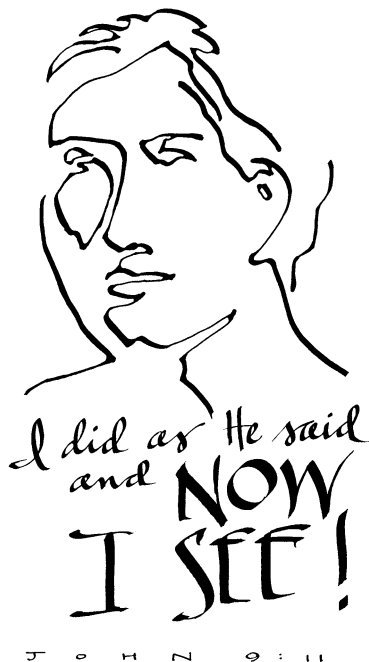


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Into the hands of others you have placed your healing power, O God: into the hands of doctors and nurses, pharmacists and chemists, paramedics and rescue engineers, lab techs and health care managers. Help us to remember that, O God that their power to heal comes from you. For you are the great healer. And you carry all of your children in your healing hands even when they are the hands of others. Bless those who heal even as you bless us with them. Amen.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 656; 719; 757; 917

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 42:14-21

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

SERMON: The God Who Was, Who Is, and Who Will Be There! – Psalm 121

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray that our preschool students and their families stay safe and well during this difficult and uncertain time.

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Education Hour
March 15	104/81	34

Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000
Offerings Received Last Week	\$5,065.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$81,886.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$89,903.85	-\$8,017.15

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Plate Offerings 70.00; Visitor Offering 197.00; Sunday School 10.10; Facility Rentals 600.00; Lenten Services 155.00; Fellowship 20.00; Organ Fund 50.00.



WE CONTINUE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY as we go in spirit to the cross with our Saviour, remembering the cost of our salvation and the love and grace of God. This year we are looking at ***People in His Passion***. We will hear Mary speak of her feelings as she saw the son she loved treated so cruelly. This service will be a live stream through our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes at the church have been suspended for the time being, but please encourage your children's ongoing learning at home. Our families have been sent a resource – The Enduring Faith One-Room Study Guide - that they can use week by week to maintain the habit of being in God's Word and encourage faith conversations in their family. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you didn't receive it and would like to make use of it. *In this week's lesson, Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (v. 37). We also ask, "Who is the Good Samaritan?" Jesus rescues us, dead in our sin, even when we were enemies of God.*

This Week at Foothills

With the present restrictions and concerns due to COVID-19, we are not holding any activities at the church. Small groups may meet privately, but please be sure that those involved are both aware of what is happening and comfortable with what is happening.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 29th) "**Labors of Love**" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save His people. (Exodus 10) Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 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**

OUR HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES: We have been given a very precious gift in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which our Lord gives us His very body and blood to sustain both body and soul. We need the gifts of His grace, even more so in times of fear, uncertainty, and struggle. We will begin to offer an opportunity for you to **register** for Holy Communion on Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 am and 9:30 am, and again at 11:30 am and 12:00 noon. **By invitation**, you will be asked to come in groups of 10 and will commune either in the sanctuary or in the Fireside Room, at the altar that is available downstairs. That will allow us to commune 20 people in each time slot. We will also offer this Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm.

We do realize that there are some who cannot come out at all but would be open to someone coming to them. ***If you are healthy but unable to attend, please let the office know.*** The pastors want to do everything they can to provide for your spiritual care in these days. We will get this information out through the website, but also ask that you always contact those who may not have computer access. For questions, please call the office.

A NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR OUR SUMMER VBS, “GOD’S PROMISES FOR ME”: We know that these are uncertain times, with restrictions happening as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Now more than ever, we look to God’s promises for comfort and peace. We are continuing our planning for VBS, because if we are able to hold this program we want to be prepared. Information and online registration is now available at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2020/>. We will keep you posted regarding our plans.



DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF SCHEDULING as a result of the COVID virus, we are cancelling our Seder supper. Anyone who has purchased tickets can bring them in for a refund. If gatherings are possible again, we will hold a regular Maundy Thursday service of Communion here at the church; if not, we will simply live-stream the service. We apologize for the inconvenience, and pray that we may, indeed, be together to celebrate the events of Holy Week.

CHANGE IN OUR OFFICE HOURS: Please be advised that the office will be open mornings from 9:00 am – noon. While there may be staff in the office outside these hours, we are responding as have many businesses, especially since there are many things that can be done off-site. If you are in doubt, and need to stop by the church, please call to check that someone is here.

PRESCHOOL CLOSURE: As a licensed preschool program in Alberta, Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool was mandated to close its doors to students as of March 16 for an indefinite period of time. Please pray for the continued health of our preschool students and their families

MISSION PRAYERS: Deaconess Marisela Osorio and her husband, ***Roberto José Zepeda Berrioz***, administrator of the Asociación Mision Cristiana. She serves as deaconess for the Martin Lutero, Chinandega. ***Prayer:*** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You Deaconess Marisela Osorio & her husband Roberto Jose Zepeda Berrioz in Martin Lutero, Chinanedaga, asking You to sustain them by Your Spirit and bless their labours for the sake of the Gospel

MISSION OF THE MONTH: STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

Our Stampede breakfast gives us an opportunity to reach out to the community and offer them an opportunity to worship with us. The decision was made to remove this as a budget item, yet we do want to give our members an opportunity to support this work. With your gifts, we can continue this tradition. May God bless our efforts, as we share together in this time of fellowship and outreach.

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.



Growing
FAITH
at home

22 March 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus is the light of
the world.

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when you were in a very dark place. How did you feel? What did you do?

2

Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). In what ways is he like a light in your life?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
M	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Samuel anoints David
T	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
W	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
T	1 John 2:3-11	Warning against spiritual blindness
F	Ephesians 5:8-14	Now you are light
S	Psalms 23	The Good Shepherd
S	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe. May we worship you today through all we do and say. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good.

Lent

VIOLET (or Purple) is the colour of royalty, repentance, and self-discipline and is the traditional colour for the season of Lent. This deep rich colour represents a time of penitence and prayer.

Creative Response

Select a candle to serve as your 'Christ candle', and gather an additional candle for each person in your household.

Begin your home devotional times this week by saying "Jesus, you are the light of the world." As you do, light the Christ Candle.

Then have household members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each one does, say together: "You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others."



mealt ime prayer

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.

verse for the week

While I am
in the world,
I am the
light of the
world.

JOHN 9:5

Service



Founded in 1908 by German Lutheran Pastor Ernest Christoffel, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) works to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. CBMI supports more than 1000 programs in over 100 countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. Almost 17 million people worldwide benefit from CBMI's support.

See www.cbm.org for more info. Make a donation to support the work of CBMI or plan a fundraiser to assist their work. Pray for people with disabilities such as blindness this week.