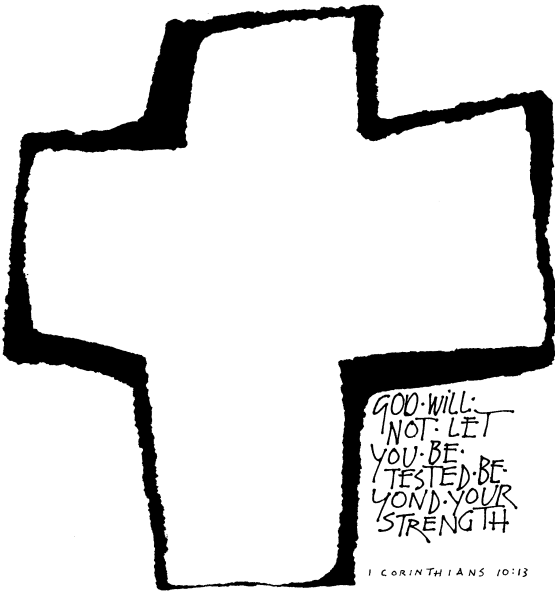


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



## *The Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 23, 2025*

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

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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for never deserting us or letting us be cut down and destroyed. May we respond by obeying Your commands, following Your will, and growing and developing as Your disciples.  
*Nurturing Lord, may we live fruitful lives for You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... 809; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/The Wonderful Cross;  
..... 824; How can I Keep from Singing; In the Cross Alone I Glory  
**FIRST LESSON:**.....Ezekiel 33:7-20  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
**GOSPEL LESSON** .....Luke 13:1-9

**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 NEXT 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).

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of:	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour	Wednesday
March 16	142/91	32	25



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

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Musicians ..... Contemporary Worship Team; Hannah Edel, Organist  
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner  
Lector ..... Heather Sommers  
AV/Powerpoint Operators..... Michelle Funke  
Coffee Team.....Robert and Ingrid Kubke  
Greeters ..... Gail and Dale Dusterhoft

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>	12:00 pm	LWML-C Society Meeting
	7:00 pm	Lent Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Lent Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study at Michelle Heumann's
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Pastor Eric's Farewell Lunch

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*Hospice Care:*  
*Homebound:*  
*For Special Intercession:*  
*Family Focus:*

**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 30**, and his last day in the office will be on **April 1**. The Elders met last week and are making plans for the upcoming pastoral vacancy. Please join us after the service next Sunday to say farewell to Pastor Eric and his family with a pizza party in the fellowship hall.

**LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION:** A letter has sent to the congregation via email about the transition at Foothills. If you did not receive this email, there are copies available at the Information Center/Welcome Desk.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received the week of March 9	\$5,536.00	
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,137.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$68,136.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$84,615.38</b>	<b>-\$16,479.38</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts (week of March 9):** Plate Offerings 141.75; Visitor Offerings 420.00; Sunday School Offerings 5.00; Facility Rental 320.00; FLSR Rental 500.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWML-C 5.00; FLC Youth 115.45; Refugee Sponsorship 120.00.

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts (last week):** Plate Offerings 18.35; Visitor Offerings 160.00; Sunday School Offerings 7.00; Facility Rental 3600.00; Student Parking 100.00; Concordia Seminary 25.00; LWML-C 50.00; FLC Youth 7.60; Refugee Sponsorship 45.00.

**SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING:** We will be having a special voter’s meeting in the sanctuary immediately **after service on April 6**. The meeting will be short. Agenda to include issuing a call to Pastor Bode to become a Pastor Emeritus (retired pastor) at Foothills, and also to serve on a part-time basis as our vacancy Pastor while we undertake a call process. The other item is to establish a call committee. Please plan on attending if you are a voting member of the congregation.

**STUDENT RESIDENCE COORDINATOR:** With Pastor Bode retiring, and the congregation not having a Chair of the Board of Church Properties, we need a volunteer to coordinate the student residence. Duties to include being the prime contact for the students, arranging repairs to the building as required, and advertising for and interviewing potential new students as vacancies arise. The residence is currently full with a great group of students who are active in our congregation. The time commitment is difficult to estimate due to issues that may arise with the building but probably is a 2- 4 hours a month on average. Please contact Dale Dusterhoft if you have any interest in this role.

**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!



**LENT BIBLE STUDY – MEANS OF GRACE, CONTINUES:** On **Monday nights, through March 31 at 7pm**, and on **Tuesday mornings through April 1 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!



**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 Mark Rekken from Shepherd of Peace 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There were no Sunday School classes this morning due to Spring break. Please take time to pray for the children of our congregation and their parents as they spend time in God's Word at home!

**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](http://www.foothillslutheran.com)! Volunteer teachers, helpers, and activity leaders are needed. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!



**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>

### **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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (March 30) "**The Difference Between Anger and Contempt**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. (John 11:35). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).



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

**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, Hear our prayer.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA'S WEBSITE:** visit [www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca](http://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca) to stay informed with news from the LCC. You can even sign up for weekly updates, read online publications and more.



**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 4 p.m. MDT**. 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](mailto:mclobitz@gmail.com) if you would like the Zoom Link for the meeting.

**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 Christine Heumann and she will collect them twice a week. All sizes of boxes are welcome. Thank you!!

**LCBI SPRING CONCERT TOUR:** Students from LCBI High School in Outlook, SK are heading to Alberta for performances feat. the LCBI Choir, Jazz Band and Handbell Choir. They will be in Calgary at Peace Lutheran on **Friday, March 28 at 7:00pm**. Info at [www.lcbi.sk.ca](http://www.lcbi.sk.ca).



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. When do you find it hard to be patient?
2. How is God patient with us?
3. In what ways do you think God might like to see you grow or change in the next year of your life?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 13:1-9</b>	Parable of the fig tree
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 55: 1-9</b>	Invitation to the Lord's salvation
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 10: 1-13</b>	Lessons from Israel's idolatry
<b>W</b>	<b>Ezekiel 18:25b-32</b>	Repent and live!
<b>T</b>	<b>Hosea 14:1-7</b>	Return to the Lord
<b>F</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-9</b>	The fruit of repentance
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 34:11-22</b>	Turn from evil and do good

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Turn to the Lord! He can still be found. Call out to God! He is near. Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts. Return to the Lord our God. He will be merciful and forgive your sins.

ISAIAH 55:6-7





### CREATIVE RESPONSE

The theme of repentance runs through the Bible readings for this week. God gives us the Ten Commandments to show us his will for us, and to lead us to examine our thoughts, words and actions. In your home devotion times this week, listen together to the Ten Commandments and talk about what they mean.

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honour your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse, or their manservant, or their maidservant, or their cattle or anything that is your neighbour's



### ACTION RESPONSE

Make crosses from bars of soap as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice to cleanse us from our sins. Draw a cross shape on each bar of soap, then carefully carve away the excess soap using a table knife. Place soap crosses in your bathroom. You could also place soap crosses in small gift bags to give away to friends and relatives.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Mealtime is here,  
O what a spread!  
Thanks be to  
God, who gives us  
bread. Amen.



### PRAYER

Lord God, we turn  
to you. Please  
show us mercy.  
Amen.



### BLESSING

God is merciful and  
forgives your sins.