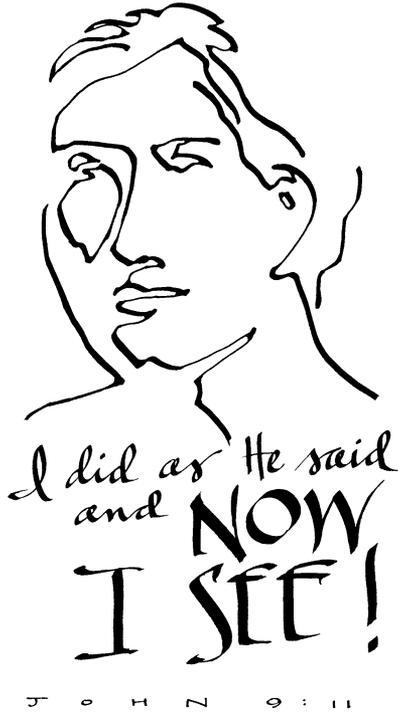


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com

DPS: Deaconess Miriam Winstanley – miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Interim Office Administrator: Carol Kehler – office@foothillslutheran.com

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: We come before you this day to bask in Your presence and to receive something from You. May we find in You forgiveness and strength, cleansing and renewal, and, above all, a better understanding of what You want us to be.

Present and eternal Lord, look upon us in love.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 3, p. 184

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

HYMNS: 545; 690; 571; 430; 618; 438; 420

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 42:14-21

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 9:1-41

SERMON:..... *He Has An Answer!* – 2 Chronicles 7:14

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.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Ingrid Kubke in loving memory of her husband, Edwin Kubke.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ORGANIST**..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS**..... Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss
- USHERS**..... Barb Vincent; John Voss
- ACOLYTE**..... Elliana Legroulx
- LECTOR**..... Faith Dueck
- COMMUNION ELDERS**..... Tim Hohm; Rob Kaut
- AV OPERATORS**..... Eden/Paxton Knudtson; Evan Stene
- COFFEE TEAM**..... Robert & Ingrid Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Study – <i>Every One His Witness</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Lent Service
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

In Hospice:

Homebound:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today our Sunday School students reviewed “The Week that Led to Easter.” Set in Jerusalem during the Passover, the first Holy Week connects the Old and New Testaments, the Passover Lamb and the Israelite exodus to Jesus, our true sacrificial Lamb of God. Students saw the saving work of Jesus unfolding through this week.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

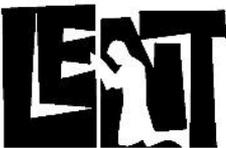
Week of:	Worship	Education Hour	Wednesday Lent Service
March 8	87	23	40

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,635.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$71,681.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$75,961.54	-\$4,280.09

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor Offering 100.00; Refugee Sponsorship 100.00; FLSR 520.00; LWML 50.00; Accounts Receivable 25.00; Board of Education Recoveries 80.00; Fellowship 245.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 22) "**Meeting You Where You Are**". Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning. Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.



SACRED SEASON OF LENT: Join us **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** for our Lenten services, as we move through this season to the foot of the cross Our theme is The Small Catechism, and we will be looking at the chief parts of Christian doctrine as taught in the Catechism. This Wednesday Pastor Bode will preach on Holy Baptism.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Please join us **this Wednesday at 5:30 pm** for soup, followed by our Lenten worship. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall to help provide soup for these times of fellowship together. Volunteers are also needed for set up and clean up.



OUR LENTEN SERVICES ARE ONLINE! If you can't be here in person, join us at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran for our time of Lenten meditation.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:
REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

As we look to support a family from Afghanistan, we will need financial support for this. We pray that our members will show love and hospitality through their support of this project.

OUR CALL HAS BEEN ANSWERED: The Call Committee is very pleased to announce that Pastor Glenn Worcester has accepted the Divine Call to Foothills Lutheran Church. What follows is an excerpt from the letter sent to the FLC congregation:

"Thus, it is with both joy and sadness that I announce that I am accepting the call you have extended to me to serve as pastor of Foothills Lutheran Church. Sadness for what we will soon be leaving behind at Peace and in Winnipeg. Joy for what lies ahead at Foothills and in Calgary. I look forward to preaching the Word, sharing in the life of the congregation, and serving Christ together with you. And I look forward to sharing my heart and life with all of you, just as you have opened up your lives and your hearts to me. There are still plenty of details to figure out before ministry begins at Foothills, and I will share a more concrete timeline as soon as possible. And so, I once again ask for your prayers and patience. Patience as you await our arrival. Prayers for my family, for my wife and my children specifically who are undergoing some of the biggest changes of their lives. And prayers for Peace as well during this time of transition."

Stay tuned for an actual start date. Please continue to pray for Pastor Glenn, his family and the congregation at Peace Lutheran.



VBS 2026, "JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE" will run **July 20-24**.

Online registration is open at www.foothillslutheran.com and there are registration forms on the Welcome Desk. Invite grandchildren, neighbours and friends to join us! God has always blessed us with enough willing hearts and hands to run our summer VBS. If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher, classroom helper, or games leader, please contact Deaconess Miriam!

LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS ONLINE: Concordia Publishing House has launched a new website, making its popular English edition of the Book of Concord available to read for free online. The documents assembled in the Book of Concord are the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and bear witness to the truth of God's Word and the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. They form our Confession of Faith as a congregation and are a worthy read for every Lutheran! Check out the website at <https://bookofconcord.cph.org>.

THE LUNCH BUNCH strikes at Boston Pizza in Crowfoot on **Tuesday, March 31 at 12:15**. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. (Please include your phone number.) Join us for food and fellowship.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH CONFERENCE IN RED DEER: Each of us has a loved one who has stepped away from the faith they once held dear. Many more reasons exist why people have ceased to attend the Divine Service and receive the gifts God loves to give, but Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (LCMS) will be presenting on what our Christian response is. How can we, in faithful love, care for those who have left the Church? The conference will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran in Red Deer on **April 24 to 25**. There is no cost but a freewill offering will help cover the expenses. Please RSVP by March 26 by calling 403-346-3798 or emailing calvary@telusplanet.net. If you are interested in attending, please fill in the sign-up sheet on Deaconess Miriam's door and communicate with others who are interested about transportation and accommodation.

HELP NEEDED:



A sister in Christ is seeking help for a friend who needs someone to do repairs for her parents' home in Brentwood. Tasks include re-installing a banister, plugging holes in garage where mice have been entering the home and replacing an exterior light bulb. For more information contact Charlotte Rentz: text 403-470-1611 or email charlotterentz@shaw.ca.



We are looking for people willing to help with streaming and PowerPoint for our upcoming Lenten services. Please contact the church office if you can assist.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The April – June 2026 regular and large print booklets are now available on the Welcome Desk. Please help yourself.

FAMILY EGG-DECORATING: Everyone is invited to come to the church **Saturday, April 4** from 10:00 – 11:15 am to decorate Easter Eggs! Bring your own boiled eggs from home, and you'll also help to decorate the eggs for our Easter breakfast. Children will participate in a special egg hunt, and we'll have a devotion together. Please let Deaconess Miriam know if you plan to attend.

PLEASE PRAY: Bill C-9 proposes to remove the religious exemption for free expression in Canada. This would mean, for example, that teaching the biblical view on various issues could become chargeable under law in our nation. Please pray that the Lord would guide our lawmakers as they proceed to a vote. If you choose to phone or email your MP, be respectful and speak the truth of God's Word in love to those with whom you disagree.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were in a very dark place.
2. How did you feel? What did you do?
3. Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). In what ways is he like a light in your life?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
M	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Samuel anoints David
T	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
W	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
T	1 John 2:3-11	Warning against spiritual blindness
F	Ephesians 5:8-14	Now you are light
S	Psalm 23	The Good Shepherd

VERSE OF THE WEEK

While I am in the world, I am
the light of the world.

JOHN 9:5



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Select a candle to serve as your 'Christ Candle', and gather an additional candle for each person in your household.

Begin your home devotional times this week by saying ***"Jesus, you are the light of the world."*** As you do, light the Christ Candle.

Then have household members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each one does, say together: ***"You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others."***



ACTION RESPONSE

Founded in 1908 by German Lutheran Pastor Ernest Christoffel, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) works to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. CBMI supports more than 1000 programs in over 100 countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, and Latin America. Almost 17 million people worldwide benefit from CBMI's support.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we believe. May we worship you today through all we do and say. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good.