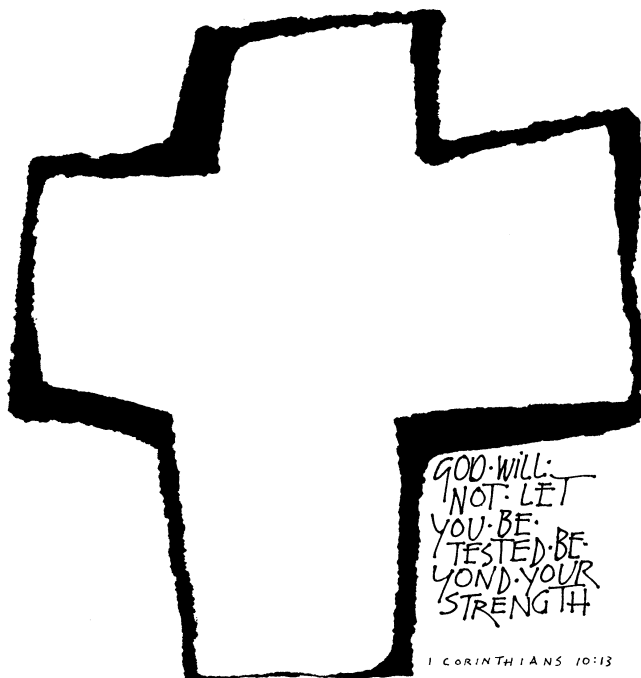


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 20, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for never deserting us or letting us be cut down and destroyed. May we respond by obeying Your commands, following Your will, and growing and developing as Your disciples.

*Nurturing Lord, may we live fruitful lives for You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service Setting 1, p. 151

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

**HYMNS:** ..... 761; 421; 427; 824; 637; 622

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Ezekiel 33:7-20

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 13:1-9

**SERMON:** (Not) *What We Were Hoping For – Luke 13:1-9*

**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..... Robert Kubke; Heather Sommers  
Acolyte..... Faith Dueck

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In today’s lesson, “Healing Waters,” Syrian commander Naaman travels to see the prophet Elisha, hoping to find a cure for his leprosy. Taking along letters of introduction from the king of Syria, silver and gold, and new clothing, Naaman travels first to the king of Israel. Fearing reprisal from the Syrians, the king sends Naaman away. Naaman is directed to Elisha’s house, where a messenger tells him to go wash in the Jordan seven times. Despite his initial resistance, Naaman washes, and his flesh is transformed like that of a little child.

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders' Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Circuit Winkel
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Coffee Fellowship

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Midweek Worship/Communion</b>
March 13	108	27/16

*\* 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	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,861.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$85,493.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$91,173.08</b>	<b>-\$5,680.08</b>

***Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Plate 160.00; FLSR 500.00; Organ Fund 68.00; NYG 75.00.

***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Kolby and Jolene Chan and family at the death of Kolby's brother, Tony. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

## **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](http://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!

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Everything I Have Is Yours"*** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good. (Luke 15:1-32). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

***LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES WALK/RUN FOR LOVE:*** The walk this year is on April 30, 2022 starting at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 8:30 am. We will walk in any and all weather (because we can) so please dress accordingly. This is exciting because we can meet in fellowship, the cause is worthy, and God is great! (This of course assumes AHS doesn't impose any new restrictions between now and the walk.)

Pledge forms are available on the Welcome Desk and/or online at [www.lhmsa.ca](http://www.lhmsa.ca). Consider lending your efforts to Lutheran Hospital Ministries and help us raise \$15,000 for the society so we can visit folks in need and help them with spiritual, emotional and physical healing.



**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 True Religion*. 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.



**AN UPDATE ON OUR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** We are once again having coffee and treats with safety precautions, working towards getting back to normal again. *On non-Communion Sundays (March 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!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** 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. Registration with forms available on the Welcome Desk or online at [www.foothillslutheran.com/christianeducation/vbs](http://www.foothillslutheran.com/christianeducation/vbs). 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.

**"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT:** Join the youth on **Friday, April 8**, for our annual family board game night! The whole Foothills family is invited to play board games from 7-10 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and come prepared to try some new games! Please RVSP to Pastor Eric by the 4<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.

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



**MISSION PRAYER:** Rev. Máximo Román Urroz is a missionary pastor serving the community of Pita Ginotepe, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Urroz, 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.**

**PRAYER VIGIL:** We are invited to come to our Heavenly Father in prayer for ourselves, for our community, and for the world. What a privilege He gives us, that, in Jesus' Name we can come to Him as dear children come to their dear father. Join with your brothers and sisters in prayer Good Friday through Easter Sunday morning. We are organizing a prayer vigil and invite you to participate by signing up for ½ hour slots. We will be sending out information on how to sign up online, and there will be a sign-up sheet posted on Deaconess Miriam's door.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:30 pm
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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: Romans 8:38–39**

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SHARE

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

1

When do you find it hard to be patient?

2

Read Jesus' parable about the fig tree (Luke 13:6-8). How is God patient with us?

3

The gardener in the parable asked for another year to help the tree bear fruit. In what ways do you think God might like to see you grow or change in the next year of your life?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
<b>M</b>	Isaiah 55: 1-9	Invitation to the Lord's salvation
<b>T</b>	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Lessons from Israel's idolatry
<b>W</b>	Ezekiel 18:25b-32	Repent and live!
<b>T</b>	Hosea 14:1-7	Return to the Lord
<b>F</b>	Luke 3:1-9	The fruit of repentance
<b>S</b>	Psalm 34:11-22	Turn from evil and do good
<b>S</b>	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, we turn to you. Please show us mercy. Amen.



BLESS

God is merciful and forgives your sins.

## 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

The theme of repentance runs through the Bible readings for this week.

God gives us the Ten Commandments to show us his will for us, and to lead us to examine our thoughts, words and actions. In your home devotion times this week, listen together to the Ten Commandments and talk about what they mean.

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honour your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse, or their manservant, or their maidservant, or their cattle or anything that is your neighbour's

## mealt ime prayer

Mealt ime is here, o what a spread! Thanks be to God, who gives us bread. Amen.

## verse for the week

Turn to the Lord! He can still be found.  
Call out to God! He is near.  
Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts.  
Return to the Lord our God.  
He will be merciful and forgive your sins.

ISAIAH 55:6-7

## Service



Make crosses from bars of soap as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice to cleanse us from our sins. Draw a cross shape on each bar of soap, then carefully carve away the excess soap using a table knife. Place soap crosses in your bathroom. You could also place soap crosses in small gift bags to give away to friends and relatives.

