

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when You call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.

O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

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

HYMNS: 438; In the Cross Alone I Glory; 430; 436;

..... Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:17-27, 38-53

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Barb Vincent; Brian Vincent
Acolyte..... Charlie O’Krafka
Lector Nora Jarowicz
Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; John Voss; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC
	7:00 pm	Lenten Leaders Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship/Communion (Pastor Bode)
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, March 27 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. If you would like to socialize beforehand, come at 12:30 and bring your own lunch. Coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! Our Calgary Circuit will have a special time for our congregations to gather for fellowship and spiritual encouragement, with an afternoon together on **April 22, 2023**. Location yet to be confirmed. Come and join with members from all our congregations as we look at being God’s church in the world today.



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar are given to the glory of God by Ingrid Kubke in remembrance of her husband, Edwin.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Is God Missing in Action?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. God "missing in action?" Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective. (John 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

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
March 19	152/104	31/25	39

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,268.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$90,083.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$99,461.54	-\$9,378.54

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 5.10; Visitor 10.00; Sunday School 5.00; Facility Rentals 195.00; LCC (Ukrainian Relief) 50.00; VBS 170.00.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
VBS PROGRAMME**

One of the special outreach efforts we have carried out over the years has been our VBS programme. Through the lessons we share from God's Word we have had the opportunity to witness to children from our neighbourhood, as well as to the members of our church.

We are planning to hold an outreach VBS that will be off-site and is aimed at those who do not attend church. Because we are renting a facility there is an additional cost for this programme. Your gifts will help with this effort, and we also hope that we will have the support for our normal summer efforts. May God bless this work and give us a great opportunity to tell children of the Saviour who seeks and saves the lost! (See the note below for more information.)



EASTER EGG-DECORATING: Come **Saturday, April 8th 10:00 – 11:30 am** with your own hard-boiled eggs. Supplies will be provided for you to decorate your eggs, as well as some eggs for the

Easter Breakfast. There will be a special egg hunt for the children, followed by a devotion. Please let Deaconess Miriam know if you plan to attend, so we can have supplies available for everyone.

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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to Jeff Kaminski and his family, at the death of his father, Norman. We pray that the Lord would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, April 1stth at 9:00 am. We start with breakfast at 9:00, followed by our study. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite you to join us..



PASTOR BODE IS OFFERING A THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY. The study would be held in Tuscany, at the Bode home. We would follow the LifeLight programme. Are you interested in this? Let Pastor Bode know that you would welcome another bible study opportunity!

OUR LENTEN LEADERS BIBLE STUDY is winding down, but you are still welcome to attend Monday at 7:00 pm. This week we look at the wound of mockery. The wounds we see in the passion of the Lord 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.

OUR LAST LENTEN SERVICE will be held this coming Wednesday, as we conclude our look at “*Chronicles of the King*”, who followed in the line of David. Through them we look to the rule of the coming King—the Christ, who will sit on the throne of his father David forever. Our services begin each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.



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>

TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY: Please prayerfully consider how you can give back some of your time to our Lord to use the talents He has given you in furthering the work of our church. Please have each member of your household fill out a Time and Talents survey so we can fill volunteer opportunities in our congregation and community. Hard copies of the surveys are found in your mailbox or can be obtained from the Welcome Desk or the website. Alternatively, you can fill out an electronic survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLGNRMT>. Surveys are due back to the church by April 17th.



ON THE WELCOME DESK you will find a new **Portals of Prayer** as well as a new **FLC Phone Directory**. Please help yourself. If you recognize any errors or omissions in the directory, please inform the office at: office@foothillslutheran.com so that our database is kept current.

UKRANIAN FAMILY ASSISTANCE: A refugee family from Ukraine is in need of help. There are 2 boys, ages 5 and 10. Items needed include a microwave; study desks for each of the children; bikes for the children and the husband (bicycles to be in good condition and/or repairable). If you can donate any of these items, please contact Elke Bittmann at 403-830-2143 who will pass on contact information. We can also provide a food hamper. Items can be left in the marked box in the corridor past the parish hall. Grocery store cards are also welcome.

JOIN US ON APRIL 29 FOR OUR “26th ANNUAL WALK, RUN OR ROLL FOR LOVE”: Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta Society in the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk, Run or Roll for Love, will take place on **April 29th**. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Pledge forms are available at www.lhmsa.ca and on our Welcome Desk.

DID YOU KNOW? The white wine in the individual cups at Holy Communion is dealcoholized wine for those with allergies or who must stay away from all alcohol. We seem to be running out. If you need to make use of this, please let the pastors know, but we also ask that you not take them if you do not need the dealcoholized wine.



Growing FAITH at home

26 March 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share a great memory of a grandparent or family member who has died.
2. How do we comfort people who have lost someone very dear to them?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Ezekial 37:1-14

Valley of dry
bones

2nd reading

Romans 8:6-11

The realm of
the Spirit

Gospel reading

John 11:1-45

The raising of Lazarus

DISCUSS

Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them?



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept. In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe you are the Christ, the Son of God. Thank you for the promise of life forever with you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, through this food you give us life for today, and through your Son you give us life forever. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Spirit of God live in you and fill you with new life.

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.
THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME WILL HAVE LIFE
EVEN IF THEY DIE. AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES
AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE.

JOHN 11:25-26

VERSE OF THE WEEK

