


Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

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

HOW OFTEN I
HAVE WANTED
TO GATHER
YOUR
CHILDREN
TOGETHER



L U K E 1 3 : 3 4

The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship (Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) 10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Again and again, O Lord, we have been unwilling to let You into our lives. Forgive us. Come to us now with Your protection and Your care. Watch over us and keep us ever close to You.

O Lord who longs to love us, gather us together under Your wings.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As projected
HYMNS:508; 708; 825; 547; 730; 586; 674; 422; 725
FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 26:8-15
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Philippians 3:17-4:1
GOSPEL LESSONLuke 13:31-35

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday
March 9	121	32	22

THE FLOWERS which grace the altar are given to the glory of God by Anne Marie Kothari.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers.....	Brian Vincent; John Voss
Lector	Christine Heumann
Acolyte	Keira Puchbauer
Communion Assistants.....	Rick Nelson; Austin Voss
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....	Evan Stene; Christine Heumann
Coffee Team.....	Sarah, Timothy, Eden & Paxton Knudtson
Greeters	Gail and Dale Dusterhoft

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	11:45 am	Faith at Home: Forgiveness in the Family
Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lent Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital:*
- Homebound:*
- For Special Intercession:*
- Family Focus:*

LENT BIBLE STUDY – MEANS OF GRACE, CONTINUES: On **Monday nights, through April 7 at 7pm**, and on **Tuesday mornings through April 8 at 10am**, we'll be gathering for a special Bible study on the Means of Grace, which are the ordinary, simple things that God uses to demonstrate His grace to us. We have room for more people at both studies – you are welcome to join us!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: We are still tabulating the totals from last week's offering. Updated info should be available next week. Thanks for your patience.

SAGE PROPERTIES CORP. SHARES: We have received the final payout in the amount of \$172,499.10 for the redemption of our remaining shares. Next steps for the Designated Funds Committee includes calculating the final amounts for the refund to the building donors that opted for a refund - roughly \$60,000. After that we need to prepare reports to CRA.

PASTOR ERIC HAS ACCEPTED A CALL: Pastor Eric has accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Beach Corner, AB. His last Sunday service will be on March 30th, and his last day in the office will be on April 1st. The Elders met last week and are making plans for the upcoming pastoral vacancy.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to John and Diane Voss at the death of Diane's mother, who died in Christ on March 1. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.



JOIN US WEDNESDAYS for our special services during this Lenten season to remember and give thanks for all that our Saviour has done for us in His death and resurrection.

Our theme is *The Blessings in the Blood of Jesus*, and we will be examining what Jesus' blood has accomplished as told in the book of Hebrews. The pastors of our circuit will join us to share a sermon each week. Our services begin each **Wednesday at 6:30 pm**.

This week we will welcome Pastor Markus Zeuch from St. Matthew Lutheran Church. We hope you will join us for these services.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE: Provided by Lutheran Layman's League of Canada. Please visit the welcome desk for your copy.

STREAMING SERVICES: Our livestreams have officially moved over to **YouTube**. We hope that this will provide an improved experience for everyone.
<https://www.youtube.com/@foothillslutheranchurch9020/streams>

GOD'S PROMISES FOR ME: Our summer VBS is scheduled for the mornings of **July 21-25**. Online registration is now open on our website at www.foothillslutheran.com! Volunteer teachers, helpers, and activity leaders are needed. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!



SHOEBOXES NEEDED FOR VBS! If you have any that you don't need and are taking up space in your house, please donate them to us for a VBS craft. Please leave them under the mailboxes for me and I will collect them twice a week. All sizes of boxes are welcome. Thank you!! ~Christine Heumann

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, students will study "A Servant Speaks." The Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. As a family, consider discussing, "How does the death of Stephen affect the other believers?"

MISSION OF THE MONTH - REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

As we look to our work in support of bringing a refugee family from Afghanistan, we will need financial support for this. While we are just in the beginning stages of this work, we pray that our members will show love and hospitality through their support of this project both in their giving to this mission of the month and in their prayers for this family.

SILVER SAINTS - ARMCHAIR TRAVELOGUE: The third event in our Armchair Travelogue series will be in the fellowship hall this **Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30pm**. This month we will see and learn about Iceland, the beautiful country of fire and ice. This is a unique land where you can walk in an extinct lava tube, see a Lutheran cathedral, and watch a glacier calving chunks of ice into the ocean. Enjoy the experience over a cup of hot tea or coffee.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 23) "Even Me, Even You" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at www.lutheranhour.ca.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Silvio Modesto Sánchez Osaba who serves as pastor for the Lutheran Church Nueva Jerusalem in the Villa 15 de Julio community of Nicaragua.

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, Hear our prayer.



LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA 'S WEBSITE: visit www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca to stay informed with news from the LCC. You can even sign up for weekly updates, read online publications and more.

ANNUAL WALK, RUN OR ROLL FOR LOVE: for **Lutheran Hospital Ministries**, takes place at Confederation Park on **Saturday, April 26**. See the office or LHM's website for details, www.lhmsa.ca.

PLEASE BE AWARE: It has been reported to us that recently that scam emails have been received, which appear to be sent from our ministry staff. If you receive an email that looks questionable, please do not reply, but let us know at the office.

FAMILY EASTER EGG-DECORATING is back! Come to the church on **Holy Saturday, April 19th, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am** to decorate Easter eggs together. We'll have some fun decorating, followed by a special egg hunt for the children and a short devotion. Bring boiled eggs that you would like to decorate, and we'll have some eggs to decorate for the church's Easter breakfast. Decorating materials will be provided. Please let Deaconess Miriam know by **March 24** if you are planning to come!



LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: The ladies will be meeting downstairs on **Monday, March 24**, beginning **at noon**. We will begin with a social time, followed by a Bible study, and then a brief business meeting.

All ladies are welcome to join us!

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN: The January/February issue has arrived, but we were a few issues short for distributing to all the mailboxes. We hope to receive more soon, along with the March/April issue. Our apologies if your mailbox was missed at this time.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: You are invited to join in the CLMS Annual General Meeting by Zoom on **Sunday, April 6** at 3 p.m. PDT 4 p.m. MDT 5 p.m. CDT 6 p.m. EDT. We will hear reports on the mission work of CLMS and the generous gifts of our donors. Contact Pastor Mark Lobitz by email at mclobitz@gmail.com if you would like the Zoom Link for the Meeting.



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at home

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CONVERSATIONS

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

- 1. Jesus longed to gather the people of Jerusalem to himself like a mother hen gathers her chicks. What does this tell us about him?
- 2. Have you ever felt Jesus “gather” you close to him? When and how?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus’ sorrow over Jerusalem
M	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	The Lord’s covenant promise
T	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	Pressing toward the goal
W	Jeremiah 31:1-14	The Lord will rebuild Israel
T	Romans 11:25-32	All Israel will be saved
F	Revelation 21:1-14,22-27	The new Jerusalem
S	Psalms 27	The Lord will protect me

VERSE OF THE WEEK

In times of trouble, you will protect me.
You will hide me in your tent and keep me
safe on top of a mighty rock.

PSALM 27:6





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Find a place where you feel close to God (e.g. in the garden, in your room, by the beach.) Spend some time with him there. Set up a table in your house to reflect on each of these four symbols.

Crucifix: Do you have a crucifix in your home?

If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child's drawing of Jesus' death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

Bowl of Water: A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be an ongoing reminder of baptism in our lives. Use the bowl to mark one another with the sign of the cross during Lent.

Bowl of Sand: A bowl of sand can remind us of Jesus' forty days of temptation in the desert, and our own call to resist temptation in following Christ.

Bible: Lent is a time to renew our focus on God's Word. The prominent placement of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Use the Bible to read one or more verses for your household each day.



ACTION RESPONSE

Choose some of the Bible verses from this week that show us how much God loves us and protects us.

Make some bookmarks or write these verses on a card and display them in your home. Make some extra cards or bookmarks and give them away to other people letting them know how much God wants to be close to them, love them and protect them also.



MEALTIME PRAYER

All things below,
all things above,
are gifts of your
amazing love.
Thank you God.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, please help
us to look beyond
earthly things
today. Help us to
focus on the bigger
and greater things
you have in mind.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God gather you
into his loving arms.