

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

Education Hour: 9:00 am
Morning Worship with Communion: (1st, 3rd and 5th) 10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm

A Prayer Upon Entering: Good and guiding Shepherd, lead us to quiet places where we can have moments of prayer and meditation with You. Take us to places of beauty where we can get a glimpse of Your glory. And welcome us into places where our souls can be nourished and fed.

Leading Lord, may we follow You to places where You want us to go.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 593; 737; 710; 740

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:1-12 Pg. 1160

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24 Pg. 1303

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18 Pg. 1140

SERMON: *Greater Than Our Hearts* – 1 John 3:19-24

A JOYOUS WELCOME As you worship, sing praises, and pray with us this morning, it is our prayer that you, too, will rejoice in the salvation wrought for you by Jesus Christ and be built up on the true faith. Please sign our Guest Register found in the Narthex, join us for coffee following the service....and please come again very soon.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION this week at our Wednesday service. 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 Wednesday's service.

THE NURSERY is available for times that children are restless, and is equipped with a sound system to enable parents to continue worshipping. Because some of our children and parents have severe nut allergies, **please keep the nursery a nut-free zone.**

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND SERVICE are available for your use. Please pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher for a copy.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS, crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION following our worship this morning. Take a few moments to catch up with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/ Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
April 15	214/166	22	86

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Lloyd & Carol Sandau; Bill & Erika Schultz
 Sanctuary Greeters Lloyd & Carol Sandau; Tom Copeland
 Acolyte Derek Kiefer
 Organist Phil Lemke
 Lector Geraldine Chimirri-Russell
 Counter Lesa Jasper; Alan Pentney
 Coffee Team Voter's Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray for preschool registrations for the new school year beginning in September.

Family Focus:

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL we studied the calling of Jesus' first disciples with "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael." In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. You might discuss, "*How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?*"



BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills, is Eleanor Rose, daughter of Desmond and Sarah Nwaerendu. Her sponsors are Chris Monette and Danielle Lepage. We pray that God would bless Eleanor and her family, and that He would keep her in His grace, poured out this day.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL STAMPEDE BREAKFAST! Invite your family and friends to our Stampede Breakfast **on July 15, 2018**. This is our 17th breakfast and we are hoping for sunshine. Breakfast is from 8:00 to 10:00. Outdoor service at 10:15. And yes again we will be looking for help—and prayers—from all of you. (Anni Adams, Stampede Breakfast Chair email annibrad@hotmail.com)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: April 29th: "*The Answer to Unhappiness*" (Acts 8:26-40) What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number

one answer? It was happiness. Hear this message on CHRB 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

This Week at FLC

Today:	12 Noon	Voter's Meeting
Mon-Wed	All day	Alberta Church Workers' Conference
Wednesday:	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	6:30 pm	Worship
Thursday:	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study @ Bodes'
Saturday:	1:30 pm	Panel Discussion: <i>Questions Kids are Asking</i>
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	9:15 am	Faith @ Home "Playtime with Purpose"
	10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
		Hymn Sing Sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - John 10:11–18 "The contrite and fearful are the people of grace, whose wounds the good Shepherd wants to bind up and heal, the Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep ... Such people should not give in to the thoughts of their hearts, which persuade them that because of their sins they ought not to pray or hope for grace. With David they should cry out, 'Have mercy on me, O God,' for such people are well pleasing to God." LW 12:317 (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1955–1986).

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Lutheran Church Canada 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 the seminaries. Your gift to the mission of the month for April helps Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines, Ontario and Concordia Lutheran Seminary Edmonton in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

LOOKING AHEAD: April 2018 has 5 Sundays and that means that next Sunday will be a hymn-sing Sunday! Submit your favorite hymn(s) to Pastor Eric before Wednesday, April 25th.

PARENT Q&A: Kids ask all kinds of questions. About science. About sex. About faith. On **Saturday, April 28th at 1:30 pm** we are offering you an opportunity to come together with other parents to hear the questions parents are being challenged to answer, and to have an open discussion about these questions and how we might address them. Sign up on the Board of Christian Education

bulletin board. You or your children may submit questions in advance in envelope beneath the sign-up sheet. Childcare will be offered.

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY: Please plan to attend this meeting at 12 noon. Information packages are available on the welcome desk.

THE SILVER SAINTS invite you to join them on Wednesday, April 25th at 1:30 pm. The discussions will centre on gathering ideas and making plans for future events.

UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY FOOTHILLS LWML-C SOCIETY:

- Monday, May 14, 2018 6:00 p.m. **Mother Daughter Friend Dinner CELEBRATING WOMEN OF ALL AGES!** Bring a dish for the pot blessing dinner; relax and enjoy the fellowship. We always appreciate the men who come to serve us and take over the kitchen duties.
- Saturday, May 26, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **South Alberta Zone LWML-C Spring Rally.** The theme is *THE GREAT COMMISSION (MATTHEW 28: 18-20)*. Friends are welcome! You do not have to be a member of LWML-C nor LCC to attend.

Check out our bulletin board by the kitchen entrance. Signing up for these events helps us with our planning. Contact Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca for more information.



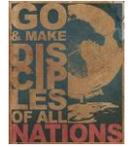
HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM! Not Apollo 13 and the astronauts trip to the moon, but with Hurricane Harvey of last summer. Much of the Gulf Coastal Lowlands in S. Houston are still suffering. Mark Kihn left early today (Sunday) for a week-long stint there, which may be extended. He is helping Samaritan's Purse with their home re-build effort. Please keep Mark in your prayers.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT! In this fallen world, people often go against God's law. We saw that recently, as we had a car broken into in our parking lot during a meeting. We encourage your caution—please make sure doors are locked, and that you do not leave valuables in your car. We try to watch what is happening around us, but we can't always see everything. In the same way, don't leave valuables lying around the building, such as keys and wallets in jackets. It doesn't take more than a few seconds for some dishonest person to go through coats, or to walk off with something they see on a table or shelf. Your help is appreciated.

NOMINATION NOTICE: Please prayerfully consider if you or your fellow members can serve our congregation in one of these positions. Candidates for the various positions need to be finalized by May 13th for approval at our June voters meeting. All positions are for 2-year terms (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020). Position descriptions and nomination forms are available on the welcome desk

in the narthex. Current openings are Board of Elders (multiple) – male only; President – male only; Board of Church Properties; Board of Human Care Ministries; Board of Fellowship; Board of Evangelism (the term for this position expires June 30, 2019).

THE JOYOUS NEWS OF THE RISEN CHRIST is a message to be shared with the whole world. We do that through the various missions of the church. We have a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about some of these missions and to join in prayer for the mission of the church. We are having a special ***Mission Sunday*** here at Foothills on Sunday, April 29th, at 3:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Calgary Zone LLL. Please join us for the exhibits at 2:00 pm and a special mission service at 3:00 pm, with Dr. James Gimbel from the seminary as preacher. We know you'll be encouraged by the work done to share the Gospel at home and abroad!



LUTHERAN CHURCH—CANADA will be holding its annual Intercultural Ministry Conference here at Foothills from June 14-16 (Thursday to Saturday). They have asked if there are members here at Foothills who would be willing to billet some of the guests who attend this conference. If you can host a guest those days, please speak to Pastor Bode.

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING? Lost and Found items are on display in the narthex, with any unclaimed items to be donated to charity. Recently found and turned into the office is a white gold diamond ring. Please check the list, and claim any that belong to you.



THE CONCERT CHOIR OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY of Edmonton (dir. Joy Berg) heads out on tour across the Rocky Mountains with a program that contemplates the wonders of creation across the expanse of a generous land and sees the Creator in both its grandeur and its details. Vivaldi's classic Gloria is balanced by music that highlights Canadian landscape and composers. Monday, Apr. 30, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (66-7th St. NE, Calgary). A freewill offering will be received.



ALBERTA CHURCH WORKER'S CONFERENCE: Please note that your pastors and Deaconess Miriam will be out of the office Apr 23rd to 25th inclusive.

OUR OLD WOODEN BANQUET-STYLE TABLES have been replaced with lighter weight plastic folding tables. We still have several of these wooden tables available to anyone who could use them. Please speak to one of the pastors—they will direct you to them!

God's
love
rules at
VBS!

SUMMER VBS REGISTRATION: Our Vacation Bible School, “**GOOD NEWS!**” will be offered July 16-20 and July 23-27. The first week has spaces only in grades 2 – 5. There are still spaces available for all ages in the second week. We encourage our families to be evangelists in their communities by inviting a friend to come and hear the **GOOD NEWS** of

salvation in Jesus Christ. Pick up a registration form at the information desk, or ask for one from Deaconess Miriam.

We hope you will keep our efforts in your prayers, and especially the staff who will be sharing God’s good news. You can also join us any day that week; we can always benefit from an extra pair of hands and feet!

JOIN US ON APRIL 28, 2018 FOR OUR “21TH ANNUAL WALK/RUN FOR LOVE”: The Lutheran Hospital Ministries annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on April 28, 2018. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000. For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com.

MOTHER’S DAY FLOWERS: Once again, the Board of Human Care Ministries will be pre-selling **Mother’s Day Flowers** to be picked up for the special day on May 13th. All proceeds will go to support the **Calgary Women’s Shelter** where mothers and their children can seek a safe haven in times of difficulty. We encourage you to think of your birth mom, and the other women in your life who care deeply about children and their church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend your gratitude to the women in our congregation who exhibit motherly love to others. There may also be women who have been mentors to you through their love for Christ and exemplify God’s desire for their service. Flowers will be **pre-sold** on April 29th and May 6th.



A QUESTION OF ORIGINS - CREATION OR EVOLUTION: Is it a case that it doesn’t matter when God created, how He created, or how long He created? Is Evolution a scientific fact at odds with religion? What are your children being taught? Where did we come from and how did life begin? These and other questions will be examined by Dr. Ron Voss, member of Foothills Lutheran Church, in a four-part presentation on the topic, beginning Sunday morning, May 6th.

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “creed”?

The Explanation of the Small Catechism says, a creed “is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess.” The word “creed” comes from a Latin word meaning “I believe.” You may have heard of other creeds. Many organizations have and use them. There are three different creeds used by the church: the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. The creeds of the church are different from all other creeds because they proclaim a living and wonderful faith that comes from God!

Why do we speak the Creed in the Divine Service?

What would you think if someone told you that when you speak the creed, you are telling the whole world what you believe? It’s true! That’s what happens when you say the creed in the Divine Service. You are not only praising God for all He has done for you in Christ Jesus, but you are also telling the whole world that Good News about Jesus. What a great thing to do every Sunday!

FOR PARENTS

Before or after the Divine Service, show your children where they can find the creeds of the church in the hymnal. Use these wonderful gifts from God in your family devotions at home. Speaking the Apostles’ Creed together in the morning is a great way to start the day.

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