

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

P A L M · S U N D A Y



God has raised Him up to the height of  
H E A V E N

*Palm Sunday*  
*Sunday of the Passion*  
*March 24, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We raise our hosannas to You, O incoming King. We lift up our voices to say, "Save us!" For though You are humble in appearance, You are mighty to save. And though You are gentle at heart, You possess power from on high. We thank You for entering our lives.

*Jesus of Nazareth, we lift our palms and praises up to You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... King of Heaven; 442; Hosanna; 837  
**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Zechariah 9:9–12  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Philippians 2:5-11  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 15:1–47  
**SERMON:**

**WELCOME** to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION MAUNDY THURSDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY** 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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam  
Ushers..... Brian & Barb Vincent  
Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; John Voss; Ellen Wagner  
AV Operator..... Tobi Stene

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion
<b>Friday</b>	10:15 am	Good Friday Worship Youth
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Egg Decorating Activity
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship/Communion
	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 am	Easter Worship/Communion

### ***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: "Repurposed Joy and Junk"*** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives (Mark 14:1-11). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

## LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
March 17	159/105	36	22

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,935.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$85,868.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$81,442.31</b>	<b>\$4,425.69</b>

*Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 56.55; Visitor 95.00; Sunday School 13.25; Lutheran Hour 5.75; LWMLC 100.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Thank you to our Sunday School children, who sing their glad Hosannas during our service this morning! There was not a formal class this morning, rather children participated in an Easter activity. There will be no lesson on Easter Sunday. Families are invited to come to the Easter breakfast between 8:30 am and 9:45 am. A blessed Holy Week to all!

**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. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Fellowship bulletin board.



**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!

**PLEASE NOTE:** *There is no Wednesday service this week.* We pray that you will join us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and of course on Sunday.



**EASTER EGG-DECORATING:** Come **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



***THIS WEEK WE OBSERVE THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK IN HUMAN HISTORY***, as we remember how Jesus suffered, died and rose again to save us from sin, death and hell. We invite you to worship with us at these special services:

- March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am
- March 31<sup>st</sup> 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. Share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.



***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!

***MISSION PRAYER:*** This week, we pray for **Rev. Henry Evelerth Ramirez** who serves as pastor for two congregations in the Leon area, Nicaragua.

***Prayer:*** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ramirez, 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.**



***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](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com)).

***THE RENOVATION WORK IN THE KITCHEN*** will begin on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This will have an impact on many of the things we do. Some classes / meetings may be moved while the floors are being done; unfortunately, we will not have coffee hours during this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

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# Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE

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## What is "Palm Sunday"?

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by His people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and King with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's final, bitter walk to the cross.

## Why did the people honor and adore Him on Palm Sunday and then kill Him five days later on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, all of the people began to praise and honor Him as their King. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and make Israel a free nation again. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a King He is. He's the King who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a King!

### FOR PARENTS

Remind your children how important it was that Jesus died for their sins. (Be careful to note if the children say, "died to save our sins," and correct them). That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay ourselves. Direct your children to the symbols in the sanctuary that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday at Easter!



## Growing FAITH at home

PALM  
SUNDAY

YEAR B

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. Share about a time when you met someone important.
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover festival, a crowd of people welcomed him with joy. Imagine Jesus was entering your town or suburb today in the same way. How would you respond?
3. This week is a big week – it's Holy Week. Discuss what that means for you and your family. How will you 'enter in' and journey with Jesus this week?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.*

*Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>Mark 14:1-15:47</b>	The passion of Jesus
<b>M</b>	<b>Mark 11:1-11</b>	Jesus enters Jerusalem
<b>T</b>	<b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>	A Servant Song
<b>W</b>	<b>Philippians 2:5-11</b>	The Christ Hymn
<b>T</b>	<b>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</b>	Jesus washes disciples' feet
<b>F</b>	<b>John 18:1-19:42</b>	The suffering and death of Jesus
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 31</b>	Prayer for deliverance

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord!"

MARK 11:9



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

During this week, construct a Holy Week display in your home. Read the Bible verses listed for each day and collect and arrange the associated items.

Sunday	Palm or fern fronds (Matthew 21:8-9)
Monday	Small bottle of perfume (Mark 14:3-9)
Tuesday	Bag of silver coins (Matthew 26:14-15)
Wednesday	Bowl of water and towel (John 13:3-17)
Thursday	Bread & grapes or cup of wine (Mark 14:22-25)
Friday	Thorns (Matthew 27:27-29); Nails (Luke 23:32-33); Dice (Mark 15:24); Wooden cross (Mark 15:21-25)
Saturday	Large stone (Mark 15:46)

Add flowers to your display on Easter Sunday in celebration of Jesus' resurrection! Read from Mark 16:1-8



## ACTION RESPONSE

Do you know someone who will spend Easter Sunday alone?

Share your resurrection joy by inviting that person to lunch or dinner next Sunday.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Each meal we eat is a reminder of your love for us. Thank you, God! Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, change us. Give us hearts that are humble so that we put others before ourselves. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God give you a humble attitude like that of his Son, and bless you as you serve.