

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Draw us to You, O Lord. Gather us close to Your cross, and reveal Your glory to us there. Help us to see that in Your passion and death, You are bringing us back to the Father and binding us together as the family of God. May Your cross bring peace and unity to all.

Christ of the cross, we stand in awe of what You have done for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 435; 440; 430; 700

FIRST LESSON:.....Jerimiah 31:31-34

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON:Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

SERMON:

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:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Attendance/Online | Wednesday/Communion/Online |
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| March 14 | 42/52 | 21/17/8 |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Cantors Tim & Sarah Knudtson

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$8,784.62 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$7,030.00 | \$456,800.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$69,549.00 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$96,630.77 | -\$27,081.77 |

Miscellaneous Offerings: Visitors 50.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 40.00; LWML 50.00; LAMP 140.00; Organ Fund 20.00; Recoveries 671.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, students study “*A Returning Truth.*” Banished to the island of Patmos, John receives a revelation of the new heaven and new earth. In this climax to the Book of Revelation, John describes the indescribable—the Lamb of God in His glory with His people in their eternal home. As a family, you could discuss, “How does God reassure us concerning His return on the Last Day?”

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

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| Mon | 1:00 pm | LWML-C |
| | 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 | 10:15 am | Palm Sunday 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*

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING MONDAY: All ladies are welcome! We will meet at 1:00 by ZOOM. We begin with Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone her at (403) 851-2049.

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. Hector Enrique Morales is a missionary pastor serving at Resurrection Lutheran Church in the city of Sebaco, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Morales, 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 JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF EASTER may be different in these COVID days, but nothing can diminish the true joy that we have in the living hope through the living Lord. Our special services of Easter and Holy Week will be in person and online (see the registration link under "This week at Foothills"):

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| 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. All our services at present are capped at 49. We hope that there may be a change in the numbers this week. If we are able to have higher numbers, the first 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 21) "But He Is Strong" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. (Mark 14:10-72) Hear this inspirational message on CHR 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.



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!

March 12, 2021

Dear members in Christ,

Greetings in our Saviour's name.

You are receiving this letter because your congregation has benefited from the "Support My Congregation" online giving portal. It has been one year since Lutheran Church-Canada provided a means for members to give their tithes and offerings to their home congregation via online donations through LCC's website. Without a doubt, this opportunity to give has been well utilized. In total, over the past 12 months, just under \$480,000 has been donated through this option, benefiting 120 congregations. Praise be to God!

During this time, LCC has covered the transaction costs of each donation totaling approximately \$14,000. This means that every dollar donated went directly to a congregation. Commencing at the beginning of April, LCC will start retaining a 3% transaction fee off each donation to cover this cost going forward. Members will continue to receive a charitable receipt for the full value of their donation while the congregation will receive proceeds net of the transaction fee (i.e, \$100 donation less \$3 fee = \$ 97 net to the congregation).

We anticipate that as more congregations resume normal public worship services, the amount of donations through the online portal may diminish. However, due to its usefulness, especially to those congregations that may not have other online giving options, it will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Please share this with your members and let them know that they can continue to use the LCC online portal if they choose.

If you have any questions about online giving or how your congregation has benefited, please contact Cheryl Maron at the LCC office at 1-800-588-4226 x226.

In Christ,



Dwayne Cleave, Administrator
Lutheran Church-Canada

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Why do we have a week called “Holy Week”?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word “holy” means that it is from God. That’s why we call the Bible “holy.” It isn’t just any book. It is God’s living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is “God’s Week.” This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God’s Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: “How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?”





Growing FAITH at home

21 March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

Recall a sacrifice you have made for someone else. Is there something that another person has sacrificed for you?

2

Before Jesus' death, his heart was "troubled" (John 12:27). Could Jesus have chosen not to die? Why or why not?

3

How is your life different because of the death of Jesus?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

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| S | John 12:20-33 | The grain of wheat that dies |
| M | Jeremiah 31:31-34 | A new covenant from God |
| T | Hebrews 5:5-10 | Jesus as high priest |
| W | John 20:24-29 | Thomas sees and believes |
| T | 1 Kings 19:11-18 | Elijah meets God |
| F | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 | Christ died for all |
| S | Psalms 51:1-12 | A prayer for cleansing |
| S | Mark 15:1-39 | The passion of Jesus |

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus our Saviour, please draw us close to you. Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus draw you to himself. May his death cover your sins, and his resurrection fill you with new life.

Lent is a time to reflect on
Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Creative Response

Read Psalm 51.

Consider dividing up the reading as follows:

Reader 1: verses 1-2;

Reader 2: verses 3-5;

Reader 3: verses 6-9;

Reader 4: verses 10-12.

At the end of each section, invite all household
members to respond together with these words:

"God, create a pure heart in me."



mealt ime prayer

You feed the hungry with grains of wheat. Thank
you, Lord, for this food to eat. Amen.

verse for the week

"I tell you for certain
that a grain of
wheat that falls
on the ground will
never be more than
one grain unless it
dies. But if it dies,
it will produce lots of
wheat."

JOHN 12:24

Service



Plant and water
flower seeds in pots
with potting soil.

Plan to give the flower pots
away as Easter gifts to
friends or neighbours as a
sign of the new life that has
come through the death and
resurrection of Jesus.

Write on the pot "John 12:24"
and decorate it with Easter
symbols.



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Lent 2024

