

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany *February 20, 2022*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: You gave us instructions, O Lord, on how to treat one another. Help us, O Lord, to obey these teachings by being humble and helpful, loving and patient, forgiving and kind. May others see in our actions the wonderful ways in which You have treated us.

O Caring Christ, may we always follow Your example.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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HYMNS: 834; 766 (1,7-9); 561; 656; 663; 771

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 45:3-15

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26; 30-42

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 6:27-38

SERMON: *Taught to Pray: Keep Us from the Evil One* – Matthew 6:13

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY as 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Ushers..... Brian Vincent; John Voss



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Tom and Karen Leppard and family at the passing of Karen’s father, Mervin Halvorson. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort. Merv’s Christian funeral will be held at Foothills Lutheran Church on February 23rd at 1:00 pm. There is a capacity limit of 50, and the service will be streamed.

Contact the church office if you would like the link to the stream.

We extend the same comfort to Bruce and Miriam Winstanley and family at the passing of Deaconess Miriam’s aunt, Hilda Schmidt. We pray that God’s comfort be with all who mourn.

THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this month are from the Heumann families and are in remembrance of Rick Bennetts (Michelle's dad) and Iain Graham (Christine's dad).

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		Family Day – Office Closed
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Mervin Halvorson Funeral
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	11:45 am	Technology Boundaries

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion
February 13	110	20/15

* Attendance numbers include online participants

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$9,790.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$55,367.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$58,019.23	-\$2,652.23

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 2.00; Visitor 55.00; LWML-C 195.00; Organ Fund 10,000.00; Expense Recoveries 25.00

FELLOWSHIP AT FOOTHILLS SURVEY: As we look towards relaxed restrictions in the coming days, we would appreciate EVERY member filling out a survey on their comfort levels with upcoming events. This will help us get a general reading on what activities we should plan for the majority of the church family's comfort. The survey is available digitally as well as in paper form. If you have not received an email with the survey, please contact Sarah (knudson.sarah@gmail.com) or fill out a paper one at the church and place it in Miriam's office mailbox. **The last day to submit surveys will be February 27.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Like Riding a Bike" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Law and Gospel are the two reins of Jesus' teaching that express His care for who we are now and His conviction about the people we will become. (Luke 6: 20-49). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 125 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

WINTER QUEST AT THE SEMINARY: Join Assistant Professor of Exegetical Theology. Dr. Alexandre Vieira for Winter Quest the four Tuesdays of February, 7-9 p.m. MST. The focus will be on a Biblical theology uncovering aspects of God's desire that we are involved in sharing the Gospel with the world! **No pre-registration necessary.** Access Quest by the following links:

Week 2 part 1: <https://youtu.be/2ThobfZnW5Y>

Week 2 part 2: <https://youtu.be/dl6831fSZww>



LENTEN DEVOTIONS in regular and large print are available on the Welcome Desk. In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

LENT: A TIME FOR RENEWAL will be the focus of our special Lenten midweek services, beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Services begin at 6:30 pm. We will have a calendar listing all of our Lenten and Easter observances available next week.



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TALENTS: We have each been given gifts and God has asked us to use our gifts in service to Him. In 1 Peter 4:10-11 it says:

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

During the month of February, we are focusing on Stewardship. This week we are focusing on using our talents and gifts to further God’s work in our church and within the community. We each have talents and we should be using them to glorify God out of thankfulness for all he has done for us. Your talents can be used in various ways. Some of us may have talents that can be used within our church. Our church is primarily run by volunteers and we have a significant shortage of volunteers in most areas of the church. We have Pastors and Church workers who shepherd us and provide for our spiritual needs; however, many volunteers are required to do the work within our congregation and to further our outreach programs in the community. If you have talents that can be used within our church, then we ask you to volunteer for a role in our congregation that make use of these talents. Some of you may have talents that can be used for outreach to our community, either through our congregation’s outreach programs or through other Christian outreach initiatives. There are numerous volunteer opportunities that will allow you to use your talents in service to others outside of our congregation.

To help us make the best use of the talents of our members, we ask that each member of our congregation fill out a time and talents survey to determine what your gifts are, and how you can best use these gifts in service to our Lord. We will use the information from these surveys to match the gifts of our members with the needs of the congregation and to find volunteers for our Christian community initiatives. Our congregation cannot survive without engaged active members who are willing to use their gifts as volunteers. We thank all of you who are currently working or have worked in the past on a committee, board or initiative of our congregation. We also encourage those of you who are not currently volunteering to get involved.

Every member of a household should fill out a time and talents worksheet. They are in your mailbox, emailed to those who are in contact with the church through email, and also available through an online survey service. If none of these work for you, please contact the church office if you require a form and we can make one available for you.

OUR LENTEN LEADERS' BIBLE STUDY: We are once again encouraging our leaders and all who are interested to join us for a special time of spiritual encouragement in the Word of the Lord. This year we will focus on **Prayer: We Speak to God**, building on our recent look at the Lord's Prayer in worship. We will offer this in person, beginning Monday, March 7th, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. We will also offer an online presentation of the study at the same time. The pastors will rotate back and forth between one week online and one week in person. To register for the online study, please speak to the pastors, or use our registration site: <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: Colossians 1:15

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

OUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

As we prepare to come to the Lord's table, it is good to examine ourselves. These questions are to help you prepare your heart.

By celebrating Holy Communion, I give witness that:

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord.
- I have examined my life in the light of God's Word and have confessed my sinfulness to God.
- I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.
- I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins.
- I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life.
- I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways.

A Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Growing FAITH at home

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Do to others as you would like
them to do to you

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Talk about a time someone showed kindness and forgiveness toward you.

2

Tell about a time you showed kindness and forgiveness toward someone.

3

What makes it easy or difficult to show forgiveness to someone else?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 6:27-38	The golden rule
M	Gen 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
T	1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50	The resurrection body
W	Genesis 43: 16-34	Joseph is kind to his brothers
T	Romans 8: 1-11	Life in the Spirit
F	1 John 2: 7-17	A new commandment
S	Psalm 37:1-11,39-40	Trust in the Lord and do good
S	Luke 9: 28-43	Jesus is transfigured



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

God of mercy, let us follow the way of Jesus and do to others as we would want others to do to us. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord rescue you from all your enemies and be your hiding place in time of trouble.

Sundays After Epiphany

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Make a coupon book for someone in your family or for your household.

Have coupons for the day to day jobs that no one really likes to do. For example –

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE FREE VACUUM OF THE HOUSE.

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE DAY OF DISHES TO BE DONE BY ME.

Then think of some other ideas for coupons of things you could do for someone else in your family or for a friend or neighbour. For example –

THIS COUPON IS FOR A FREE WEEDING OF YOUR GARDEN.

THIS COUPON IS FOR ONE FREE CAR WASH.



mealtime prayer

May this food give us strength and fill our physical bodies. May your spirit fill our hearts so we can be forgiving to others. Amen.

verse for the week

Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

LUKE 6: 28

Service



Sometimes it is difficult to love everyone. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for them. Think of someone who it is hard for you to like. Take time to pray for that person and to ask Jesus to help you love that person.



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