

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Second Sunday in Lent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord Jesus Christ, knowing You change our lives. Like Abraham, we must change direction and head toward the promised land. And like Nicodemus, we must be born again by the Spirit so that we may live a new life. May we be open to the changes You are bringing about in us, and open to Your will.

Only begotten Son of God, may Your life transform our lives.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1

Please note: We omit the Hymn of Praise and the Alleluias during Lent.

HYMNS: 819; 571; 877; 718; 798; 596

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 12:1-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

SERMON: *Blessed to Bring a Blessing* (Genesis 12:1-9)

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 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!

THE FLOWERS that grace our altar are given to the glory of God by Bill and Erika Schultz in remembrance of Erika's mother, Lydia Schmidt.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Ann Marie Kothari
Acolyte.....Charlie O’Krafka
Lector Nora Jarowicz
Coffee Team..... Ellie Marshall; Bill & Erika Schultz; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	11:30 am	Pot Blessing
Monday	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship (Pastor Markus Zeuch)
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 am	Funeral Planning Workshop
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The King Arrives” serves as the theme for this week’s lesson. Following Jesus’ unusual directions, two disciples bring a donkey and her young colt to transport Jesus into Jerusalem. Throwing their cloaks upon the colt, they proceed into the city. There, the crowds spread their cloaks on the road and cut palm branches to line the way as they shout, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matthew 21:9).

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday	Education Hour
February 26	121	33	28

* Attendance numbers include online participants

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "An Arresting Encounter" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A devoutly religious person has an arresting encounter with Jesus and learns what it means to be "born again." (John 3:16) 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 STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,090.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$70,669.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$74,596.15	-\$3,927.15

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 1.00; Visitor 210.00; Sunday School 7.00; Lutheran Hour 70.00; Flowers 50.00; VBS 91.89.

MISSION OF THE MONTH VBS PROGRAMME

We have plans to hold an outreach VBS that will be off-site and is aimed at those who do not attend church. Along with this, support for our VBS will be necessary for the summer efforts.

OUR GUESTS IN CHURCH TODAY are wearing the mantle of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem (saintlazarus.ca). The Order was founded during the Crusades to care for leper knights, a significant problem at the time. Now, in Canada, the Order is known as *SAINT LAZARUS CANADA* and focuses on palliative care. They have produced a manual called A Caregivers Guide which is rapidly becoming a standard reference guide for end-of-life home caregivers. They have also recently released an online Home Caregiver Support Program which provides information that addresses the needs caregivers face as they provide care for family members, or friends suffering from chronic or terminal illness within the confines of their own home. In addition, the Calgary Commandery of the Order has provided funding well in excess of \$600,000 to hospices in South Alberta since 2002 for specialized equipment, training and programs.

We welcome them, and pray that God would continue to bless these efforts for the sake of others!

OUR LENTEN SERVICES ARE ONLINE! If you can't be here in person, join us at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran for our time of Lenten meditation

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: There will be no soup supper this Wednesday, March 8th, as there are no sign-ups to bring soup. This fellowship time will be reinstated should there be soup provided for the next three weeks (we need an estimated two large pots of soup each Wednesday). Please sign the list on the bulletin board if you can help provide soup for these meals together.



ONE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MAY 29TH: We are planning 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 29th, 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.

OUR LENTEN LEADERS BIBLE STUDY continues Monday, **March 6th** 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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Financial Stewardship is giving back to God some of the money that He has provided to us out of thankfulness for all that He has given to us. Our church has an offering budget this year of \$431,000.00. These offerings will be used to pay our church workers and to operate our church and are also used to further our mission ministry with our members and to others. Some of our ministry programs include outreach at the University of Calgary, family ministry within our congregation and to others in the community through Bible studies and Vacation Bible School, and support of Lutheran Church Canada’s (LCC) outreach ministry. LCC has active outreach and support programs in Ukraine, Nicaragua, Cambodia, Thailand, and Costa Rica. They also have numerous programs in Canada ranging from Lutheran Schools to ministry in northern communities. If you want to learn more of all that Lutheran Church Canada does, please visit their website at lutheranchurchcanada.ca. Your financial support of our congregation is appreciated. Our jobs and wealth are blessings from our Lord, and we should cheerfully give our treasures to God. For as God has told us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”



JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES as we look at “*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:

March 8: Pastor Markus Zeuch

March 15: Pastor Mark Rekken

March 22: Pastor Moffett

March 29: Pastor Bode



JOIN US FOR OUR FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP! On **Saturday, March 11th, 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.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a **Young Adult Retreat** the weekend of **May 5-7** at **Camp Luther** in Mission, BC. We want to invite all young adults ages 18-35 near and far to join us at this event! Registration has just opened for the event using the following link: <https://forms.gle/ex3FEkz2ttiNo3Uv7>. More information can be found here: <https://linktr.ee/yaretreat>



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we remember **Reverend Un Songim** (Song-im) who serves Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Pen and as an instructor at the Luther Institute of Southeast Asia in Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Songim, 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.**



Growing FAITH at home

5 March 2023

SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT

GOD SO
LOVED THE
WORLD HE
GAVE US
JESUS



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What makes you feel loved?
2. How do you show love?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The call of
Abram

2nd reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Abraham justified
by faith

Gospel reading

John 3:1-17

For God so loved
the world

DISCUSS

How is God's love like human love?
How is it different?



ACTION RESPONSE

God called Abram to leave his home country and his relatives to live in a new land (Genesis 12:1). In our world today there are many people who are forced out of their home countries by war or other hardships. Visit the websites www.refugeesinternational.org or www.alws.org.au (Australian Lutheran World Service) to find out more about displaced people. Talk about their challenges and plan to make a donation to assist refugees.



PRAYER

Father God, thank you for giving us your Son. Fill us with new life today to know and love Jesus and to share him with everyone we meet. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for these gifts before us. As we are filled with food, fill us also with love for others. Amen.



BLESSING

May God keep you safe in your coming and going.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

VERSE OF THE WEEK

