

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Now  
you are  
HAPPY  
with the  
inexpressable  
joy  
that comes  
from heaven  
itself. 1 PETER 1:8

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 19, 2020*

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way, and help us to feel that You are near.

*Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Service of Prayer and Preaching..... p. 260  
**HYMNS:** ..... 481; 480; 553; 527  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 5:29-42  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 1:3-9  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 20:19-31  
**SERMON:** *Hope Greater Than Our Hearts – 1 Peter 1:3-9*

**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:**

<b>Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts</b>		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000
Offerings Received Last Week	\$8,745.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$118,764.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$122,596.15	<b>-\$3,831.45</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** Benevolence Fund 20.00.

**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.



**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.

Today’s lesson takes us to Easter afternoon, when Jesus joins two disciples discussing the events of the past week in Jerusalem while on their way to Emmaus. Along the way, Jesus interprets the Old Testament prophecies concerning Himself. Arriving at Emmaus, the disciples suddenly recognize Jesus, who then disappears from sight. The disciples quickly return to Jerusalem to share their amazing account. Jesus was with the disciples on that day, and He is with us now, in His Word and in the Sacraments.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>) "The Great Pursuit" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. Being pursued is a terrifying place to be, and, unfortunately, we all live there. But the good news is that we're not the only ones being pursued. You and I have a Lord who pursues the pursuer. We have a Savior who will not let the enemy of His people have the last word (Exodus 15). 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:** Deaconess Lucia Vanesa Barba serves in the Church Luterana Jesus Our Savior in Santa Patricia, with Rev. Cesar. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Deaconess Lucia, asking You to sustain her by Your Spirit and bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

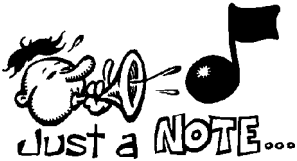
**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES WALK FOR LOVE:** Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Love will take place on May 2, 2020. However, due to the COVID19 pandemic, it will be a “virtual” walk. We ask that you continue to support us by walking 5 km and asking your family and friends to sponsor you. A pledge 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).

**THE SACRED CONVOCATION OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY** will be held on Friday, May 29, 2020. At this time, we don't know how the Convocation will be presented, but we do rejoice that one of our sons, Adam Chandler, will receive his first call into the holy ministry at that time. We pray for the students who will go out to serve God's people, and we will keep you informed of the way that you can be part of this special evening.



**AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES** throughout the province, the PPC has determined that we must cancel our Stampede Breakfast this year. While the breakfast will not be held, we will be looking for some sort of an event to celebrate our return to social *gathering*. Again, we will share more when the situation changes.

**A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES:** We are going to have a special focus for our Wednesday evening services over the next few weeks, as we look at the Prison Epistles of St. Paul. Our present situation can give us a new appreciation for the experiences of Paul, who was also isolated through his captivity. We will be looking at the epistles to the Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians and Philemon. We hope you will join us for these special services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We would encourage you to read Philippians 1 and 2 before this Wednesday; if you have any questions that you would like us to answer, please submit them to the pastors as soon as possible.

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Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

**19 April 2020**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The risen Lord Jesus calls  
us to believe.

Caring Conversations



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

1

Thomas found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw him with his own eyes. In what ways are you like Thomas?

2

Jesus said "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me" (John 20:29). What helps you to believe in Jesus without seeing him?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
M	Genesis 32:22-32	Jacob wrestles with God
T	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the crowd
W	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	We live by faith, not by sight
T	Hebrews 10:35 – 11:1	The nature of faith
F	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Praise to God for a living hope
S	Psalm 16	I keep my eyes on the Lord
S	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus bless us with faith in you. Help us to find a way through our doubts. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.

## Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. WHITE or GOLD are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

## Creative Response

While his disciples were hiding in a locked room on the first Easter Sunday, the risen Lord Jesus appeared with them and said, "Peace be with you."

When you gather as a family this week, pass the peace to one another with handshakes, kisses or hugs. Say, "the Lord's peace be with you" as you greet one another.



### mealtime prayer

Lord God, as our bodies are fed with good gifts from you, please bless us with Easter peace, joy, hope and faith. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Jesus told Thomas, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

JOHN 20:29

## Service



In your home devotion times this week pray for people (by name if possible) who are struggling to believe in Jesus.

Ask for God's help to share Jesus' love with them.