

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when you call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.
O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: As projected
FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 37:1-14
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:1-1
GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:1-45
SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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:

Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000 +/- YTD -\$14,080.22
Offerings Received Last Week	\$2,110.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$83,996.70	
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$98,076.92	



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/>

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.
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.

Today's Sunday School lesson is "A Lesson in Prayer", based on Luke 11:1-13. With Jesus' disciples, we, too, implore, "*Lord, teach us to pray*" (v. 1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers.

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: (April 5th) "**There's Still Time**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Zeigler. People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad or because they think they are very good. (Exodus 11-12) 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/len**

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 know that God's people need the gifts of His grace, even more so in times of fear, uncertainty, and struggle. We will offer an opportunity for you to **register** for Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12th 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 the following Wednesday at 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm.

We do realize that there are some who desire Communion, but cannot come out at all, for their well being and the well-being of others. They may hope someone can come 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.

MISSION PRAYERS: Pastor Brad Julien serves half-time at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kakabeka Falls, Ontario, and half-time at Street Reach Ministries in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Street Reach runs a variety of programs including a drop-in centre which allows both Pastor Julien and volunteers from the LCC churches to build relationships and with those on the street and provide for their spiritual and physical needs. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Brad Julien in Kakabeka Falls, Ontario and at Street Reach Ministries in Thunder Bay, Ontario, 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.**

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

29 March 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Jesus is the resurrection
and the life.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them? (Read John 11:23-25).

2

How do Jesus' words make you feel? Why?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus
M	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Valley of dry bones
T	2 Kings 4:18-37	Elisha raises a dead child
W	Acts 20:7-12	Paul raises a young man
T	Matthew 9:18-19,23-25	Jesus raises a dead girl
F	Romans 8:6-11	The realm of the Spirit
S	Psalm 130	A song of ascents
S	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem

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 you are the Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for the promise of life forever with you. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God live in you and fill you with new life.

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

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept (John 11:35).

In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, through this food you give us life for today, and through your son you give us life forever. Amen.

verse for the week

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

JOHN 11:25-26

Service



Make up a bouquet of flowers for someone who has recently lost a loved one. Deliver it yourself or ask your pastor to deliver it for you.

