

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, our King, may we live as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May we add flavour and brilliance to what can be a dull and dark world. And may You be the source of all that makes our lives rich and enlightening.

Blessed Kingdom Lord, may we share Your life with all the world.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 3, page 184

HYMNS: 702; 578; 425; 526; 555; 971

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 58:3-9a

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON: *It's All About Jesus!* – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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 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.

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte..... Emmy Legroulx
 Lector..... Brian Vincent
 Ushers..... Heather Sommers; Ellen Wagner
 Coffee Team..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Monday | 6:30 pm | Sunday School Meeting |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | LifeLight Bible Study |
| | 7:30 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Midweek Worship |
| Thursday | 130 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Worship |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Your Time to Shine". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so. (Matthew 5:14-16). 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



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, **February 11th** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Sunday/ Communion | Wednesday/ Communion | Education Hour |
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| January 29 | 109/88 | 10/10 | 27 |

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$8,288.46 | Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$3,815.00 | |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$37,258.00 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$41,442.31 | -\$4,184.31 |

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 280.00; Sunday School 6.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 200.00; LWML 140.00; Initial Offerings 20.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry affiliated with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church - Canada and Lutheran Women in Mission. Its mission is "Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church".

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Seeing Sign” is the title for this week’s lesson. When Jesus encounters a man born blind, His disciples wrongly assume the man’s sin or his parents’ sin is the cause of the blindness. Jesus corrects their assumption, telling them the man’s blindness was so the works of God might be displayed in him. Sight restored, the man and then his parents find themselves before the Pharisees, who try to claim the man was never blind. When the man asserts the truth of his healing, the Pharisees cast him out. Encountering Jesus once again, the man confesses his faith in the Son of Man.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES SOUTHERN ALBERTA: Alberta Health Care Services is in the process of implementing a new computer system with respect to spiritual visits in the hospital. Our visitors and Pastors are either not getting a list of all the Lutherans wanting a visit. During admission, not all patients are being asked about their religious affiliation and whether they want a visit. We are working with the hospitals about this situation, but the response and fix has been slow. We ask in the short term that you contact Lutheran Hospital Ministries directly if you are going into the hospital (or a long-term care centre) and you want a visit from us. We can be reached at lhmsac@gmail.com or by phone at 403-264-4045.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Unfortunately, we did not receive enough interest to host a square dance this week, but we will plan to try again within the year so if you are interested in participating please let Sarah Knudtson know! In place of the square dance, we will have a **pot blessing dinner** the first weekend in March (March 5). There will be a sign up sheet on the fellowship board so you can see what others are bringing. This helps make sure we don’t all bring dessert! Thank you for joining us and bringing your favourite dish!

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.

ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29TH. We are planning to have a one-day VBS outreach on Monday, May 29th, which is a non-instructional day for children attending public school. We plan to have it offsite, in a nearby community. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for that day. We will need teachers, helpers, a crafts leader, and games leaders. Talk with Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Eric if you are interested and watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22nd, and we will hold special services to lead us to the cross and a deeper appreciation of all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection.

Our theme this year is "Chronicles of the King", and through a look at some of the kings who followed in the line of David we will look to the rule of the coming King—the Christ, who will sit on the throne of his father David forever.

We will have a Lenten rotation, sharing together with St. Matthew's, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and Prince of Peace. Pastors will be travelling to each church to share a sermon each week.

Our services begin each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us for these services:

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) Pastor Bode
March 8: Pastor Markus Zeuch
March 22: Pastor Moffett

March 1: Pastor David Dressler
March 15: Pastor Mark Rekken
March 29: Pastor Bode



DON'T FORGET OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS before the services each week. We start with dinner at 5:30, followed by our worship. Please sign the list on the bulletin board to help provide soup for these times of fellowship together.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we remember **Reverend Anastacio Cerda** who serves as the pastor in Santicima Trinidad and in the chapel Martin Luther. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Cerda, 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.**

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022 will be available in your mailbox next week. We will leave them there until mid-February then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you need your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.



THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, hosted by the youth group, will be returning on **February 21**, and pancakes and ham will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (gluten-free pancakes will be available as well). Please sign up on the sheet on the youth bulletin board by Sunday, February 19, so we have an idea of how many people to prepare for, although you are welcome to attend even if you don't sign up. Donations to the 2025 Lutheran Church-Canada National Youth Gathering are appreciated!

Youth, come at 4pm, or as early as possible, to help set up and cook. You'll get to eat dinner, and help clean up, too!



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)

We often try to avoid 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 cremated 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

5 February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS CALLS
US TO BE
SALT AND
LIGHT FOR
HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is your favourite salty food?
2. What gives us light and why do we need it?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Isalah 58:1-12
True fasting

2nd reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16
God's wisdom
revealed

Gospel reading

Matthew 5:13-20
Salt and light

DISCUSS

Jesus calls his followers the 'salt of the earth' (Matthew 5:13). What do you think he means by this?



ACTION RESPONSE

In 1 Corinthians 2:3, the apostle Paul says that when he first visited the Christians in Corinth he came in 'weakness and fear, and with much trembling.' Pastors and other church workers may seem composed on the outside, but often they feel inadequate in their work. Write a note of encouragement to your pastor or a staff member of your church. Let them know that you appreciate them and that God is using them as a light in your lives.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to be your salt today, flavouring the world around us with your love and truth. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus our Light, may we shine for you, with love so bright. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's love shine through you, so that others see him.

MAKE YOUR LIGHT SHINE, SO THAT OTHERS
WILL SEE THE GOOD THAT YOU DO AND
WILL PRAISE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:16

VERSE OF THE WEEK

