

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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FOR
YOU

WITH THE
PRECIOUS
LIFE·BLOOD
OF CHRIST.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We have so much in common with the Emmaus disciples, risen Lord. We, too, are often not sure what to think about all that is happening in the world. And we, too, are accompanied by You as we walk along the road, and as we sit in our homes. Open the Scriptures to us day by day, we pray, that we may learn from You.

Ever-living Lord, travel with us now.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 483; 476; 474; 585

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 2:14a, 36-41

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:17-25

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: Hidden in Plain Sight – Luke 24:13-35

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	Our Budget Goal \$425,000
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,010.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$125,774.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$130,769.23	-\$4,994.53

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Accounts Receivable 56.00.

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.



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.

During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. In our lesson today we see Jesus gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, and they see Him physically ascend to heaven. He has gone to prepare a place for us, even as He promises to be with us always!

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

With the restrictions due to COVID-19, we are not holding any activities at the church. Some meetings and studies are available as online gatherings. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam for more information.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Knudtson family, at the death of Sarah's grandfather. We pray that God would comfort them in these days, and that He would hold before them the glorious hope of the resurrection in the living Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 3rd) "Rescue, Test, Rest" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him." (Exodus 16). Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION PRAYERS: Deaconess Lucia Vanesa Barba serves the 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.**

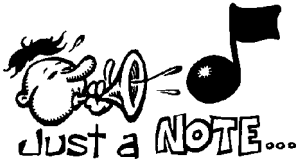
THE SACRED CONVOCATION OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY will be held on Friday, May 29, 2020. At this time, plans are being shaped on how best to offer our Sacred Convocation on a dramatically smaller scale, involving only the primary players but live-streamed with worshipful and respectful elements marking graduation, the awarding of theological diplomas, an honorary award, and first calls and vicarage assignments. News of this "scaled back" celebration is not easy for anyone to hear ... students and their spouses, family, or friends. But it is part of the larger cascade of breaking news that is altering so many things we had counted on. 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.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES WALK FOR LOVE: Our 22nd 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.



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.

WE WILL AGAIN OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLY COMMUNION on May 3rd, as we seek to get back into our ‘regular’ routine. The format will be the same as in the past: We are only doing this by family groups, who already are in close contact with one another. Every group must be less than 10 people. We will have Confession and Absolution; the institution and distribution, and a closing prayer. We will offer 15 minute segments, from 9:00 am to 9:45 am on Sunday; from 11:30 am–12:30 pm that day as well. We will also be available, as requested, from 10:00 am—11:00 am Tuesday to Thursday of that week.

Those who feel the need and desire for the Sacrament must register with the pastors. You must not have any symptoms or have been in a situation where you may have been exposed to the virus. Once you have registered, you will be invited by invitation to attend. Please do not simply come to the church, as you will not be admitted. Someone will meet you at the door to grant you entry. We will still try to double our efforts by having some in the sanctuary and some in the Fireside Room.

We do realize that there are some who desire Communion but cannot come out at all. They may hope someone can come to them. If you are healthy but unable to attend, please let the office know. The pastors want to do everything they can to provide for your spiritual care in these days. We will get this information out through the website, but also ask that you always contact those who may not have computer access. For questions, please call the office.



Growing FAITH at home

26 April 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The risen Lord Jesus comes
alongside us in our journeys of faith.

Caring Conversations

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

1

The two men walking to Emmaus were feeling sad. What turned their sadness into joy?

2

Have you experienced Jesus alongside you when times have been difficult? How has he supported you?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus
M	Genesis 18:1-14	Abraham & Sarah eat with God
T	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Repent and be baptised
W	John 21:1-14	Jesus eats with his disciples
T	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Recognising the Lord's body
F	1 Peter 1:17-23	Love one another
S	Psalms 116: 1-4, 12-19	Love the Lord
S	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the living word of God, speak to us and make us new.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord walk with you today and always.

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

Go for a walk together as a household. As you walk, invite each person to share how and where they 'see' Jesus in their lives.



mealtIME prayer

Come and stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be with us as we eat, share and serve. Amen.

verse for the week

What can I give
to the Lord for all
the good things he
has given to me?
I will give you an
offering to show
thanks to you,
and I will pray to
the Lord.

PSALM 118:12, 17

Service



Jesus came alongside
two of his followers
in their sorrow and
brought them joy.

Plan a visit to
someone in your
congregation or
community who would
appreciate some
company.

Prepare a plate
of treats to take
with you.

