

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2020

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: Jesus, our King, may we live as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May we add flavor and brilliance to what can be a dull and dark world. And may You be the source of all that makes our lives rich and enlightening.

Blessed Kingdom Lord, may we share Your life with all the world.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... Hear Our Praises; Lord, I Need You; My Lighthouse;
..... How Can I Keep from Singing; Mighty to Save

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:3-9a.....p. 785

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12.....p. 1211

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20.....p. 1029

SERMON:

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the 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.

OUR WORSHIP IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! We love to see children in church! We gather as a family in Christ, from the youngest to the oldest, sharing in God's blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation, which leads us to respond with thankfulness and praise. Children grow into worship by being in worship, and by the example and encouragement of their parents and church family. Their presence is an encouragement to all of us! Parents, watch the bulletin for "Kids in the Divine Service" to help you teach your children about our worship, or for our monthly "Good News for Families", our encouragement to you as you raise your children in the Christian faith.



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

THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Diane Voss in loving memory of her Aunt Rosemarie.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/ Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
February 2	144/120	16	47

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$ 7353.60	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$34,857.60	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$40,865.38	-\$6,007.78

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Plate Offerings 105.60; Visitor Offering 50.00; Sunday School 5.00; Facility Rental 195.00; CLWL 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; LWML 25.00; Lutheran Hour (MoM) 10.00; LCC Epiphany Offering 300.00; Organ 666.00; Fellowship 20.00; Initial Offering 9.00.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Bill & Erika Schultz; Marj Fiesel; Hans Dueck
 Sanctuary Greeters Loleta Ziprick; Marj Fiesel; Carl & Shirley Berdahl
 Acolyte Morgan Alcock
 Choir *Bow The Knee*
 Lector Mark Kihn
 Coffee Team Carl & Shirley Berdahl in recognition of Lutheran Hour Ministries
 Counters Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God for his faithfulness and His answers to our prayers. Our new student from last month is happy to come to preschool every morning and was even disappointed when there was a professional day with no class.

Family Focus:

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY? We accumulate a great deal of mail that is left unclaimed for even months at a time. Please check your mailbox—and why not take the mail of someone

who hasn't or can't be here. It is a good way of sharing with them, and helping them stay connected to the church.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Feb 16th) “**Families and Joseph’s Tears**”. Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Michelle and Trevor Heumann at the sudden passing of Michelle’s father, Rick Bennetts. Rick’s funeral service will be held here at Foothills tomorrow (Feb. 10th) at 2:00 pm.

We also pray for Murray and Karen Schmidt and family at the passing of Murray’s father, Lawrence Schmidt. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love and comfort.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “A Prophet Serves” was the title for this week’s lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, “Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli’s “worthless” sons. Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.

This Week at Foothills

Today:	12:00 pm	Youth Meeting
Monday:	9:30 am	Professional Development
	2:00 pm	Rick Bennetts Funeral
	7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday:	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam’s
Wednesday:	11:30 am	Silver Saints Chinese Lunch @ New Dynasty Restaurant (SE Calgary)
	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Byers
	6:30 pm	Worship
Thursday:	7:30 pm	Choir
		No Preschool (parent/teacher interviews)
	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Duholkes’
Sunday:	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bodes’
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Love Potluck



THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, hosted by the youth, will be on February 25th, and pancakes will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Donations to the youth group will be gratefully accepted. Youth group fundraising efforts help subsidize the cost of

attending events like the 2020 IMPACT Gathering and the 2021 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering. **Youth**, come at 4pm, or as early as possible, to help set up and cook. You'll get to eat dinner, and help clean up, too!

SILVER SAINTS invite you to join them on Wednesday, February 12th at **11:30** for lunch at the New Dynasty Restaurant, 575 – 28th Street SE. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Silver Saints bulletin board. If you need a ride, please be at the church no later than 11:00 am.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Bringing Christ to the Nations – and the Nations to the Church has been the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries for many years. Through ministry programs such as The Lutheran Hour, Project Connect Booklets, Men's Network, MISSION U, THRED, and others, LHM is calling our communities, our country, and our world back to God. Your gift to this mission of the month helps bring a message of rescue, restoration and renewal in Jesus Christ to millions of people who desperately need to hear it.

TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING our annual ***Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday*** and our Lutheran Hour ambassadors are hosting the coffee hour. Donations will be utilized to purchase Broadcasts on CHR 1140 High River. Each Sunday broadcast costs \$263.00.

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

GOD'S PROMISES FOR ME! Our summer Vacation Bible School will run July 13-17 and July 20-24 this year. Our members and their friends and family will be invited to register first – watch for a notice in the next few weeks that printed registration forms are available. Online registration will be available in early March.

“LOVE FEAST” POT-LUCK, FEBRUARY 16th: To celebrate the LOVE that God has for His people, we are holding a Pot Luck after the service on February 16th. Did you know there are 50 verses in the Bible that mention LOVE? The most well-known being “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Come join your church family in LOVE by bringing a salad, main dish or dessert to share. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board. Questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL: Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool is a licensed, non-profit, half-day program for 2 ½, 3, and 4 year-olds that facilitates the development of the whole child in a caring Christian environment. We are a long-standing program with an excellent child care history. 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, knowledgeable staff. Phone 403-284-1360 or email at school@foothillslutheran.com to schedule a time to see our space and talk with our teacher. She would be happy to speak with you. Learn more at www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com.

FLC CAMPING TRIP: This year's camping trip is May 29-31, at Crawling Valley Campground. Cost is \$35 per night. Saturday night is a pot luck as well (true Lutheran style). A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

MISSION PRAYERS: Pastor **Junior Alexander Martinez** serves as missionary in La Paz, Honduras. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through his holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good news of this salvation to the ends of the earth, we pray that you would sustain Rev. Junior Alexander Martinez in La Paz, Honduras by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD, but that view is not shared by a society where abortion is condoned, and life can be ended with the help of a doctor. We invite you to hear **Dr. Joe Askin** speak on the topic ***A Lutheran Perspective on Medical Aid in Dying (Euthanasia) in Canada***. Join us on **Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm** at Foothills Lutheran Church for this timely and important presentation. Please see the poster on the Christian Education bulletin board for more information.



WE'VE SAID IT BEFORE, WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN: there are blessings to be found in reading and studying your Bible! When we truly read, mark, learn and take it to heart, we find new and wonderful treasures from our God. We can never be so familiar with it that we have no need to study it. Join us in our bible study opportunities—and we can always seek to provide more opportunities for you to be in the Word!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP HELP! Foothills will be hosting a Sunday School Workshop February 29th for our own Sunday School volunteers, as well as volunteers from other congregations. We would like to provide them with some snacks for their coffee break and a soup lunch. If you are willing to provide a pot of soup, buns, some muffins, or some fruit and cheese, please speak with Deaconess Miriam. Your support of those who teach our youngest members is appreciated!



LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES annual fundraiser, the Walk for Love, will be held on May 2, 2020. Donations are used to support dedicated visitors who give so much of their time and talents to visit Lutherans in hospitals and care facilities. Last year our walkers raised \$20,650 in pledges, and we thank the walkers and their supporters for their awesome and continued dedication to our Ministry. Please help us to keep this very important Ministry going! This is our only fundraiser and we need everyone's help.

IN THE PSALMS, DAVID SAYS: *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!"* (Psalm 122:1, ESV) We come to be with the Lord, who comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. We have the opportunity to do that each Sunday—and on Wednesdays, too! We hope that you will remember the blessings of being in the Lord's house. When you can't be here Sunday, don't forget we have those midweek services to provide you that time to worship, to commune and to share in the joy David felt, as we go into the house of the Lord!



THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT begins on February 26th, as we again journey to the cross with our Saviour, remembering the cost of our salvation and the love and grace of God. Plan on being part of this time of contemplation and repentance.

Soup suppers begin Ash Wednesday, too. The supper is at 5:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet to help with these suppers on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex.

SNOW SHOVELLING DIFFICULTIES? Contact Carol at the church office to arrange for help for seniors. We have some help available.

OUR VOTERS ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR 2020 at the meeting last Sunday. This is, in many ways, a faith budget, as we continue to struggle with the reality of some of the effects of the economic downturn in the province. The **total** budget for 2020 is \$548,990. In our efforts to establish a balanced budget, we have made some dramatic cuts, including a reduction of 3% for our staff salaries. We have eliminated honoraria for organists and our choir director. After discussion, we left our mission goal at \$36,250.00 for LCC, and its work both domestically and internationally.

Christian stewardship is a privilege, not a burden. We don't give to the budget; we don't give under compulsion of the law. We give in love and gratitude, as God provides for us. Everything we have is a gift from Him, who loves us and provides for us so richly. But in all He gives, there is the need to use them to His glory—which we do when we care for our families, and when we care for His family, the church.

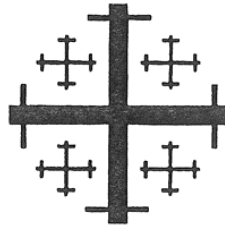
How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) Scripture does encourage us to:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** - we are not to worry about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God. May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

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Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What's the date today?

Usually when someone asks this question, you might look to the calendar hanging on your wall for the answer. Once you have figured out the answer, it might help determine what you will wear, where you will go, and what you might do. For example, if the date were January 15th, you would probably decide to wear warm clothes because it could be cold outside. As you can see, calendars help keep things in order.

What does this have to do with the Divine Service?

Did you know that the church has its own calendar? That's right! It even has its own seasons. Instead of seasons based on the weather, the church's seasons are based on the life of Christ and His church. The calendar that you use everyday has summer, fall, winter, and spring. The church year calendar has Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and many more. Look in the front part of your hymnal to see if you can tell which season we are in now. As you can see, the church year calendar helps put order to the seasons and festivals of the church.

FOR PARENTS

Before or after the service, direct your children to the front part of the hymnal. Go through the calendar and discuss the different seasons. Remind them that many of the special dates we have on our everyday calendars come from the church year calendar, i.e., Christmas, Easter, etc.