

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Draw us to You, O Lord. Gather us close to Your cross, and reveal Your glory to us there. Help us to see that in Your passion and death, You are bringing us back to the Father and binding us together as the family of God. May Your cross bring peace and unity to all.

Christ of the cross, we stand in awe of what You have done for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1

Please Note: We omit the Gloria in Excelsis and the Alleluias during Lent.

HYMNS:429; 430; 530; 919; 623; 647

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 31:31-34

EPISTLE LESSON:Hebrews 5:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:32-45

SERMON: *The Deal of a Lifetime* - Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Heather Sommers
- Acolyte..... Julia Han
- Lector Heather Sommers
- Coffee Team.....Ralf Hinterleitner; Ellie Marshall; Bill & Erika Schultz
- AV Operators Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home
Monday	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Service with Pastor Bode
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Pinata Party
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

LAMP

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada, most accessible only by plane, since 1970. Through the ministry of pastor/missionary pilots and short and long-term volunteers in mission, various programs bring the Gospel to these isolated areas. Each year over 5000 children, youth and adults are impacted by the ministry of LAMP. Your gifts help in this Gospel outreach.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Strangest Request" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way (Genesis 22:1-14). 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
March 10	142	22	27/23

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,830.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$77,933.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$74,038.46	\$3,894.54

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 165.00; Visitor 645.00; Sunday School 7.00; Facility Rentals 195.00; LAMP 115.00; LWMLC 50.00; Memorial Fund 1,200.00; Flowers 55.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we gather today, we will study “A Loving Law.” Months into their wilderness wanderings, the Israelites arrive in the wilderness of Sinai. God comes to the mountain in clouds and thunder—fire and smoke—as He establishes His covenant with His people through Moses, His chosen intermediary. There on the mountain, God gives Moses His Ten Commandments. Discuss why the Ten Commandments are still important in our lives today.

FELLOWSHIP SQUARE DANCE EVENT: Hey Y'all! Mosey on down for a fun event at the church on **Friday, April 26th** from 7:30-9:00 where we will all learn to square dance with the help of a dance caller!



This is a great dance that is good for a large variety of ages and ability levels. Every step gets called out, so learning is easy and fun. Bringing a dance partner is not necessary, but if you have one, that's ok too 😊. This will be a great social event so come dance with your friends, family, or just come to watch the fun! Donations will be accepted at the event to help cover the cost of the hired caller. Stay tuned for an introductory video and watch for a sign up.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open for “A Week with Jesus”, our summer Vacation Bible School, running the mornings of July 22-26. You may register online at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/>, or complete a paper copy of the registration (available on the Welcome Desk). Feel free to encourage your children to invite a friend. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric. We look forward to seeing you there!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April – June are now available on the Welcome Desk. Please help yourself!



OUR LAST MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE is this Wednesday, as we remember and give thanks for all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection. Pastor Bode will be leading our service this week. We hope you will join us; if you cannot be here in person, you can still join us online by going to our Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran.

WE ALSO HAVE OUR LAST LENTEN BIBLE STUDY this week at 7:00 pm, as we finish our look at the Gospel according to St. Paul. Everyone is invited to attend, and we particularly encourage the leaders of our congregation to participate.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR TIME AND TALENT SURVEY? Our Lord has gifted each of us with talents that we can use within our congregation and within the community. We ask each member of our congregation to examine your talents and gifts and fill out the “Time and Talents” survey. Copies are on the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFH9HNL>



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:

- March 28th Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm
- March 29th Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- March 31st Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at 7:30 am
Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:45 am
Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion 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.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Silvio Modesto Sánchez Osaba** who serves as pastor for the Lutheran Church Nueva Jerusalen, Nicaragua in the Villa 15 de Julio community. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Osaba, 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.**



CHEST FREEZER: Would anyone be interested in the chest freezer currently in the kitchen? As part of the kitchen renovation, the island will be enlarged with pot drawers being installed where the chest freezer is. If you are interested, contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

NEW FLC PHONE DIRECTORY: We are beginning to work on a new edition of our FLC phone directory. If you have updated or new contact information you wish to have included in the next publication, please let the office know by month's end (office@foothillslutheran.com).



JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST between the services on Easter morning. This breakfast, hosted by the Elders, gives us a wonderful opportunity to share together in the joy of Easter day. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will be with us!



EASTER EGG-DECORATING: Come **Saturday, March 30th 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.

***God Serves His People:
Our Lutheran Way of Worship: Introit***

Having prepared our hearts, we come into God's presence. In the psalm texts known as the ***Introit*** (a word that means "entrance" or "beginning"), we enter into the altar area, symbolic of our entrance into God's presence now that we have prepared ourselves. The psalm texts draw our attention to the theme of the day.

After the Introit we sing the ***Gloria Patri***, a confession of faith in the Triune God and especially in the divinity of Christ. We also confess that the God of the Old Testament is also the God who has revealed Himself in the New Testament, and is still our God today.

As a psalm text, the Introit is designed to be chanted. Different tones or melodies can be used with each Introit.

From the Introit, we sing the ***Kyrie Eleison***—Lord, have mercy! This is the most basic and comprehensive Christian prayer. While Divine Service 1 expands this prayer, the focus is still on the simple petition, which is our greatest need, that need for God's mercy towards us.



Growing FAITH at home

FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN LENT

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Lent is a time
to worship God
from the heart.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Recall a sacrifice you have made for someone else. Is there something that another person has sacrificed for you?
2. Before Jesus' death, his heart was "troubled" (John 12:27). Could Jesus have chosen not to die? Why or why not?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies
M	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant from God
T	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
W	John 20:24-29	Thomas sees and believes
T	1 Kings 19:11-18	Elijah meets God
F	2 Corinthians 5-14-21	Christ died for all
S	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat."

JOHN 12:24





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read Psalm 51.

Consider dividing up the reading as follows:

- Reader 1: verses 1-2;
- Reader 2: verses 3-5;
- Reader 3: verses 6-9;
- Reader 4: verses 10-12.

At the end of each section, invite all household members to respond together with these words:

“God, create a pure heart in me.”



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant and water flower seeds in pots with potting soil.

Plan to give the flower pots away as Easter gifts to friends or neighbours as a sign of the new life that has come through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Write on the pot “John 12:24” and decorate it with Easter symbols.



MEALTIME PRAYER

You feed the hungry with grains of wheat. Thank you, Lord, for this food to eat. Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus our Saviour, please draw us close to you. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus draw you to himself. May his death cover your sins, and his resurrection fill you with new life.