

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

HOW OFTEN I
HAVE WANTED
TO GATHER
YOUR
CHILDREN
TOGETHER



L U K E 1 3 : 3 4

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Again and again, O Lord, we have been unwilling to let You into our lives. Forgive us. Come to us now with Your protection and Your care. Watch over us and keep us ever close to You.

O Lord who longs to love us, gather us together under Your wings.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

Note: We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and the Alleluias during Lent

HYMNS: Lord I Need You; Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me; Holy Is The Lord; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross; Jesus Messiah

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 26: 8-15

EPISTLE LESSON:Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 13:31-35

SERMON:

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 WEDNESDAY 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:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
Ushers..... Brian Vincent; John Voss
Acolyte.....Faith Dueck

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "A Whirlwind Ascent," Elijah takes Elisha along as they travel from place to place. Along the way, they meet the sons of the prophets, who warn Elisha of Elijah's impending departure. Upon reaching the Jordan, Elijah parts the river with his cloak, allowing them to cross over. There, Elisha asks to receive a double measure of Elijah's spirit. Chariots and horses of fire appear, and God takes Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind. Gathering his master's cloak, Elisha continues the elder prophet's work.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders' Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship / Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship / Communion

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Midweek Worship
March 6	103/58	23

* 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	\$8,620.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$74,632.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$82,884.62	-\$8,252.62

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 35.00; Parking Revenue 200.00; CLWR 100.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 100.00; LWML 25.00; Organ Fund 77.50; NYG 60.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "No Room for Demons" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?" (Luke 11:14-28) 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 CHURCH-CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The 12th LCC NYG will be July 15-19, 2022, in Winnipeg, and the theme is "IN NOT OF," based on Philippians 3:20. The NYG's mission statement is: "Providing opportunities for Lutheran youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ," which is accomplished by providing opportunities for youth, leaders, and volunteers to join in corporate worship, study God's Word, be equipped through large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through servant events, and engage in fellowship and fun. For more info about the NYG, visit www.lccnyg.ca.

The Foothills youth group is well provided for; the \$495 registration fee and travel costs have been taken care of through fundraising and donations for all our youth. However, the registration fee has been \$495 since 2007, even though it actually costs closer to \$700 per person, and that difference is subsidized by donations to the NYG budget, which is managed through Synod office. This funding helps all the youth groups in the Synod be able to attend.

You can donate by marking your offering envelope for "the Synod NYG fund".

To donate directly to Synod office with a credit card, go to <https://lccnyg.ca/support-the-nyg/> and click on "Donate via the Lutheran Church-Canada website," or mail a cheque to Lutheran Church-Canada with "NYG donation" on the memo line.

If you have questions about the NYG, Michelle Heumann and Pastor Eric are on the planning committee!



LENT: A TIME FOR RENEWAL is the focus of our special Lenten midweek services. This week we look at *Lent: A Time for Renewal of Obedience*. Services begin at 6:30 pm. A calendar listing all of our Lenten and Easter observances is available on the Welcome Desk.

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 offer this in person, Mondays 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>

THE FLOWERS that grace the Lord's altar today are given to the glory of God by Ingrid Kubke in loving memory of Edwin Kubke.



AN UPDATE ON OUR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the fellowship survey. The clear majority of congregants favor opening up again for coffee and treats with safety precautions, working towards getting back to normal again. *Starting on non-Communion Sundays (March 13 & 27 this month)*, we will be serving coffee and prepackaged treats to those who would like to fellowship after church. Coffee time may look a little different for a while as we strive to keep our members safe. Coffee will be poured for you and individual creamers and sugar packets will be available. Please note that there is no pressure to attend, but to only come if you are comfortable and are feeling well. We pray that God will bless us through mutual encouragement during our times of fellowship!

As a side note, if you are interested in helping with coffee in the future, please contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers!



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

This year's program, "Jesus, Our Lifeguard" will run **July 4-8** in person, God willing! Through the week we will be looking at water rescues in the Bible, and the rescue from sin, death and the devil that we have through Jesus. Watch for registration availability mid to late March. We are also

looking for volunteer teachers, helpers, and games and craft leaders. If you are interested and available, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.

SPRING CLEANING ANYONE? Dress For Success is now accepting donations for spring and summer. As always, they accept suits, dresses, blazers, skirts, pants (all sizes, but especially sizes 0-2 and 14 and up), career-appropriate shoes (especially sizes 9 and above), seasonal boots, new undergarments & hosiery, handbags & totes, jewellery, belts, and scarves. They also accept winter coats and boots, unopened cosmetics and toiletries with an expiration date of at least six months in the future and packaged and unopened fragrances. Please remember that they do NOT accept sweatshirts, sweatpants, running shoes, bathrobes and sleepwear.

The Mustard Seed will accept clothing, winter and spring coats, boots, shoes, warm sweaters and all other clothing items as you do your spring cleaning. All donations may be placed in the buckets by the washrooms. I thank you for your donations to both of these programs as we reach out to those in need. ~ Christine Heumann

FLC PHONE DIRECTORY: A new phone directory is now available for you to pick up from the Welcome Desk. While we make every effort to be accurate, we do ask that you would let Carol know of any errors or omissions. Email her at office@foothillslutheran.com.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING as part of our Contemporary Music teams, please contact Pastor Eric. No experience necessary!

MISSION PRAYER: **Rev. Rocham Binh** is a missionary pastor serving the Jarai community in his village of Rotanakir, 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.**



EASTER IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE OTHERS to come and see the wonders of God's love and grace. Invite a friend to join you, as we remember all that our Saviour has done for us and thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Invite them to breakfast, too! Our special services of Easter and Holy Week:

- April 14th Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:30 pm
- April 15th Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- April 17th Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at 7:30 am
Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion 10:15 am.

Let us remember all that our Saviour has done for us, and to thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ, and share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: We have 4 new PHILIPS Lifeline pamphlets on the Information Table next to Care Notes. They are: PHILIPS Lifeline: Canada's #1 Medical Alert Services; Avoiding Falls: Tips to break the vicious cycle of falls; How To Avoid Falls, and Be Prepared; How to get up from a fall. Lifeline is a service for people of all ages who live alone or at risk.

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 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.



Growing
FAITH
at home

13th March 2022
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
God holds us close

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Jesus longed to gather the people of Jerusalem to himself like a mother hen gathers her chicks. What does this tell us about him?

2

Have you ever felt Jesus "gather" you close to him? When and how?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus' sorrow over Jerusalem
M	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	The Lord's covenant promise
T	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Pressing toward the goal
W	Jeremiah 31:1-14	The Lord will rebuild Israel
T	Romans 11:25-32	All Israel will be saved
F	Revelation 21:1-14,22-27	The new Jerusalem
S	Psalms 27	The Lord will protect me
S	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, please help us to look beyond earthly things today. Help us to focus on the bigger and greater things you have in mind. Amen.



BLESS

May God gather you into his loving arms.

Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. **PURPLE** is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

Creative Response

Find a place where you feel close to God (e.g. in the garden, in your room, by the beach.) Spend some time with him there.

Set up a table in your house to reflect on each of these four symbols.

Crucifix: Do you have a crucifix in your home? If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child's drawing of Jesus' death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

Bowl of Water: A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be an ongoing reminder of baptism in our lives. Use the bowl to mark one another with the sign of the cross during Lent.

Bowl of Sand: A bowl of sand can remind us of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert, and our own call to resist temptation in following Christ.

Bible: Lent is a time to renew our focus on God's Word. The prominent placement of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Use the Bible to read one or more verses for your household each day.

mealtime prayer

All things below, all things above, are gifts of your amazing love. Thank you God. Amen.

verse for the week

In times of trouble,
you will protect me.
You will hide me in
your tent and keep
me safe on top of a
mighty rock.

PSALM 27:5

Service



Choose some of the Bible verses from this week that show us how much God loves us and protects us. Make some bookmarks or write these verses on a card and display them in your home. Make some extra cards or bookmarks and give them away to other people letting them know how much God wants to be close to them, love them and protect them also.