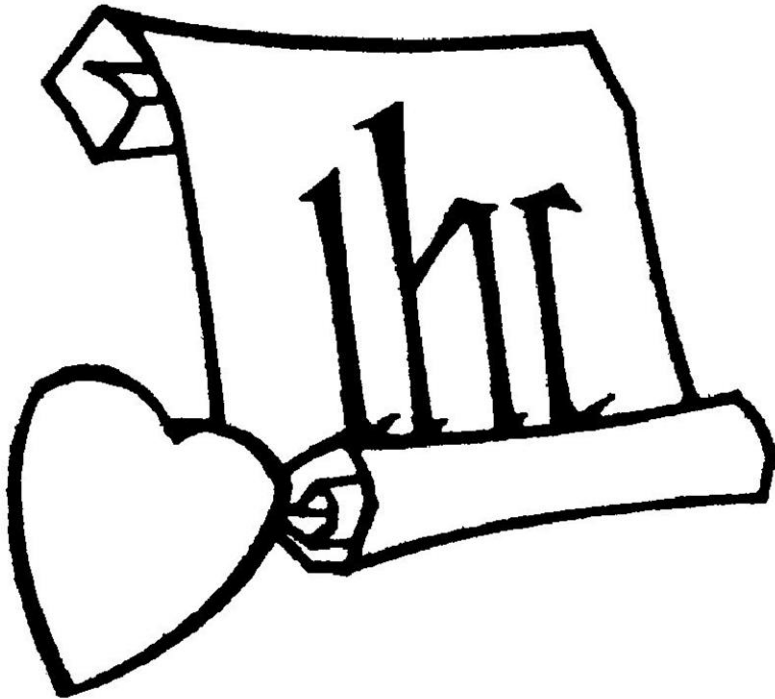


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 16, 2020*

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:** O Lord, You know our every thought and action. Nothing we say or do can be hidden from You. Forgive us for thinking that we could keep things from You, or could sin "just a little," as long as no one found out. Purify us through and through, and may every part of our being bring glory to You.

*O Fulfiller of the Law, may Your will be fulfilled in us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....Divine Service Setting 3; p. 184  
**HYMNS:**..... 704; 496; 921; 707; 628; 394; 411  
**FIRST LESSON:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 .....p. 219  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9.....p. 1212  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 5:21-37 .....p. 1029  
**SERMON:** The Smart Choice – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**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 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>Attendance</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
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**THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT** begins on February 26<sup>th</sup>, as we again journey to the cross with our Saviour, remembering the cost of our salvation and the love and grace of God. This year we will be looking at **People in His Passion**. We will again include a rotation, with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Plan on being part of this time of contemplation and repentance.

Soup suppers begin March 4<sup>th</sup>. The supper is at 5:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex to help with these suppers.

Lenten devotional material is available on the Welcome Desk. Please help yourself.

<b>Our Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,285.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$42,142.60	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$49,038.46</b>	<b>-\$6,895.86</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** Plate Offerings 56.70; Visitor Offering 170.00; Sunday School 5.00; Student Residence Rent 1,000.00.00; Preschool Tuition 4,679.00 (Jan/Feb); Lutheran Hour (MoM) 240.00; Benevolence Fund 50.00; Memorial Fund 20.00.

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

Narthex Greeters ..... Brian & Barb Vincent; Lorne & Pat Rosenau  
 Sanctuary Greeters ..... Eldon & Marian Ohlinger; Brian & Carol Kehler  
 Organist ..... Walt Evans  
 Lector ..... Nora Jarowicz  
 Coffee Team ..... Valentines Pot Blessing  
 Counters ..... Merv & Kareen Borgeson

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** FLC Preschool registration opens up to the community for our fall classes this coming week. Please pray that children and families who would be blessed by our program would register their child.

**Family Focus:**

**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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for their support after my dad's (Rick Bennetts) sudden heart attack. We appreciate your prayers, offers of help, and sharing good memories of him. We especially thank the choir, the kitchen team, the ushers, the musicians, and the church staff for a very encouraging funeral service. If you weren't able to be there, the sermon is available online at [vimeo.com/foothillslutheran](http://vimeo.com/foothillslutheran).

### This Week at Foothills

<b>Today:</b>	12:00 pm	Love Pot Blessing
<b>Monday:</b>		Family Day – Office Closed
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Byers
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30 am	Moms & Tots
	7:00 pm	LifeLight @ Duholke's
	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bode's
<b>Friday:</b>	7:00 pm	Youth
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>) “**Know-How**” (**Exodus 1-2**). Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus knows our failures and our fears; He knows how to lift us up and bring us through. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 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)”.

\$103.50 was donated towards the purchase of a local Lutheran Hour radio broadcast on CHRB 1140 during LHM Coffee Hour. We thank you for your donations and prayers for Lutheran Hour Ministries, our church's mission outreach for February.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today's lesson, “A King Forever,” looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, “The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.



**THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**, hosted by the youth, will be on **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

**SNOW SHOVELLING DIFFICULTIES?:** Contact Carol at the church office to arrange for help for seniors.

**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!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP HELP!** Foothills will be hosting a Sunday School Workshop **February 29<sup>th</sup>** 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!

### ***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.



**A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER:** *Please do not leave keys or valuables unattended* or in coat pockets. As the weather turns colder and people are wearing coats, there is a tendency to leave keys or other important items in coat pockets. Sadly, we have had people in the past come into the building during our worship, and go through coats, taking keys, money, cell phones, etc. This is not only true during worship, but also happened recently during our coffee time. We live in a fallen world, and, while we try to be vigilant, problems do arise. Let us pray that God would turn the hearts of the evildoers to His grace and truth in Christ. But, until that day, your caution is important – please be careful with your valuables!

**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](mailto: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](http://www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com).

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**MISSION PRAYERS:** **Rev. Olexsiy Navrotskyy** is Lutheran Church-Canada's missionary-at-large in Ukraine and serves the parish in Nikolaev, which consists of two congregations and two mission stations. In addition, Rev. Olexsiy provides pastoral care at a rehab clinic, teaches at the seminary in Odessa and oversees several mission projects and works of mercy in his region.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before you Rev. Olexsiy Navrotskyy in Nikolaev, Ukraine, asking you to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**



**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.

**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST:** As a part of the 2020 budget process, it was decided not to allocate any member offerings in the budget to the annual Stampede Breakfast. The cooking grills cost almost \$900.00, with pancakes, sausages and other supplies usually costing another \$600.00. We do have plans to offer this as a *Mission of the Month* and hope we would have the extra gifts necessary to fund the breakfast.



Do you have other suggestions as to how to continue this event? Or would you prefer to cancel this event this year? Please share your thoughts with either Anni Adams (403) 455-8945 or Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366.

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