

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



C O L O S S I A N S 3:4

*The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day*

*April 12, 2020*

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Jesus Christ, now risen from the dead, break through the walls of death around us, and shatter all our fears about the future. Take us into Your arms. Hold us forever in Your embrace. And bring us at last to the joy of life everlasting.

*Risen Savior, carry us forward from this life to the next.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 457; 482; 507; 461; 463

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 10:34-43

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Colossians 3:1-4

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 28:1-10

**SERMON:**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Please pray that our preschool students and their families stay safe and well during this difficult and uncertain time.

**Family Focus:**

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Offerings Received Last Week	\$13,950.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$110,019.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$114,423.08	<b>-\$4,403.38</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** Student Residence Rental 500.00; Lenten Offering 180.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 90.00; LWML 75.00; Benevolence Fund 100.00; Organ Fund 50.00.

**A NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION FOR OUR SUMMER VBS, "GOD'S PROMISES FOR ME":** We know that these are uncertain times, with restrictions happening as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Now more than ever, we look to God's promises for comfort and peace. We continue our planning for VBS, because if we are able to hold this program we want to be prepared. Information and registration is available at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2020/>. We will keep you posted regarding our plans.

**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

That ancient greeting brings great hope to God's people, and we share that greeting with you, even if only in this way. May the good news of the Saviour, who conquers sin, death and the devil, bring you hope and peace in these days. Yes, everything is different this year, but we do have this wonderful confidence:

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.” (Malachi 3:6, ESV) God does deal with sin—and has done so in the cross of Christ. He continues to be with us to bless us in the Living Saviour. May this joyous day always resonate in your hearts and in your home!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School classes at the church have been suspended for the time being, but please encourage your children’s ongoing learning at home. Our families have been sent a resource – The Enduring Faith One-Room Study Guide - that they can use week by week to maintain the habit of being in God’s Word and encourage faith conversations in their family. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you didn’t receive it and would like to make use of it.

In today’s lesson, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The women who witness Christ’s burial are the first to witness His resurrection. With great joy, they run to tell His disciples that He is risen. We respond today with that same joy!

### THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

**With the restrictions due to COVID-19, we are not holding any activities at the church. We are looking into alternative ways of providing Bible Studies and meetings together.**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (April 19<sup>th</sup>) "You Haven't Lost Me" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christians are not immune from relapses into sin and doubt. A Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God loves us through the relapses, in a message titled "You Haven't Lost Me." Hear the inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**MISSION PRAYERS:** Rev. Bun Phanna (Peter) currently serves as the Interim President of Cambodia Lutheran Church and the Area Director of Garuna Christian Schools. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Rev. Bun Phanna by Your Spirit and richly bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES WALK FOR LOVE:** Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Love will take place on May 2, 2020. However, due to the COVID19 pandemic, it will be a “virtual” walk. We ask that you continue to support us by walking 5 km and asking your family and friends to sponsor you. A pledge form is available by contacting the office. Because of this pandemic, our visitors are unable to go about their regular visitations, but our expenses to keep the office open remain. As soon as this health crisis is over, our visitors will once again volunteer their time and energy to minister to those in hospitals and care facilities. Our Walk is the only fundraiser and we need your support.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH: OUR LCC SEMINARIES

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our 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 helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL:** Foothills Lutheran Christian Preschool is a licensed, non-profit, half-day program for 2 ½, 3, and 4 year-olds that facilitates the development of the whole child in a caring Christian environment. We are a long-standing program with an excellent child care history. Children have fun with friends, laugh and learn, pray and play, enquire and engage as they are nurtured in their cognitive, physical, creative, spiritual, social, and emotional development by experienced, knowledgeable staff. Phone 403-284-1360 or email at [school@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:school@foothillslutheran.com) to schedule a time to see our space and talk with our teacher. She would be happy to speak with you. Learn more at [www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com).



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Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

12 April 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus has risen!

Caring Conversations



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

1

Imagine that you were one of the women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning. How do you think you would have felt?

2

What does it mean to you that Jesus has risen and is alive?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 28:1-10	He has risen
M	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Witnesses to the risen Christ
T	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Christ has been raised
W	Mark 16:1-8	Women go to the tomb
T	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The Lord will come
F	Acts 10:34-43	We are witnesses
S	Psalms 118:1-2,14-24	The Lord is my strength
S	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus we worship you as our risen Lord, help us to listen to you and do what you ask. Amen.

BLESSING

May the risen Jesus replace your fears with joy, and raise you to new life with him.

## Easter

A dramatic contrast occurs on Easter Day where the mood changes to one of festivity. The colour is WHITE or GOLD for victory, glory and majesty.

## Creative Response

It is a custom in many churches to light a new Paschal candle on Easter Sunday for use throughout the year ahead.

As an Easter week household activity, prepare your own Paschal Candle to use during the next year. Purchase a large white candle. Decide together on Christian symbols to place on the candle (include a cross and the year number in your design). Trace these symbols onto the candle with a felt-tip pen, and then use fabric paints to paint them on.

Light the candle on the dates of church festivals and on your baptism anniversary dates.

## mealtime prayer

Risen Lord, we thank you for the meal at this table and the celebration of Easter joy. Amen.

verse for the week

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would."

MATTHEW 28:5-6

## Service



Is there someone in your congregation who doesn't have family nearby? Invite them to lunch and share Easter joy with them.



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