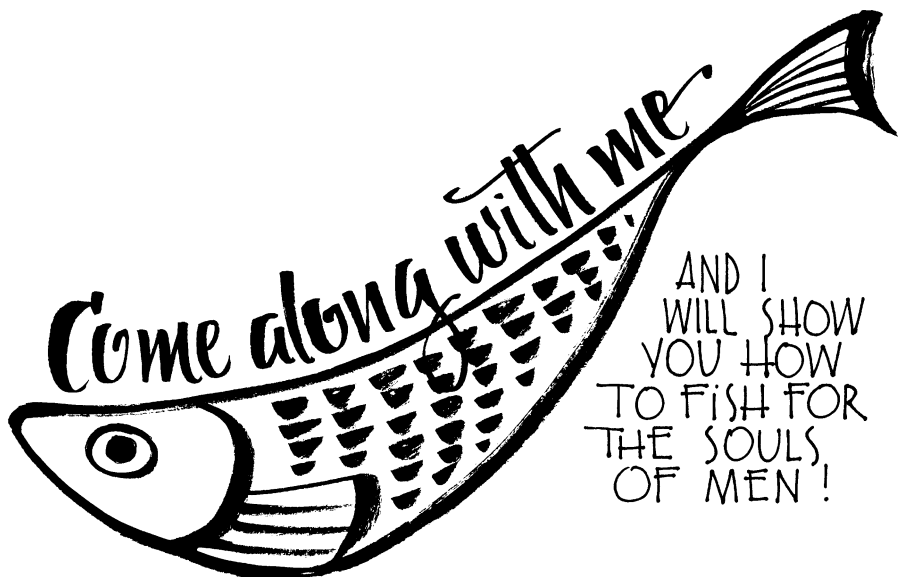


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



M A T T H E W 4 : 1 9

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O leading Lord, help us to live as James and John did, immediately leaving everything behind to follow You. Stir us to respond quickly to Your call to serve. Fill us with eager readiness to do Your will. And instil in us a longing to be close to You always.

O Calling Christ, make us ready, willing, and able to live as Your disciples.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Our God Saves; Whom Shall I Fear; I Will Follow;
..... The Saving One; This Is Amazing Grace

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 9:1-4

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 4:12-25

SERMON:

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

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.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS: We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: financials@foothillslutheran.com.

Offering plates are at the door, both before and after service, for those who want to give their offerings in God's house. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord first bestows upon us. Thanks be to Him for every good and perfect gift!

OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING to adopt the budget for 2023 on **Sunday, January 29th**. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music.....	Contemporary Musicians
Acolyte.....	Charlie O’Krafka
Lector.....	Faith Dueck
Ushers.....	Elfrieda Heiden; Lorne Rosenau
Coffee Team.....	Michelle Funke; Heather Sommers; John Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth – Winter Fun
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
	12:15 pm	Voter’s Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Whatever You Do". The mundane just isn't mundane when seen through heaven's eyes. (Colossians 3:17-21). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we begin a new unit with “A Welcome Truth.” Jesus and His disciples visit the home of sisters Mary and Martha. Mary sits at the Lord’s feet to hear His words. Martha, busy with meal preparations, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help. Instead, Jesus gently tells Martha that Mary has chosen the more important thing.

FOOT PRINT: We are looking ahead, and plan to publish the next issue of *Foot Print* by January 30th. If you have information for the newsletter please submit these to the office this coming week.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
January 15	141/93	11	39

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46*	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$13,250.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$14,026.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$24,865.38	-\$10,839.38

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 70.00; Visitor 330.00; Sunday School 13.00; LWML 275.00; Youth 602.70; Initial Offerings 15.00.

***Please Note:** Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2023 is adopted.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the synod – are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Friendship February Square Dance at the Church: We are looking to gauge interest in holding a social square-dancing event with a dance-caller at the church on **February 3**. This would be a fun time for the whole family, all ages and experience levels welcome! The professional "Caller" tells you each step as you go so it's very learner friendly. If you want to come just to watch, that is also allowed! Please sign up right away on the fellowship board if you think this is something you'd be interested in doing.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Rentz in loving memory of her husband, David Sr.

HELP BEAUTIFY GOD'S ALTAR! Our flower chart has many openings for the new year. Sign up for a week, and if the flowers are in memory of someone, or celebrating a special occasion, please let us know.

PRESCHOOL TOYS: Some of the Preschool toys and supplies have been donated to sister preschools in Lethbridge and Rocky Mountain House, and some items have been taken to Goodwill. We are now inviting our members who may be interested in toys, games, and puzzles for preschoolers to come to Room 6 on our lower level and take items which could be of use to you and your children. The room will be open following the Voter's Meeting on January 29th, and Sundays after worship through February. Please note that we will not "hold" items for pickup for more than a few days.



POWERPOINT AND A/V VOLUNTEERS: We are grateful for the faithful servants that we have had to run our PowerPoint, sound and cameras for Sunday services. We don't want to wear them out, so we are asking for those interested (including youth!) in helping out in these areas to contact Deaconess Miriam by February 17th. We will put together a list, schedule a training session, and incorporate you into a schedule. Thank you in advance for considering serving in this way.

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, January 23rd from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an in- person event. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. The Fellowship Hall will be set up to allow for social distancing and masks are optional. You are welcome to come at 12:30 to socialize beforehand. Bring your own lunch; coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Mariela Sánchez currently serves as an instructor of the faith at the Lutheran Church in Somotillo, Nicaragua. **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 Sánchez 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**

THE CENTRE FOR NEWCOMERS is looking for homes to host Ukrainian families: Almost half of Ukraine's energy infrastructure has been destroyed in recent months, leading many Ukrainians who thought they could remain in their country to are now choose to flee for fear of the freezing cold from winter. You can read about some of this in the recent article in *The Canadian Lutheran*. If you can host Ukraine arrivals in your home, please register your home at: <https://refugeeshousedhere.ca/registration/register-as-a-host/>. You can also email the Centre for Newcomers at: n.shen@centrefornewcomers.ca or call to Natalia Shen 403-542-6169. We still need your help and support.



HYMN SING SUNDAY: January 29th is the 5th Sunday of the month. As we have in the past, we will try to do this as a hymn sing Sunday. Share your requests with Pastor Bode or Pastor Eric by January 24th.

THE CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE for our sister in Christ, Elfrieda Stewart, will be here at Foothills on Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 pm. We come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of life and salvation we have through faith in the dying and rising Lord.

We will be hosting a reception for those who attend. If you can assist with this by providing sandwich or sweets, please contact Cheryl Lemke. Her email is: cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Tony and Geraldine Chimirri-Russell, at the death of Tony's mother. We pray that the Lord would comfort them with His everlasting comfort.

JOB MAKES THE OBSERVATION: *“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not.”* (Job 14:1–2, ESV)

Job understood something we all know, but often try to avoid, and that is the reality of death. Yet we often find ourselves unprepared and overwhelmed in the face of death, especially as we deal with a whole host of details and plans. One of the best things we can do for ourselves and for those we love is to look ahead, and plan for that unavoidable day. In that preparation, we can give our best and finest witness to our confidence in the Lord—the same confidence the psalmist has, as he says: *“I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.”* (Psalm 118:17, ESV)

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, we will hold a funeral planning workshop. This workshop will give us an opportunity to discuss such questions as, “What is a funeral?” “Does it matter whether I am created or buried?” “What do we need to do when someone dies?” We will discuss how your funeral can be a testimony of faith, and other important information.

The workshop on Saturday, March 11 will run from 9:30 - 12:00 pm. We will provide a “continental breakfast” for those who come. We know this will be a helpful time for you, and an opportunity to make your service wishes known. Join us that day. Let the Pastor know if you are interested in attending.



Growing FAITH at home

22 January 2023

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS
CALLS US TO
FOLLOW HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. If you wanted to go fishing what kinds of things would you need?
2. Share about a time when you went fishing.



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

Isalah 9:1-4

No more despair

2nd reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A church divided
over leaders

Gospel reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus calls his first disciples

DISCUSS

When Jesus called Andrew, Simon, James and John to follow him they immediately left their work as fishermen and followed (Matthew 4:18,21). Why do you think they did this? How do you think they felt?



ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus calls all his followers to 'fish for people'. One way we do so is through prayer – by praying for specific people that don't yet know Jesus, and for specific missionaries and mission activities. Hang a string or a cord between two points in your home and attach small hooks to it. Cut out fish shapes from card or paper and write the name of a person you can pray for. Attach the 'fish' to the hooks and use your 'fishing line' as a visible reminder to pray.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God bless this food. God bless our day.
Keep us safe in every way. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, turn our darkness into light. Fill our hearts with faith, hope and love.
Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus give you a heart that seeks him and feet that are ready to follow him.

"COME. FOLLOW ME,"
JESUS SAID. "I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF PEOPLE."

MATTHEW 4:19

VERSE OF THE WEEK

