

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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

Education Hour.....	9:00 am
Morning Worship.....	10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship.....	6:30 pm

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A Prayer Upon Entering: As people plot to kill You, Lord, and danger is all around You, may we take the time to honour You for who you are--the Son of God. And may we glorify You for what You are about to do--become our sacrifice for sin.

Saving Son of God, we honour and glorify You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: The Office at Prime

HYMNS:426; 430; 575; & 685

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 43:16-21

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL LESSONLuke 20:9-20

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 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

**Attendance includes online participation.*

Week of:	Sunday/ Communed	Education Hour/ Lenten Study	Wednesday
March 30	159/115	5/24	17

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam
Ushers.....	Robert Kubke; Lorne Rosenau
Lector	Nora Jarowicz
Acolyte	Adam Hohm
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....	Evan Stene; Christine Heumann
Coffee Team.....	Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner
Greeters	Judy Pederson, Brian Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	After Service	**Special Voter's Meeting in the sanctuary**
	12:00 pm	Faith at Home: Family Service
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Craft-Tea Party
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lenten Worship with Holy Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Sunday		Palm Sunday
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Hospice Care:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING TODAY: We will be having a special voter's meeting in the sanctuary immediately **after service**. 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 staying for this short meeting if you are a voting member of the congregation.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal \$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,565.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$76,525.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$100,000.00	-\$23,474.00

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 13.75; Visitor Offerings 80.00; FLC Youth 20.00; LWML-C 105.00; Refugee Sponsorship 45.00; Helping Hands Kitchen 100.00.



JOIN US WEDNESDAY for our final special service 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. This week we will welcome Pastor Bode to lead us in our Lenten worship. We hope you will join us for this service.

EASTER WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL: April 18 to 20

As a congregation we are facing changes and transitions in 2025, and it is important to join in prayer for God’s guidance and wisdom as we look to the future. The vigil will take place wherever you are – at home, on the train, on your lunch break; whatever location works for you! It will begin at **9 am (the third hour) on Good Friday and run 10 am on Easter Sunday**. The Good Friday worship service will be at 2pm, so if possible, please gather to pray together in person during this time. Please sign up for a time slot either on the Christian Education bulletin board or online at: <https://bit.ly/2025eastervigil>. Don’t worry if more than one person is signed up for the same slot! The Board of Christian Education will provide some prayer resources for your encouragement if you include your email address when you sign up, and other prayer resources will be available in the bulletin and the Narthex in the coming weeks.



EASTER LILY DONATIONS: When making your offerings from now until Easter, please consider giving an amount toward the purchase of eight Easter lilies which will adorn God’s altar for our Easter Sunday service. Whether by envelope or etransfer, simply designate the amount to “Easter Lily Purchase.”
Thank you very much.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's Bible lesson, students study the amazing account of "An Enemy Converts." On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God. Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf. Discuss, "How does the conversion of Saul change the history of the world?"

TUESDAY MORNING LIFELIGHT STUDY: We've finished our Lenten study on the Means of Grace and will take a two-week break. Our study on the Life of David will resume after Easter on Tuesday, April 22.

MISSION OF THE MONTH - OUR LCC SEMINARIES

Jesus bids us to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of seminaries: **Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, AB** and **Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catherines, ON**. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field. We also encourage your prayers for those workers. Do you know a young person who could serve the Lord as a pastor or deacon?

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (April 13) "**In the Middle**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18)

CRAFT-TEA PARTY: Resumes this **Tuesday, April 8** from **1:30 – 3pm**, Christine Heumann is hosting a drop-in for anyone who wants to come for tea, treats, fellowship, and time to work on any craft you may have on the go. Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, card-making materials, OR, just come for the tea and fellowship!



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Van Ravy** who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries.



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



CALLING OUT FOR MUSICIANS! Our contemporary music team is looking for more talent to add to our services! We are in particular need of lead guitarists, pianists, and drummers. We meet the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at knudtson.sarah@gmail.com with any questions or get in touch with the office. Thank you!

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!



THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN: We have received a limited number of the November/December issue, which is now available on the welcome desk. Current and previous issues of the magazine are also available online at <https://issuu.com/thecanadianlutheran>

SILVER SAINTS: Are hosting a presentation by the Collections & Museum Manager of Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Museum in Warner, Alberta at 1:30 on Tuesday, April 15. Hear about the first official dinosaur egg nesting site discovered in Canada. See slides of museum exhibits. Touch actual dinosaur fossils. Ask questions. Perhaps you will be inspired to take a day trip south of Calgary this summer, so you can make your own fossil cast to take home and see the latest fossil discoveries from Devil's Coulee.

UPDATED SCHEDULE / LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION: Because of the transition, our service schedule has changed, so do not follow what was published in the Footprint. At the Welcome Desk you can pickup an updated schedule, or the Letter to the Congregation which explains the transition, if you did not receive these on email.

WORSHIP DURING VACANCY: All Worship Services, whether Pastor or Elder led, will be prepared by our Vacancy Pastor Bode. There will continue to be a mix of traditional and contemporary music. Sermons will be written by Pastor Bode or a Guest Pastor. Regardless of who leads, we will hear God's Word and sing His praises. **Please note our revised Holy Week schedule: We will not be holding a Maundy Thursday service here at Foothills, however you are welcome to worship at any of our sister congregations that evening. Good Friday service will be at 2:00 pm, and there will be only one service on Easter Sunday at 10:15 am following Easter Breakfast at 8:30.**



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CONVERSATIONS

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

- 1. What is the best gift you have ever received?
- 2. Mary anointed Jesus' feet with very expensive perfume (read John 12:1-8). Why do you think she did this?
- 3. What gift would you like to give to Jesus today?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
M	Isaiah 43: 16-21	The Lord's promise of victory
T	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Priceless value of knowing Christ
W	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	The fragrance of life
T	Ephesians 1:15-18	Knowing Christ better
F	2 Peter 1:3-11	Knowledge of Christ
S	Psalms 126	The Lord has done amazing things

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

In Sunday's Gospel reading we hear that Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) anointed Jesus' feet with nard, a very expensive perfume imported all the way from the Himalayas. Nard was used to prepare bodies for burial. By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter.

As part of your home devotion times this week, anoint one another's hands or forehead with perfume or oil.

Say together this prayer:

(Name) I anoint you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he may strengthen you in all that you do. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God,
bless our bodies
with this food,
our home with
your love, and
the world by our
hands. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, help us to
let go of all that
stands in the way
of knowing and
following you.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Mary surprised Jesus with a special gift of love. Prepare a special gift of love for a friend, neighbour or relative (money need not be spent).



BLESSING

May the Lord
Jesus take hold of
you with his love.