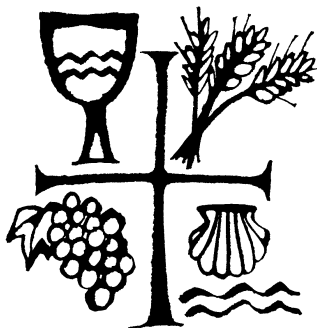


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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IT IS GOD HIMSELF
WHO MADE US
WHAT WE ARE
AND GIVEN US
NEW LIVES FROM
J-E-S-U-S C-H-R-I-S-T

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We look to You, O Lord, so that we might live. We view Your victory on the cross so that we might know Your love. We witness Your sacrifice for our sake, so that we may be a witness to others about Your salvation. Keep our eyes fixed on You.

Lord lifted up on the cross, we lift our heads to see Your face.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone); You are My King; Hope of the Nations; The Saving One; How Can I Keep From Singing Your Praise

FIRST LESSON:..... Numbers 21:4-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3: 14-21

SERMON: *It's That Simple* – John 3:16-17

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 WEDNESDAY 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:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/Online	Wednesday/Online
March 7	49/40/53	18/11

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Contemporary Musicians

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,975.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$62,519.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$87,846.15	-\$25,327.15

Miscellaneous Offerings: CLWR 60.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; LWML 70.00; LAMP 1,025.00; 157.00 Organ Fund

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "A Soldier Believes" is the focus of today's Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

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/Communion
Fri		Youth
Sun	10:15 am	Worship

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

RETURN TO THE LORD: A LENT BIBLE STUDY: We're nearing the end of the study, but the materials and the previous sessions are online. You can find them on our website: <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/blog/2021/02/03/2021-lent-bible-study/#more-7947>

HOLY COMMUNION is offered on Sundays and Wednesdays, but for those who are unable to attend a service in these days, we do offer private communion. Contact the pastors for more information.

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. Rocham Binh** is a missionary pastor serving the Jarai community in his village of Rotanakiri, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Binh, 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.**



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 14) “Widow's Mite” Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. (Mark 12: 13-34). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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.

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:

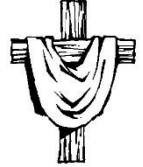
- *A Biblical Response to Divorce*
- *A Biblical Response to Transgenderism*
- *A Biblical Response to Suicide*

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.

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.



COCO BROOKS FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg, we will be selling Coco Brooks this spring!

Coco Brooks is most well-known for pizza, but they also have vegan and gluten-free options, as well as desserts, appetizers, sausages, hamburger patties, chicken wings, and more!

Please order here before April 21, and feel free to share the link with your family and friends! <https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/invite/verify?code=thir-cares>

Please note that most of the items come frozen/refrigerated and must be picked up from the church promptly on May 7 between 4 and 6:00 pm. There isn't enough space at the church to store a lot of orders, so please be sure make arrangements to pick up your order then. Thank you for your support of Foothills Lutheran Youth!

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



Hey! What happened to the “A” word?

There’s one word that we use often in the church that isn’t used during Lent. Usually, we will use it after invitatories, responsories, antiphons, and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed “Alleluia,” then you got it right. We stop singing and saying “Alleluia” during Lent, and we won’t use it again until Easter morning.

What does “Alleluia” mean and why do we stop using it during Lent?

“Alleluia” is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since we are focusing on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until the day of Jesus’ glorious resurrection. Then on Easter morning, the first words you will hear will be: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! **ALLELUIA!**”

FOR PARENTS

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where Alleluia has been omitted. Notice the writing in red in the front part of the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the “A” word.



Growing FAITH at home

14 March 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you felt really loved. What happened to make you feel that way?

2

The Bible tells us that God is love. How has God shown his love for the world?

3

In what ways do you experience and express God's love for you?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world
M	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
T	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
W	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
T	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanks to God, our Saviour
F	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved through faith in Christ
S	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
S	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for loving us and giving us your Son. Help us to place our faith in him.
Amen.

BLESSING

May you always know how much God loves you, and have life with him forever.

Lent is a time to reflect on
God's saving love.

Creative Response

To help you think about God's love this week, draw and cut out a large heart shape from a sheet of poster paper.

Attach a piece of ribbon or string so that the heart can be strung up on a wall of your home.

As you go through the week spend time answering this question: **"Today God showed me his love by ..."**.

Write all your household responses on the heart and watch as it fills up with signs of God's care for you!



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for all the blessings you give us, especially this meal before us. Amen.

verse for the week

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

JOHN 3:16-17

Service



Make this "SHMILY"
Week in your home.

SHMILY stands for "See-How-Much-I-Love-You".

Make 10 smiley-face paper "buttons" for each family member. Challenge each household member to give away their SHMILYs through performing ten acts of loving service to others in your household during the week e.g. giving a special hug or back rub, doing a chore without being asked, giving a special compliment.

