

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



I am  
about to  
do a new  
thing. now  
it springs  
forth

ISAIAH 43:19

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*April 3, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** As people plot to kill You, Lord, and danger is all around You, may we take the time to honour You for who You are—the Son of God. And may we glorify You for what You are about to do—become our sacrifice for sin.

*Saving Son of God, we honour and glorify You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....Service of Prayer and Preaching p. 260

..... Service of Holy Communion

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

**HYMNS:** .....533; 426; 430; 420; 627; 526

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 43:16-21

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14

**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Luke 20:9-20

**SERMON:** *A Better Focus* - Isaiah 43:16-21

**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:**

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner  
Acolyte ..... Natalia Bishop

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The account of Isaiah serves as today’s lesson, “Promising Prophet.” In an amazing vision of the Lord in glory upon His throne in heaven, God asks Isaiah, “Whom shall I send?” Isaiah responds, “Here I am! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8). Isaiah’s prophecies extend beyond the destruction and captivity of Judah to the extensive details concerning the coming of the Messiah and His sacrifice for the salvation of His people.

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>		NYG Registration Deadline
	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders' Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	"Family" Board Games Night
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Midweek Worship/Communion</b>
March 27	113	14/10

\* Attendance numbers include online participants

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*Family Focus:*

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,755.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$97,629.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$107,750.00</b>	<b>-\$10,121.00</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 10.00; Visitor 205.00; Lutheran Hour 25.00; Ukrainian Aid 100.00; NYG 120.00; Organ Fund 75.00; Board of Education Recoveries 20.00.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH: OUR LCC SEMINARIES**

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of seminaries. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "This Is the Feast"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church. (Luke 22:27) 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)

**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>.

**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.



**IT'S TIME TO START THE NOMINATION PROCESS!** Once again, we are looking to you, the gifts that God gives His church, as we prepare for our elections meeting. We will have a nomination ballot available for you to nominate people for the various offices of our church. God has blessed us with differing gifts and abilities, so that we can come together to accomplish great things with His grace and strength. If you are asked to serve, we hope and pray that you will see this as a privilege and a blessing, as we serve the Lord together in joy.



**"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.

**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 Dusterhoft, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship or Robert Heumann, Treasurer.



**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.

**PASTOR BODE WILL BEGIN AN ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** on the Sunday after Easter, April 24. We are planning to hold this class during our Sunday morning bible study time (9:00 am), knowing that this is an excellent opportunity for everyone to review and grow in the truths of Scripture that we believe, teach and confess. This class is especially designed for inquirers and others who would like to be communicant members of this church. Our class is called, "Life With God". Let Pastor Bode know if you are interested, or if you know of someone who would benefit from this time of sharing and growth.



**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 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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Happiness comes when we stop wailing about the troubles we have and offer thanks for the troubles we don't have.

## ***HYMN STORIES: My Song Is Love Unknown***

The ladies of the LWML looked at this hymn in their bible study at the LWML meeting. It is a favourite of many, and it is our hymn of the day today.

The haunting melody was written by John Ireland (1879-1962). It takes us in spirit to the solemn events of Good Friday. Ireland wrote it to set to music the poem by Anglican clergyman Samuel Crossman (1625-84). Crossman has a sequence of poems that look at the death of Christ, the Christian life, the last judgement, the resurrection of the body, and heaven. This poem has a very personal tone, showing a close relationship with Christ, who is called “my friend”.

To sing this hymn during Lent is to recover an evangelical version of an ancient liturgical tradition of the Reproaches in the Catholic liturgy for Good Friday, in which Jesus addresses His crucifiers. That liturgy, which depicts Jesus contrasting His kindness to the Jews with their ill treatment of Him, is designed to make worshippers feel guilty at their complicity in Christ’s death. Crossman, changing Christ’s direct address to a third-person meditation, uses the tradition to explore the “love unknown” manifested in Christ on the cross.

The unknown love is that love of Christ, so far beyond description. We often speak of *agape* love to describe God’s love. We are not deserving of His love. We sin; we turn from Him. Yet the Sinless One, who “made the lame to run and gave the blind their sight” suffers for us to deliver us and to redeem even His foes.

The hymn also reminds us that Christ set aside His heavenly home to die and to be laid in the tomb that we rightly deserve. As we sing this hymn it declares all that we remember in these Lenten days. It is for me, for my sake that Christ suffered and died. As the hymn says:

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

### ***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: Revelation 21:4**

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

3rd April 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The greatest gift

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is the best gift you have ever received?

2

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive perfume (read John 12:1-8). Why do you think she did this?

3

What gift would you like to give to Jesus today?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b> John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
<b>M</b> Isaiah 43: 16-21	The Lord's promise of victory
<b>T</b> Philippians 3: 4b-14	Priceless value of knowing Christ
<b>W</b> 2 Corinthians 2:14-17	The fragrance of life
<b>T</b> Ephesians 1:15-18	Knowing Christ better
<b>F</b> 2 Peter 1:3-11	Knowledge of Christ
<b>S</b> Psalm 126	The Lord has done amazing things
<b>S</b> Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the King who comes



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, help us to let go of all that stands in the way of knowing and following you. Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you with his love.

## 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

In Sunday's Gospel reading we hear that Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet with nard, a very expensive perfume imported all the way from the Himalayas. Nard was used to prepare bodies for burial. By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter.

As part of your home devotion times this week, anoint one another's hands or forehead with perfume or oil.  
Say together this prayer:

(Name) I anoint you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may strengthen you in all that you do. Amen.

### mealt ime prayer

Loving God, bless our bodies with this food, our home with your love, and the world by our hands. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

JOHN 12:3

## Service



Mary surprised Jesus with a special gift of love. Prepare a special gift of love for a friend, neighbour or relative (money need not be spent).

