

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”



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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

Office Administrator: Jessica Tonn – office@foothillslutheran.com

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord, You are the Resurrection and the Life. With Martha, may we say, "I believe that You are the Messiah!" And like Lazarus, may we come forth from our tombs when You call us. Continue to raise all Your people to new life this day and every day.

O Son of God, revive our hearts and restore our souls.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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

HYMNS:435; 543; Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise); 433; Desert Song

FIRST LESSON:.....Ezekiel 37:1-14

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 8:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 11:1-45

SERMON:..... Death, the Enemy - John 11:1-45

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.



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

- MUSIC**.....Contemporary Musicians and Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS** Merv and Kareen Borgeson
- USHERS** Elfrieda Heiden; Brian Vincent
- LECTOR**.....Brian Vincent
- AV OPERATORS**.....Michelle Funke; Christine Heumann
- COFFEE TEAM**..... Fiemna Ekpombang; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Study – <i>Every One His Witness</i>
	12:30 pm	LWMLC
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
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital

In Hospice

Homebound

For Special Intercession

Family Focus



TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Jonathan Kraemer, President of Concordia Lutheran Seminary. We thank him for bringing God’s Word to us both in Bible Study this morning, and in the worship service. Please join us during coffee hour for a presentation on the work of the Seminary in forming servants for Jesus’ sake.

NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Tonn has joined our staff as Office Administrator. Welcome, Jessica! May God bless your work as you serve Him and His people here at Foothills.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Worship/ Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday Lent Service
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OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,630.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$75,311.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$83,557.69	-\$8,246.24

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering \$85.00; Visitor Offering \$220.00; Sunday School \$22.00; Refugee Sponsorship \$110.00; Church Properties \$168.00; Fellowship \$35.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (March 29). "Dime-Sized" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God doesn't look for valuable, desirable, beautiful people so that He can love them. God loves first, and by loving them He makes people valuable, desirable, and beautiful. **1 Corinthians 13:11**. Hear this inspirational message on CHR 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.

FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY will be meeting on **Monday, March 23** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with some social gathering - bring your own lunch - followed by a Bible study and a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!



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 Confession and Absolution.

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.

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.



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!



WE ARE DRAWING NEAR TO THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK, 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:

April 2nd Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 pm

April 3rd Good Friday Worship at 10:15 am

April 5th Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:45 am

Easter Resurrection Celebration with Communion 10:15 am

As we go through these days, let us give thanks to God for the victory we have through Jesus Christ. Share this great and glorious news of the Living Lord with our friends and family.

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.



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER: Bill C9, which includes an amendment to remove the religious exemption for free expression in Canada did not go before parliament according to the intended timeline. This is by God’s grace and people of many faiths who have voiced concern to those in government by email, phone, a peaceful demonstration on parliament hill on March 12. It is now intended to go before parliament for its final reading this coming week. Please pray that the freedom to read aloud all of scripture in our country would be retained as the parliamentary vote is now scheduled for the week of March 23. **2 Chronicles 7:14.**



Growing
FAITH
at home

FIFTH
SUNDAY
IN LENT

YEAR A

Jesus is the
resurrection
and the life



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Mary and Martha were very sad because their brother Lazarus had died. What did Jesus say to comfort them? (Read John 11:23-25).
2. How do Jesus' words make you feel? Why?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus
M	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Valley of dry bones
T	2 Kings 4:18-37	Elisha raises a dead child
W	Acts 20:7-12	Paul raises a young man
T	Matthew 9:18-19,23-25	Jesus raises a dead girl
F	Romans 8:6-11	The realm of the Spirit
S	Psalms 130	A song of ascents

VERSE OF THE WEEK

I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me will have life
even if they die. And everyone who
lives and believes in me will never die.

JOHN 11:25-26





CREATIVE RESPONSE

When Jesus was confronted with Mary and Martha's grief, he also wept (John 11:35).

In your home devotion times this week, make a point of praying for people who are experiencing times of sadness e.g. those who are sick or who have recently had a friend or loved one die.

If you know someone going through a tough time, make them a card to let them know you are thinking of them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God,
through this food
you give us life
for today, and
through your Son
you give us life
forever. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we
believe you are the
Christ, the Son of
God. Thank you for
the promise of life
forever with you.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Make up a bouquet of flowers for someone who has recently lost a loved one. Deliver it yourself or ask your pastor to deliver it for you.



BLESSING

May the Spirit of
God live in you
and fill you with
new life.