for who You are--the Son of God. And may we glorify You for what You are about to do--become our sacrifice for sin.

*Saving Son of God, we honour and glorify You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service, Setting 1, p. 151

*Please note: We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and the Halleluiahs during Lent*

**HYMNS:** .....912; 431; 676; 629; 430; 439; 699

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 43:16-21 ..... p. 733

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 3:4b-14 ..... p. 1249

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 20:9-20 ..... p. 1112

**SERMON:** *What's New With You?* Phil. 3:4-14

**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**

| <b>Week of:</b> | <b>Sunday/<br/>Communion</b> | <b>Lenten<br/>Service</b> | <b>Education<br/>Hour</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| March 31        | 164/144                      | 45                        | 40                        |

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Narthex Greeters ..... Phil & Cheryl Lemke; Art Hanger; Kim Harvey  
 Sanctuary Greeters ..... Tim & Tracy Roth; Brian & Carol Kehler  
 Organist ..... Deaconess Miriam  
 Acolyte ..... Morgan Alcock  
 Lector ..... Stacey Bablitz  
 Coffee Team ..... Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers  
 Counter ..... Gary Ring

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Thank God that our provincial preschool license was renewed for three more years so we can continue to share God's love with children in our church and community.

**Family Focus:**

**VOTER'S MEETING TODAY**, following a light lunch after service. Please 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.

**OUR LAST "LEADERS BIBLE STUDY"** for this Lenten season will be held this coming Monday evening. We thank the Board of Christian Education for encouraging this special time of spiritual renewal in God's Word for our leaders, done so that we can be His people and serve Him in His church.

## This Week at FLC

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| <b>Today:</b>     | 12:00 pm | Voter's Meeting                          |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 9:30 am  | Ministry Professional Development        |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Leader's Lenten Bible Study              |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 6:00 pm  | Elders                                   |
|                   | 7:30 pm  | Ladies Bible Study @ Michelle Heumann's  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 12:00 pm | Silver Saints Lunch @ Austrian Club      |
|                   | 1:00 pm  | Ladies Bible Study @ Gladys Byers        |
|                   | 5:30 pm  | Soup Supper                              |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Lenten Worship – Vicar Mark Rekken       |
|                   | 6:00 pm  | Children's Choir                         |
|                   | 7:00 pm  | Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'       |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 7:00 pm  | Youth – <i>Incredibles 2</i> Movie Night |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 9:00 am  | Education Hour / Confirmation            |
|                   | 10:15 am | Worship (C)                              |
|                   | 12:00 pm | Faith @ Home "Family Service"            |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today in Sunday School, the children studied "Jesus Appears to Thomas" (John 20:19–31). We, like Thomas, doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him. Discuss with your family, "*When is it hard to trust and believe in the promises of God? Who is the source of our faith?*"

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH:** *Lutheran Church Canada Seminaries*

Jesus bids us to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38 ESV). We help support that work by our support of the seminaries. Your gift to the mission of the month for April helps Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario and Concordia Lutheran Seminary Edmonton in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field. One of our own, Michael Mayer, will receive his first call into the ministry in May.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (Apr 14<sup>th</sup>) "**He Loved Them to the End**" (John 13/18/19) Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We are people of diverse backgrounds drawn together by Jesus. We want to share His life with you. Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca). A special devotion is available online from Lutheran Hour Ministries each day during Lent at [www.lhm.org/lent](http://www.lhm.org/lent).



**THE FLOWERS WHICH BEAUTIFY GOD'S ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God in memory of George Haas and Kelly Haas, by Elnora and the family.

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



**WE'VE SAID IT BEFORE: 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:

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:30 pm
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- April 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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. This week Vicar Mark Rekken from Prince of Peace Lutheran will share with us, “*A God Who Thirsts*”.



We also invite you to join us for our **Lenten soup suppers**. We still need 2 pots of soup for Wednesday. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board.

**FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL** is a licensed, non-profit, half-day program for 3 and 4 year-olds that facilitates the development of whole child in a caring Christian environment. Children have fun with friends, laugh and learn, pray and play, enquire and engage as they are nurtured in their cognitive, physical, creative, spiritual, social, and emotional development by experienced staff. We offer services for early intervention on site including a free speech screening for all our 4 year olds in September and are approved to accept children eligible for the stay-at-home parent government subsidy. Registration for the fall has begun. Forms are available at [www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com) or on the table outside our classroom. Phone, email, or schedule a visit. Betty Ann would be happy to speak with you.

**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.

**THE SILVER SAINTS** invite you to join them for lunch at the Austrian Canadian Club (3112–11 Street NE) on Wednesday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you are planning to attend and haven't already do so, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Silver Saints bulletin board so that arrangements can be finalized with the restaurant.

**JOIN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES ON APRIL 27, 2019** for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Walk/Run For Love. Thank you to all walkers and donors for your generosity in the past walks. 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. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am and finishes with a light lunch. This 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 please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or [lhmsac@gmail.com](mailto:lhmsac@gmail.com). Thank you for your faithful support.

**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!



**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE WEBSITE LATELY?** We are striving to keep everything up to date, especially bulletins and sermons. For those who are looking for printed copies of the sermons, they are often available online. The videos of the sermons can be a blessing, too. Consider sharing them with a home-bound member! Let us know, too, if there is something that we need to change or improve. This is for your benefit—but also for those who are looking for a church. Let's make it a great tool!

**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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# Praise God for His Blessings!

This past Thursday marked the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Foothills Lutheran Church. While we often observe the ‘milestone’ years (like 35 or 45 or 50), we don’t tend to think too much about those simple ‘in-between years’, like 51 or 52.

Yet one word that comes out with God’s commands to His people is the word, “Remember”. The *annual* feasts and festivals of the Old Testament were ways of leading the people to remember—and to focus on the goodness of God. They were to remember, and to know that things were different in their lives because of all that God had done. As the people of Israel prepared to go into the promised land, Moses told them: “*And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.*” (Deuteronomy 8:2, ESV)

We remember that God has been with us, to bless us in all things. As we do, we find the encouragement to serve Him in joy and thanksgiving. That doesn’t mean that everything we have done has always been for the best. In this world of sin and sorrow, there are things that we wish would never have happened. That is true in the life of God’s church, too. But for every bad moment we are drawn to so many more good moments: moments of blessing; moments of encouragement; moments in joy that flow from the forgiveness and life we have through God’s grace to us in Jesus Christ.

Think back over the years gone by. Think of the children washed in the waters of Holy Baptism and pray for those who have forgotten that precious gift given to them. Think of the young people confirmed at our altar—something the elders are focussing on at this time. Again, pray for those who have wandered away. Rejoice in those who are in Sunday School and Bible study. Rejoice in those who come together each week to worship; to commune; to share together in the life we have as His redeemed people.

God has been good to us. He has blessed us richly, and His mercies continue to be new every morning. That is why, with joy and thanksgiving in our hearts, we sing the words of the hymn we often refer to as *The Common Doxology*:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! (LSB 805)