

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Palm Sunday

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We praise You with palms, O Lord. We laud You with loud shouts. We lift up our hearts and sing, "Hosanna!" You will be our King forever and ever. For You are the King who saves. You are the King who dies for our sake. And You are the King who will live.

Triumphant King, come to us and care for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 442; 441; 560; 440
FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 50:4-9a
EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11
GOSPEL LESSON: John 12: 20-43
SERMON: *The Reason and the Response: Rejection or Rejoicing?* – John 12:20-43

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
Offerings Received Last Week	\$12,073.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$96,069.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$106,250.00	-\$10,180.30

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Visitor Offering 40.00; Lenten Offering 75.00; Memorial 40.00; Organ Fund 500.00; Accounts Receivable 12.91.

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.



TODAY BEGINS HOLY WEEK, that week in which we focus our hearts, our minds and our souls on all that our Saviour willingly and lovingly did for us and for our salvation. This is the high point of our church year, and yet we all know how different this observance and celebration is going to be this year.

Yet we will still hold our services. They will be streamed live, and then available on the website by Easter Monday. We hope you will still set aside and take the time to join us online for these services:

Maundy Thursday	April 9	6:30 pm
Good Friday	April 10	10:15 am
Easter Sunday	April 12	10:15 am

Perhaps more than ever in our lifetime, the message of forgiveness, life and salvation that is made known in the sacrificial death and the victorious resurrection of our Lord is so important for us. It is the only—the only—sure and certain thing we have in this world. May we hear that glorious good news this week. Share it with others by inviting them to join us online.



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 based on Matthew 27:11-66. The events of Christ's crucifixion unfold in a series of vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for sin. Christians know, though, that this is not the end of the story. Even while we remember the severe price paid for our sin, we look with hope to Jesus' resurrection, just as He promised!

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

With the restrictions due to COVID-19, we are not holding any activities at the church. We are looking into alternative ways of providing Bible Studies and meetings together.

The Schedule for our Holy Week services is listed above.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (April 12th) "**Whatever Gets Your Attention Gets You**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler "To believe is more than just acknowledging that Jesus is risen from the dead; it includes that, but there's more. It's about where you lay your fears, where you rest your concerns. It has to do with what gets your attention-with what gets you." (John 20) Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION PRAYERS: Rev. Cesar Augusto Galeano serves as a pastor in the Church Luterana Jesus Our Savior in Santa Patricia and in the Church Luterana Getsemani in the City of the Viejo. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Cesar, 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.**

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. With ongoing changes due to COVID-19 restrictions, we want to continue the most careful approach to this. We are now only going to do this with family groups, who already are in close contact with one another. Every group must be less than 10 people. We will have to reduce the time with each group, and therefore simplify what we do. We will have Confession and Absolution; the institution and distribution, and a closing prayer. We will offer 15 minute segments, from 9:00 am to 9:45 am on Sunday; from 11:30 am–12:30 pm that day as well. We will also be available, as requested, from 10:00 am—11:00 am Monday to Thursday of Easter week.

Those who feel the need and desire for the Sacrament must register with the pastors. You must not have any symptoms, or have been in a situation where you may have been exposed to the virus. Once you have registered, you will be invited *by invitation* to attend. Please do not simply come to the church, as you will not be admitted. Someone will meet you at the door to grant you entry. We will still try to double our efforts by having some in the sanctuary and some in the Fireside Room.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: OUR LCC SEMINARIES

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our 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 helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

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.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES WALK FOR LOVE: Our 22nd Annual Walk for Love will take place on May 2, 2020. However, due to the COVID19 pandemic, it will be a “virtual” walk. We ask that you continue to support us by walking 5 km and asking your family and friends to sponsor you. A pledge form is available by contacting the office. Because of this pandemic, our visitors are unable to go about their regular visitations, but our expenses to keep the office open remain. As soon as this health crisis is over, our visitors will once again volunteer their time and energy to minister to those in hospitals and care facilities. Our Walk is the only fundraiser and we need your support.



Growing
FAITH
at home

5 April 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Jesus is our humble,
gentle King.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Have you ever attended a parade? What do you remember?

2

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey? What does this say to you about him?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 21:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
M	Matthew 21:42-46	The stone the builders rejected
T	Matthew 26:6-13	Jesus anointed at Bethany
W	Matthew 26:14-16	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
T	Matthew 26:17-30	The Last Supper
F	Matthew 27:1,33-50	Jesus dies on the cross
S	Matthew 27:57-60	The burial of Jesus
S	Matthew 28:1-10	He has risen!

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our King, please come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus rule as King in your 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

Find a bare branch and place it in a pot. Each day of Holy Week, attach a different symbol to the branch and read the associated scripture passage.

Palm Sunday: Read Matthew 21:1-9. Place twigs and strips of cloth at the foot of the branch to symbolise the cloaks and branches spread on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Monday: Read Matthew 21:42-46. Place a stone at the foot of the branch to symbolise Jesus, the stone that was rejected.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 26:6-13. Hang a small bottle of perfume from the branch.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 26:14-16. Hang a bag of coins on the branch.

Maunder Thursday: Read Matthew 26:17-30. Place a small plate and cup at the foot of the cross as a reminder of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: Read Matthew 27:1, 33-50. Hammer small nails into the branch and attach a sign reading "This is Jesus, King of the Jews".

Saturday: Read Matthew 27:57-60. Place a black cloth over the branch.

Easter Sunday: Read Matthew 28:1-10. Remove the black cloth and decorate the branch with flowers, paper butterflies or paper streamers.

mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as we gather this week may we remember all that you have done for us, and all that you call us to do for others. Bless this food to strengthen us in your service. Amen.

verse for the week
Hosanna to the
son of David!
Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of the
Lord!
Hosanna
in the highest
heaven!

MATTHEW 21:9

Service



Complete an act
of service as a
household e.g.
contact an elderly
neighbour to offer
your help with
household cleaning
or gardening, or
prepare food to
donate to a food
pantry supporting
the needy.