

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: God the Father, forgive us for not always treating You and Your house the way that we should. May we come to this church ready to worship and praise You. May we come to meditate and pray, and may we come to respect and honor You and this place.

Builder of the Church, may we always feel at home in Your house.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: as projected

HYMNS: 981; 848; 865; 425

FIRST LESSON:..... Exodus 20:1-17

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22 (23-25)

SERMON: The Right Kind of Zeal - John 2:13-17

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

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 we will know how to respond.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Online	Wednesday/Communion/Online
February 28	49/57	28/12/20

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 CantorsMark Kihn; Ellen Wagner

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,395.00	\$456,800.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$54,744.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$79,061.54	-\$24,317.54

Miscellaneous Offerings: Lutheran Hour Ministries 1,020.00; Organ Fund 600.00; Initial Offering 50.00; Other Recoveries 150.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's Bible lesson, students study the amazing account of "An Enemy Converts". On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God. Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf. Discuss, "How does the conversion of Saul change the history of the world?"

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 7) "A Place to Belong" – Mark 11:1-26.

A house is not a person—but, could a Person be a house, a place to belong? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about finding that place, in Christ. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Mon	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Sun		Daylight Saving Time Begins
	10:15 am	Worship

- *Worship services are in-person and at [Facebook.com/foothillslutheran](https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran)*
- *Online registration is accessed at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>*
- *Bible studies and meetings are via Zoom*

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (“LAMP”) provides spiritual witness and nurture within remote northern Canadian communities, often accessible only by plane. Various programs bring the Gospel to these areas.

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Heng Kim Hai is pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor of the faith for Garuna Christian school.

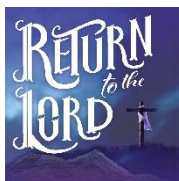
Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev.

Kim Hai, 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.**



AT LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES-SOUTHERN ALBERTA SOCIETY (LHM-SAS) our mission is to: "Bring Jesus' healing and promise of salvation to Lutherans who are in hospitals or care facilities, and their families." The Annual Meeting of Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta Society is on March 20, 2021. Copies of the official notice are on the Welcome Desk.

LIVESTREAM CONNECTION CARD: We live-stream our Sunday and Wednesday services at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran so you can join us online (no Facebook account required!), and the service video will also be posted at <https://vimeo.com/foothillslutheran> later in the week. If you join us virtually, whether live or later in the week, please fill out our Livestream Connection Card at <https://forms.gle/R235qLEQ7VbBRajE7>. You can also find this on our website: www.foothillslutheran.com. This record of fellowship helps us feel we are in touch with you, our members, even when we are apart. You can also use this card to leave a prayer request or request contact from the ministry staff.



RETURN TO THE LORD: A LENT BIBLE STUDY: All members and friends of Foothills Lutheran Church are invited to join in a six-week study on Mondays at 7pm during Lent. The study began **February 22 and will continue through March 29**. It is held on Zoom, and will also be recorded and available later through our website. For more information and to register,

visit www.foothillslutheran.com. “Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” (Joel 2:13)

WHAT WILL EASTER LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR? At the present point in time we don't know if we will be allowed to have more people gather in person than our present cap of 49. We hope that there may be a change before then, but only the Lord truly knows what the days before us will bring. As we look to the coming Holy Week we will be holding services on:



Palm Sunday (March 28)	10:15 am
Maundy Thursday (April 1)	6:30 pm
Good Friday (April 2)	10:15 am
Easter Sunday (April 4)	8:30 am and 10:15 am

We have added the second Easter service at 8:30 am. At present this service is also capped at 49. We will be watching the protocols available to us and acting on them. If we are able to have higher numbers, this service will be available if needed. May God grant us the opportunity to gather together to rejoice in the glorious good news that the resurrection brings.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURES: Earlier in February we discussed Stewardship of our time and talents and this week we continue to focus on Stewardship of our treasures. Stewardship of our treasures starts with recognizing that all our wealth is a gift from our Lord. When we are giving to the church to further God's work, we are giving back to the Lord what He has already blessed us with.



Offerings to the church are critical for our congregation and church at large to continue to operate and do God's work in the community and abroad. Our operating budget this year is approximately \$508,000.00. This is what is required to run our church, pay our church workers, and support mission work through our donations to Lutheran Church Canada, Lutheran Bible Translators in Cameroon, and Lutheran Hospital ministries. We are budgeting for offerings of \$425,000.00 this year (which is a 2% increase over last year) and other income of about \$32,000.00 that brings our total receipts to approximately \$457,000.00. This leaves us with a projected deficit of about \$51,500.00 which as a congregation we have chosen to fund out of our savings. We are comfortable doing that this year due to the financial impact of COVID-19 on many of our members. We do, however, need to increase our giving more substantially in the future if we want to balance our budget without pulling from our savings every year.

I ask each of you to prayerfully consider if you can increase your giving this year to help us, at a minimum, meet our offering goal and to get closer to balancing our budget so we don't have to pull as much money out of our savings. The amount we give is a personal decision that we should willingly and cheerfully

make out of thankfulness for all He has done for us,. In 2: Corinthians 9: 6-10 the Bible says: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

TIME AND TALENT FORMS: We ask that each member (all household members) fill out a time and talent form before March 14th so we can match our members gifts with the various ways to serve our Lord within our congregation and in the community. You will have received an email or letter with a copy of a “Time and Talents” form attached. Please fill out this form and either return to the church office, put in the offering plate, or email to Dale Dusterhoft at daledust@shaw.ca. You can also fill out the form on-line through the following link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYRS39N>. Thank you for your participation.

NEW RESOURCES: The Board of Christian Education has added three new booklets from Concordia Publishing House to the rack in the Narthex. They are:

- *A Biblical Response to Divorce*
- *A Biblical Response to Transgenderism*
- *A Biblical Response to Suicide*

These new booklets join *In the Image of God: Gender and Sexual Identity*, as well as several different resources from Creation Ministries International. If there's another topic you'd like to learn about, please let the Board know! You can reach them at education@foothillslutheran.com.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE RECENTLY? There are certain things that are always new—like the weekly worship that is posted online; the bulletin is available; the information for Bible studies is posted, including our Lenten study. Is there other information you would like to see here? Let us know through the office!

March 14

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME





Growing FAITH at home

7 March 2018

THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

Describe what it means to worship God.

2

Jesus became angry when he saw that the temple was being used as a marketplace. Why do you think he felt that way?

3

What stops you from worshipping God? What helps you?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 2:13-22	Jesus clears the temple
M	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
T	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
W	Matthew 22:34-40	The greatest commandment
T	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
F	Romans 13:8-10	Love for one another
S	Psalms 19	God as creator and giver of the law
S	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts please you. Amen.

BLESSING

May God make you wise, so that you believe in Jesus and are saved.

Lent is a time to worship
God from the heart.

Creative Response

Read Exodus 20:1-17.

The Ten Commandments tell us how God wants us to live and care for our neighbour. In your home devotional time this week, focus on the Ten Commandments, two at a time. Talk about what each one means, and pray for God's help to keep them. Try to memorise them.

MONDAY

I am the Lord your God: You shall have no other gods.
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God
in vain.

TUESDAY

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
Honour your father and your mother.

WEDNESDAY

You shall not kill.
You shall not commit adultery.

THURSDAY

You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

FRIDAY

You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
You shall not covet your neighbour's wife or his
manservant or his maidservant or his cattle or anything
that is your neighbour's.

mealttime prayer

For all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread
and loving care, we thank you, God. Amen.

verse for the week

You must love
the Lord your
God with all your
heart, all your
soul, and with all
your mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

Service



The temple was a
"sacred place" for God's
Old Testament people.
Talk together about
what are sacred places
or items for your
household, through which
you are reminded of
God's presence.

Design a sacred place
especially for Lent:
decorate an area in
your home with a cross,
candles and various
items, symbols or
pictures associated with
Lent (you may wish to
use lots of purple, the
church colour for Lent).