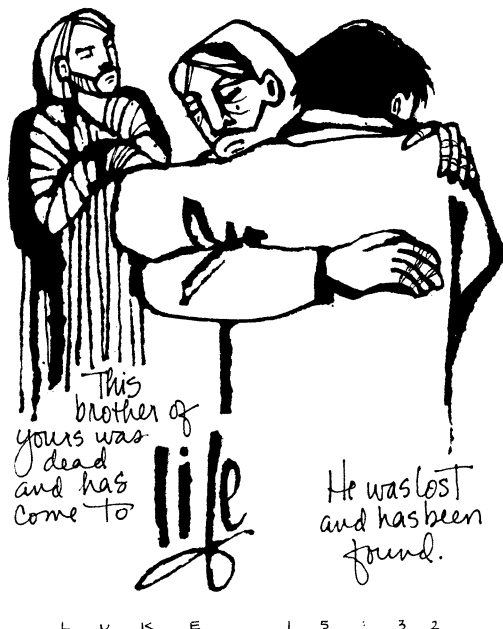


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: So many times, O Lord, we, like the Prodigal Son, have been "far off." Thank you for always welcoming us back into Your arms when we stray. Forgive us for ever thinking that we could make it in the world on our own. And lead us in the way You want us to go.

O Guiding God, stay close beside us forever.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

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

HYMNS: 686; Forever; 609; One Thing Remains

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 12:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers.....Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene
Acolyte.....Eva Kraft

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “Unwilling Prophet” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jonah, a reluctant prophet, tries to flee God’s calling to declare His message to Nineveh. Attempting to escape by boat, Jonah finds himself cast into the sea, swallowed by a great fish, praying for deliverance, and spit up on the beach three days later. The people of Nineveh receive and respond to the message Jonah delivers, repenting of their sins before God. Angered at God’s mercy, Jonah heads out of the city to sulk. There, God reminds Jonah who is in control.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Midweek Worship
March 20	120/66	22

** 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	\$8,381.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$93,874.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$99,461.54	-\$5,587.54

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 1,650.00; Facility Rentals 680.00; Ukrainian Aid 350.00; NYG 85.00; Organ Fund 200.00; VBS 100.00; Initial Offering 20.00.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Nora Jarowicz and family at the death of their cousin, Ilona. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

**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!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "What Shall We Do?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Why Easter is a story of redemption and not revenge. (Luke 20:9-19, Acts 2:22-36). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

"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 4th so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.

TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY: Thank you to all who completed the Time and Talents Survey. We are keeping the survey open for a couple more weeks for those who have not yet submitted their forms. You can find the survey on the Welcome Desk or from our website online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3832CF3>.

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING: Monday 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Pastor Bode will lead us in Bible Study and then we will have our business meeting. *This is a hybrid meeting with your choice of online or in person participation.* If you plan to attend, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone her at (403) 851-2049. This helps us prepare. A zoom link invitation will be sent to you for online participation. For those who would like to attend in person, tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to allow for social distancing. Masks are optional. Bring your own beverage and snack. ***All ladies are welcome!***

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP following the service this morning. 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. 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.

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



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Cristina Xiomara López currently serves as a with her husband Pastor Hector Morales at the Luterna Church The Resurrection in the city of Sebaço. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess López by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. **C: Amen**



EASTER PRAYER VIGIL: As we have in the past, we are asking you to join us in a prayer vigil, beginning at noon on Good Friday, and continuing until 7:00 am on Easter morning. Join with your brothers and sisters in praying for one another, for our Church, for our community, and for the world. Our heavenly Father promises to hear and answer us as we pray in Jesus' name. You can sign up for the prayer vigil at <http://bit.do/Prayer-Vigil-2022>, by contacting the church, or by signing your name to the list on Deaconess Miriam's door. We will send you a resource to help guide your prayer time.

DONATIONS OF STOCKS: Did you know that you can donate stocks to the congregation? Stock donations can provide tax advantages to the donor. If you have interest in learning more about stock donations or in making a donation of stocks, please contact Dale Dusterhott, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship or Robert Heumann, Treasurer.



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. 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.

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 Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.



Growing FAITH at home

27th March 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Lost and found

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?

2

Jesus told a parable about a prodigal son. How do you think the son felt when his father welcomed him back?

3

In what ways is God like the forgiving father?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
M	Joshua 5: 9-12	Roll away the shame of slavery
T	2 Cor 5: 16-21	We are God's ambassadors
W	Genesis 45:25 - 46:30	Jacob sees his son Joseph again
T	Luke 15:1-7	The parable of the lost sheep
F	Romans 5:6-11	Reconciled to God
S	Psalm 32	I confess all my sins
S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Heavenly Father,
thank you for
loving us and
forgiving us. We
rejoice because
of you. Amen.



BLESS

(Name)
celebrate your
new life in
Jesus.

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

As part of your home devotion times this week, read the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* (or the *Forgiving Father*) from a Bible or Bible storybook (if you have younger children you may wish to act it out using finger puppets and simple props).

Discuss the feelings and responses of each of the main characters (younger son, father, older son) in the parable.

Ask:

"What is Jesus trying to say to us through this character?"

mealttime prayer

Father in heaven, you give us so much that we don't deserve. Please give us one more thing: thankful hearts! Amen.

verse for the week

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

LUKE 16: 24

Service



When the younger son returned home his father held a feast to welcome him back.

Do you have a tradition of offering hospitality to others in your home? Is it something you can think about trying?

Has your street ever done a street party and shared a meal?

Is it something you could try?

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