

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



The Transfiguration of Our Lord *February 11, 2024*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Dazzling light streams from your clothes, O Christ. A glorious glow appears upon your face. To this day, we, like your disciples, are bathed in the brightness of your holy presence in this world. May we always seek to live within your light.

Son of God and Daylight's Splendor, chase away the darkness in our lives.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Our God Saves; The Saving One;
..... Build Your Kingdom Here; I Will Follow

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:2-9

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.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Maria Seifert and family at the death of Herman Seifert. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love. Herman's Christian funeral was held here at Foothills yesterday afternoon.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
Ushers..... Jaxson Stene; Tobi Stene
Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock
Lector..... Brian Vincent
Coffee Team.....Michelle Funke; John Voss; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home – Tech Boundaries Pot Blessing Lunch
Monday	7:00 pm	PPC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
	6:45 pm	Elders' Meeting
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “A Promising Dream” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing—he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/ Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
February 4	115/92	28	8

**Attendance includes online participation.*



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).

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,231.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$35,251.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$37,019.23	-\$1,768.23

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 102.75; Visitor 40.00; Sunday School 12.00; FLSR 1,000.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 395.00; LWML 95.00; Memorial Fund 75.00; Church Properties Recovery 2,719.50.

**Please Note: Our offering numbers have been updated to reflect the adopted 2024 budget.*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "What Is Evangelism?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about. (Mark 9:7-8). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

MISSION OF THE MONTH LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a trusted resource in global media that equips and engages a vibrant volunteer base to passionately proclaim the Gospel with people around the world more than 195 million times each week. Through its North American headquarters and ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches into more than 60 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. LHM's flagship ministry, **The Lutheran Hour®**, airs weekly on more than 1,800 radio stations and the American Forces Network.

THANK YOU! We had a great turnout of 18 for our Men's Breakfast Bible Study last Saturday - the scrambled eggs and coffee were popular. Pastor Bode had a thoughtful study on evil in the world, which included a video presentation. Please consider joining us at the church at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

~ Mark Kihn



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you to everyone who responded to our questions about volunteering at VBS. We will run for one week, **July 22-26**, with the theme of “*A Week with Jesus*”. Save-the-date notices have been sent out to our previous attendees, and registration will be available the beginning of

March. If you haven’t indicated your interest in helping out, or would like more information, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.

SQUARE DANCING: The Fellowship Board welcomes you to join us in some early Stampede fun and learn some square dance steps on **Friday, April 26th**. Watch out for further details as the date gets closer.



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: The Board of Christian Education will be holding our annual Lenten Bible study starting on **Monday, February 26**, at 7 pm for five Mondays, though March 25. The study will examine the apostle Paul, who is perhaps the most popular letter-writer of all time. This study explores the life, faith, and ministry of the apostle Paul and teaches readers about God’s plan and purpose for our lives. You will learn how the inspired letters of Paul speak to you today as powerfully as they did to their first audience. Everyone is invited to attend, and we particularly encourage the leaders of our congregation to participate. If you’re interested in coming, please let Trevor Heumann (education@foothillslutheran.com) know.



THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, hosted by the youth group, will be returning on **Tuesday, February 13**, and pancakes and ham will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (gluten-free pancakes will be available as well).

Donations towards our trips to gatherings, like 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!

POT BLESSING - LOVE FOR GOD AND ONE ANOTHER: Join us after service for a pot blessing **today** to celebrate the 4 very special types of love captured in the scriptures. Storge (family love), Philia (friendship love), Agape (unconditional love) and Eros (romantic love).

OUR VOTERS’ MEETING received the reports of our boards and adopted the budget for 2024. Our new budget needs are reflected in the stewardship information above. May we be faithful in the gifts that God has given to us, as we use His gifts to us to support the work He calls us to do as His people.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Walta Clercius** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Clercius, 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.**



ONCE AGAIN, WE DRAW NEAR TO THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT, which begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 14th.** 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 *Coming Home from Exile: The Exoduses of the Scriptures.* and we will see how God brings the lost, wandering and exiled sinners back to His promised land.

We will again 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. Unfortunately, we are unable to host our soup suppers, as we have not had the volunteers we needed for this. We hope you will join us for these services:

- Ash Wednesday -Feb. 14** The Ashes of Paradise Lost, Genesis 3
Pastor Bode / Pastor Moffett
- February 21** "Out of Egypt I Have Called My Son," Exodus 14
Pastor Rekken – Prince of Peace
- February 28** Abram's Exodus before the Exodus, Genesis 12:10–20
Pastor Zeuch – St. Matthew
- March 6** The Promise of a Cosmopolitan Exodus, Isaiah 11:11–16
Pastor. Dressler – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- March 13** Jacob the Heel Comes Home, Genesis 28:10–17 – Pastor Moffett
- March 20** Exile and Return from Our Babylons, Ezra 1:1–4 – Pastor Bode



LENTEN DEVOTIONS: In *Lamb of God*, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever. Copies of these devotions are available to you on the Welcome Desk.



Growing FAITH at home

SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY

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Jesus shows
us God's care
for people.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is compassion? In what ways have you seen people show compassion for others?
2. A man with leprosy came to Jesus asking for his help. What needs and concerns do you have to bring to Jesus today?
3. Jesus was 'filled with compassion' for the man and healed him. In what ways has Jesus showed you his love and compassion?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 1:40-45	Jesus shows compassion
M	Isaiah 49:8-13	The Lord has compassion
T	Isaiah 54:7-10	God's deep compassion
W	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus' compassion for a crowd
T	Mark 8:1-8	Jesus acts with compassion
F	Matthew 20:29-34	Jesus' compassion for the blind
S	Psalms 103:1-13	The Lord is compassionate

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Sing praises to the Lord, you who belong to him; praise his holy name. His anger lasts only a moment, but his kindness lasts for a lifetime.

PSALM 30:4-6





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Police, fire and ambulance sirens are often a sign that people are in need of help, protection or healing.

Develop the household practice of pausing when you hear a siren and saying a simple prayer for the emergency personnel and those they are seeking to help. Ask God to watch over them and to show them his compassion and kindness.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Our hands we fold,
our heads we bow.
For food and drink,
we thank God now.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

In Jesus' time, lepers not only suffered because of their sickness. They were also social outcasts. When Jesus healed the leper he gave him a whole new beginning in life.

Talk about people you know who may feel left out at school, church or in the community.

Plan to invite such a person for a meal or to be part of a household activity. Pray for them.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we
want to be made
clean. Please show
us your kindness.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God show you
his kindness, touch
you with his love
and bring you his
healing.