

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”



Palm Sunday (Palmarum)

March 29, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We praise You with palms, O Lord. We laud You with loud shouts. We lift up our hearts and sing, "Hosanna!" You will be our King forever and ever. For You are the King who saves. You are the King who dies for our sake. And You are the King who will live.

Triumphant King, come to us and care for us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** As Projected
- HYMNS:** 442; 438; 444; 441
- FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 50:4-9a
- EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 2:5-11
- GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 27:11-66
- SERMON:** . From Palms and Praises to the Cross and Pain - John 12:23, 27-28a

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 Michael Vivek and his family.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- MUSIC**..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS**..... Diane Voss; Elke Bittmann
- USHERS**..... Ellen Wagner; Lorne Rosenau
- ACOLYTE**..... Aneilia
- LECTOR**..... Carl Berdahl
- AV OPERATORS**..... Barb Vincent
- COFFEE TEAM**..... Anne Marie Kothari
- WORSHIP ELDERS**..... Rick Nelson; Robert Kaut

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	7:00 pm	Lent Study – <i>Every One His Witness</i>
Tuesday	12:15 pm	LUNCH BUNCH
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Maudy Thursday Communion Service
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:15 am	Good Friday Worship
Saturday	10:00-11:15 am	Family Egg-Decorating
Sunday	8:30-9:45 am	Breakfast
	10:15 am	Easter Sunday Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospice:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The astounding and triumphant resurrection of Jesus is the heart of Christianity! Today, in their lesson “The Easter Surprise,” our children learned about witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection, and how we can also proclaim, “Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour	Wednesday Lent Service
March 22	117	9	17

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,165.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$82,476.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$91,153.85	-\$8,677.40

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering \$48.00; Visitor Offering \$150.00; Sunday School \$2.00; Refugee Sponsorship \$510.00

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (April 5). "You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. **1 Corinthians 15:26.** 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.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES is offering free visitor training for all who are interested in serving God in this manner. Training will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the Parish Hall on May 9, 16 and 23rd from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark Rekken at 587-228-2597 or call the office at 403-264-4045 or by email at lhmsac@gmail.com.

**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.

PASTOR RUSS HOWARD will be back for Divine Service at Foothills on **April 12**, and he will also be leading Sunday morning Adult Bible study beforehand. This time the lesson will be "**But in Fact**" from 1 Co 15:20, be there at **9am** to hear more on the historical basis for the Resurrection! Remember that Adult Bible studies continue to be offered every Sunday morning at 9 by Pastor Bode or Rob Kaut.

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.

CALL FOR APRIL GREETERS: Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve our Lord by greeting visitors and members in February and March. We still need greeters for April (especially after the service). Please consider whether the Lord is moving you to serve in this capacity. We also have the May - July sign up sheet posted on the worship bulletin board by Deaconess Miriam's office. As we move into Holy Week, may we be moved to ponder and reflect on our Saviour's humiliation and agonizing death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. God grant that through the power of the Holy Spirit He would enable us to share this joyous message to all who enter our doors.

This week, we pray for **Rev. Angel Antonio Salazar Macías** who serves as a pastor in **Nicaragua** for the Lutheran Church Jesus The Good Shepherd in the Potosi community, the Lutheran Church Bread and Life in the Monte Olivos community and the Lutheran church Principe De Paz in the Las Marias community.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Macías, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel.





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!

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 by the end of day Tuesday if you plan to attend.



AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK, 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.

BILL C-9 is currently being debated in the House of Commons, and it raises concerns about religious freedoms, particularly regarding the expression of faith. We, as a church, have issued a statement offering a pastoral response to this bill and its potential implications. In light of this, we call upon all members to prayerfully reflect on how we can engage with our civil authorities while placing our ultimate trust in the Lord. We encourage you to read the full statement on our website, where we share a detailed response to this bill that is also available for [download](#). It offers further insight into how we can engage with the civil process, while always grounding our actions in faith.

LENT BIBLE STUDY - EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS: Monday, March 23rd was the last evening for our Lent Bible study - Every One His Witness. Thank you to everyone who attended and shared in the group discussions. And a big thank you to our Elders who led these sessions. The work and the time they put into preparation and leading the group each evening is greatly appreciated.



Jesus is
our humble,
gentle King



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever attended a parade? What do you remember?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to ride on a donkey? What does this say to you about him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | Matthew 21:1-11 | Jesus enters Jerusalem |
| M | Matthew 21:42-46 | The stone the builders rejected |
| T | Matthew 26:6-13 | Jesus anointed at Bethany |
| W | Matthew 26:14-16 | Judas agrees to betray Jesus |
| T | Matthew 26:17-30 | The Last Supper |
| F | Matthew 27:1,33-50 | Jesus dies on the cross |
| S | Matthew 27:57-60 | The burial of Jesus |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

MATTHEW 21:9





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Find a bare branch and place it in a pot. Each day of Holy Week, attach a different symbol to the branch and read the associated Scripture passage.

Palm Sunday: Read Matthew 21:1-9. Place twigs and strips of cloth at the foot of the branch to symbolise the cloaks and branches spread on the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Monday: Read Matthew 21:42-46. Place a stone at the foot of the branch to symbolise Jesus, the stone that was rejected.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 26:6-13. Hang a small bottle of perfume from the branch.

Wednesday: Read Matthew 26:14-16. Hang a bag of coins on the branch.

Maundy Thursday: Read Matthew 26:17-30. Place a small plate and cup at the foot of the cross as a reminder of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: Read Matthew 27:1, 33-50. Hammer small nails into the branch and attach a sign reading "This is Jesus, King of the Jews".

Saturday: Read Matthew 27:57-60. Place a black cloth over the branch.

Easter Sunday: Read Matthew 28:1-10. Remove the black cloth and decorate the branch with flowers, paper butterflies or paper streamers.



ACTION RESPONSE

Complete an act of service as a household e.g. contact an elderly neighbour to offer your help with household cleaning or gardening, or prepare food to donate to a food pantry supporting the needy.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we gather this week may we remember all that you have done for us, and all that you call us to do for others. Bless this food to strengthen us in your service. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our King, please come and rule in our lives so that we are humble and gentle like you. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus rule as King in your life.