

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion
April 2, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We praise You with palms, O Lord. We laud You with loud shouts. We lift up our hearts and sing, "Hosanna!" You will be our King forever and ever. For You are the King who saves. You are the King who dies for our sake. And You are the King who will live.

Triumphant King, come to us and care for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 442; 444; 837; 441; 438; 563
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a
EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11
GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:12-19; Matthew 27:11-66
SERMON: *A Friend—A Saviour—Who Is With Us* - Philippians 2:5-11

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 FOOT PRINT NEWSLETTER for April/May is now available on the Welcome Desk. Enjoy!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Lorne Rosenau;
Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock
Lector Pastors
Coffee Team..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Ellie Marshall;
..... Bill & Erika Schultz; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday	10:15 am	Good Friday Service
Saturday	10:00 am	Family Egg Decorating Activity
Sunday	7:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service with Communion
	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 am	Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's lesson is "Standing Trial." Jesus faces a farce of a trial before the high priest and the Council. Despite a parade of accusers, no two witnesses can manage to make their testimonies agree. Frustrated, the high priest asks, "Are you the Christ?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus' response, "I am" (v. 62), enrages the high priest, who tears his clothing. Meanwhile, Peter faces his challengers in the courtyard. When bystanders accuse Peter of being a follower of the Nazarene, he denies Jesus three times, just as was foretold.



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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS, colored pencils, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

OUR CALGARY CIRCUIT will hold a special time for all our congregations to gather for fellowship and spiritual encouragement, with an afternoon together on **April 22, 2023, beginning at 1:00 pm.** Our LCC president, Timothy Teuscher, will be our guest speaker, sharing with us “The Task of the Church in Post-Christian 21st Century Canada.”, and we will have breakout sessions for sharing and encouragement. Come and join with members from all our congregations as we look at being God’s church in the world today.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Hell: No One Has to Go There" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination (Matthew 26:20-29). 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	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
March 26	118	28/24	12

* 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	\$3,590.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$93,673.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$107,750.00	-\$14,077.00

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 20.00; Visitor 230.00; Sunday School 6.00; FLSR 500.00; LWML 10.00; VBS 100.00; A/R 65.00; Other 40.00.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
OUR LCC SEMINARIES**

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of seminaries. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY? We do hope that all our members will look to the ways we work together to the glory of God as His family here. Surveys are on the Welcome Desk or the website. Or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLGNRMT>. Please return by **April 17th**.



WE'VE SAID IT BEFORE: EASTER IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE OTHERS to come and see the wonders of God's love and grace. Invite a friend to join you, as we remember all that our Saviour has done for us and thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Invite them to breakfast, too! Our special services of Easter and Holy Week:

April 6th Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm

April 7th Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am

April 9th Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at 7:30 am
Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 am

Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion at 10:15 am

Let us remember all that our Saviour has done for us, and to thank God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ and share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK. We do have services on Maundy Thursday; on Good Friday and of course on Sunday.



DON'T FORGET OUR EASTER BREAKFAST, hosted by the Elders, and held between the Sunrise service and our Easter Celebration service next Sunday. Breakfast begins at 8:30 and will be served until 9:30.

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. Monday, May 29th, which is a non-instructional day for children in public school. We will hold 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.

PRAYER FOR CHURCH WORKERS: “*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest*” (Matthew 9:37-38). In light of the fact that our Lutheran Church–Canada is faced with a shortage of pastors, coupled with low seminary enrolments, as is the case throughout nearly all of western Christendom; it is especially necessary and highly important that we take these words of our crucified and risen Lord to heart. To this end I call upon all pastors and congregations of our Synod to lift up our hands together in regular and fervent prayer throughout this Eastertide that more church workers might be provided to proclaim the joyous message of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

President Timothy Teuscher, Lutheran Church–Canada

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.

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 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.

HELPED NEEDED: I would like to get a group of volunteers to work with me to assist in a general cleanup of the church grounds. This is the first time that this was organized since 2019 due to the pandemic. I would like to do this on a Saturday with the date to be announced for some time in late April or early May. In the meantime, I will post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall entrance. ~ *Brian Vincent*

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Dr. David Somers** who serves as the Missionary-at-Large for LCC’s French Ministries in Quebec, as well as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Montreal, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Somers, 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

2 April 2023

PALM SUNDAY

JESUS IS OUR HUMBLE KING



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever attended a parade? What do you remember?
2. How do you think a king or queen would travel?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant's
obedience

2nd reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Attitude the same
as Jesus

Gospel reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters
Jerusalem

DISCUSS

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey? What does this say to you about him?



ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus was a servant king. As a household find a way to serve someone in need. Consider contacting an elderly person to offer your help with household cleaning or gardening.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our king, please come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we gather this week may we remember all that you have done for us, and all that you call us to do for others. Bless this food to strengthen us in your service. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus rule as king in your life.

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA IN THE
HIGHEST HEAVEN!

MATTHEW 21:9

VERSE OF THE WEEK

