## Foothills Lutheran Church

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# The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 19, 2023

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Transfigured Lord, may Your glory brighten our lives. May Your brilliance bring us joy. And may Your light remind us that You truly are the beloved Son of God.

Shining Savior, surround us with Your brightness.

## **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

ORDER OF SERVICE:	As projected
HYMNS:	873; 403; 415; 416; 414; 821; 644
FIRST LESSON:	Exodus 24:8-18
EPISTLE LESSON:	2 Peter 1:16-21
GOSPEL LESSON:	Matthew 17:1-9
SERMON: Why Them? – Matthew 17:1-9	

**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 lifegiving 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!



**THE FLOWERS** that grace our altar for February are given to the glory of God in remembrance of Rick Bennetts (Michelle Heumann's father) and Iain Graham (Christine Heumann's father).

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
	Lorne Rosenau; Brian & Barb Vincent
	oft: Colleen Judiesch: Anne Marie Kothari

## THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		Family Day - Office Closed
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Dinner
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth Bowling
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Faith at Home – Technology Boundaries

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Terry and Charlotte Naven at the death of Terry's mother, Marian. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

Our sister in Christ, Kathy Kruger, was called to her eternal rest on February 9, 2023. Plans for her Christian service will be announced at a later date. We pray that God would comfort Kathy's family, especially as this is the second death among them in the past month.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Table Manners" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Frequent family dinners are important, but none more so than the gracious meal to which God invites His family, the Church (Exodus 24:11). 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 TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2022 are in your mailbox. We will leave them there until February 20th then if not picked-up, will mail them out.

## LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/ Communion	Education Hour
February 12	121	15/15	41

<sup>\*</sup> 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	\$14,288.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$51,644.00	+/- YTD
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$58,019.23	-\$6,375.23

*Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 20.00; Visitor 114.50; Sunday School 1.50; Lutheran Hour 150.00; LWML 25.00; Benevolence 50.00; VBS 396.15; Initial Offerings 100.00.

## 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".



**POT BLESSING:** We will be having a **pot blessing dinner March 5**<sup>th</sup>. There is 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!

*ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>:* We are planning a a one-day VBS outreach, entitled "*Treasured by God*", focusing on the Lost and Found parables of Luke 15. This will take place on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a non-instructional day for children in public school. We plan to have it offsite, at Capitol Hill Community Centre. Please consider volunteering your time and talents for that day. We will need teachers, helpers, a crafts leader, and games leaders. Our member families are invited to attend, and we encourage your children to bring an unchurched friend. Talk with Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Eric if you are interested and watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.

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!

**PRESCHOOL TOYS:** While some of the Preschool equipment has been donated to sister preschools, 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 after worship through February. Please note that we will not "hold" items for pickup for more than a few days.



THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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 (with the exception of Ash Wednesday.) 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.



**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** in regular and large print are available on the Welcome Desk. *Man of Sorrows, People of Joy* paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and

Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.



JOIN US FOR OUR FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP! 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 will run from 9:30 - 12:00 pm, beginning with a "continental breakfast" and time of fellowship. 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 Bode know if you are interested in attending.

*OUR LENTEN LEADERS BIBLE STUDY* begins on Monday, **February 27**<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be looking at our wounded Saviour and the wounds of betrayal, apathy, denial, mockery and abandonment. These wounds came from those close to the Lord, who suffered for us. We hold these studies as times of spiritual refreshment for our leaders, but you are invited to join us. Let one of the pastors know you would like to attend.



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Carmen Martinez currently serves as an instructor of the faith at the Lutheran Church Cristo Rey community. 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 Martinez 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** 

IN RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE in Turkey and Syria, Canadian Lutheran World Relief is joining Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition to raise funds to rush assistance to people in need. Your donations to CLWR will support our local ACT Alliance partners responding with emergency shelter, blankets, clean water, food and healthcare. Please join us in prayer for those affected and consider donating. Visit clwr.org/earthquake or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST) to learn more.

WE WILL BE STREAMING OUR LENTEN SERVICES: While this is a poor substitute for our gathering together as God's family around His altar and in His Word, this does provide you an opportunity to hear that Word if you cannot be with us. This will only continue for the midweek Lenten services. You can join us for the live stream at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran">www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran</a>.



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TRANSFIGURATION

# JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD



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

- 1. Are you a good listener?
- 2. What is involved in listening carefully to others?



#### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

2nd reading

Exodus 24:12-18
Ten Commandments

2 Peter 1:16-21 Eyewitnesses of his majesty

Gospel reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus shines on a mountain

## DISCUSS

When Jesus went to heaven, a voice said, 'Listen to him'. How do you hear Jesus?



## **ACTION RESPONSE**

Consider giving up a household treat food or activity for Lent. Each week put aside the amount of money saved in doing so. At the end of Lent, donate the money to a charitable cause.



Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of your beloved Son. Please open our ears to listen to him and our hearts



## MEALTIME PRAYER

God our provider, you are full of love and full of might. May we shine for you, with faith so bright. Amen.



to obey him. Amen.

### BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus bring you peace as you look to him, now and always.

FROM THE CLOUD A VOICE SAID, "THIS IS MY OWN DEAR SON, AND I AM PLEASED WITH HIM. LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS!"

MATTHEW 17:5



VERSE OF THE WEEK