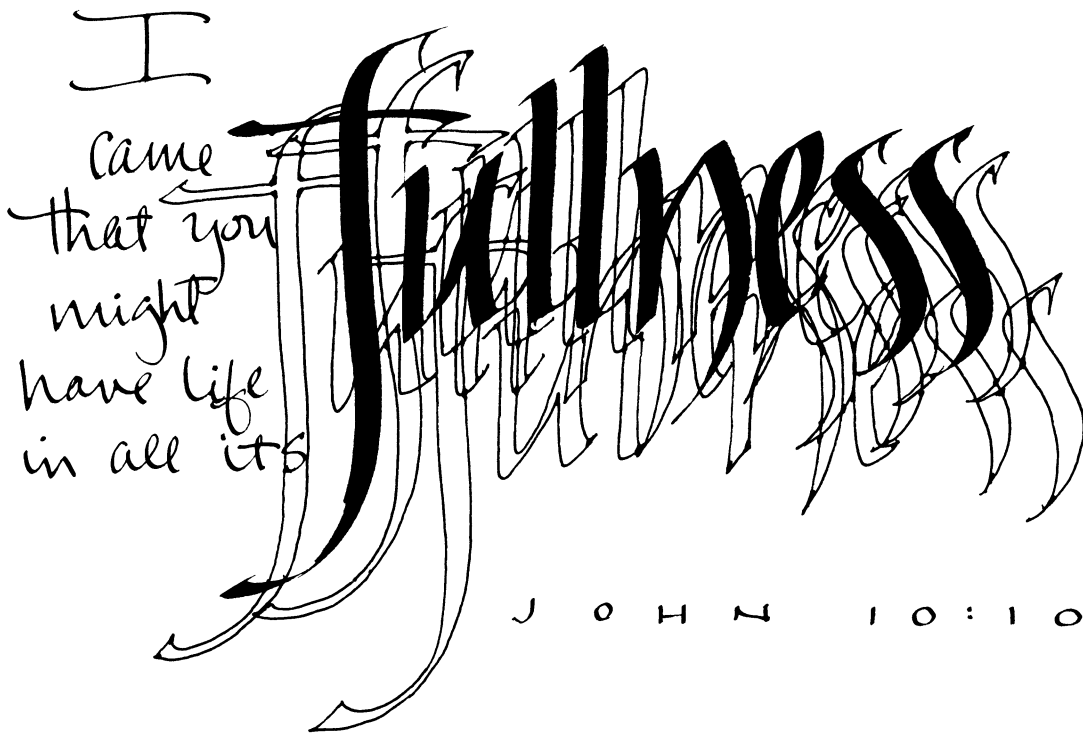


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 3, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Good Shepherd, guide us from our dark valleys to Your green pastures. Protect us from the enemies that always seem to encamp around us, and provide us with all we need to live our lives day by day. In Your presence, we are safe. In Your care, we find comfort.

*O Shepherding Son of God, we praise You for making us part of Your flock.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** .....710; 685; 735  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 2:42-47  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 2:19-25  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 10:1-10  
**SERMON:**

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Thank God that Easter porch visits with our preschool families were well received. (We returned indoor shoes and packed up their unfinished bedtime prayer book. Mrs. Chandler finished gluing in the words for each child and then attached the appropriate stickers so the children could finish their book and picture read the prayer while a parent read the words. A link with the music was emailed to everyone so they could sing the prayer at home, like we had been doing in the classroom.) Most families made a poster for us to see and came to the door to greet us while we were at the bottom of their steps.

**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	\$4,505.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$130,279.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$138,942.31</b>	<b>-\$8,662.61</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** Benevolence 200.00; Organ Fund 170.00; Other Miscellaneous 350.00.

**FOOT PRINT** for May and June is now posted on the FLC website. Sensitive information, such as financials and birthday/anniversary listings are removed when published, but are available to members who contact the office by phone or email (office@foothillslutheran.com).



**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 Sunday School lesson is about the first Pentecost. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (v. 4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah.

### THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

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

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lessons (Zoom. contact Pastor Bode)
	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (Zoom)
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Skype, contact Deaconess Miriam)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:15 pm	Ladies' Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Ephesians 1, 2 – go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Front to Back (Skype, contact Pastor Bode)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Morning Worship – go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (May 3<sup>rd</sup>) "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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



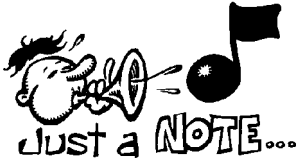
**BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST**, and into God's family here at Foothills, is Emma Audrey Jathoul, daughter of Harman Jathoul and Nikole Beckley. Her sponsor is Jessica Beckley. We pray that God would bless Emma and her family, and that He would keep her in His grace, poured out in the saving waters of Holy Baptism. The Baptism took place last Sunday.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

While we are facing new summer restrictions, we are exploring ways we can still offer a virtual VBS this year. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with the children of our church and community. There will be some limits this year, but your support still helps us bring this wonderful good news to others.

**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.



**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 continue this week with Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We hope you will join us for these special services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We would encourage you to read Ephesians 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 ARE HOPING, GOD WILLING** to provide Holy Communion on our regular schedule—on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Until such time as the restrictions change, we will only offer this to 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 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. 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.



Caring Conversations



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

1

Which people do you trust most? Why?

2

Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
M	Jeremiah 23:1-8	God will gather the flock
T	Ezekiel 34:1-16	God will rescue his sheep
W	Acts 2:42-47	The fellowship of the believers
T	Matthew 18:10-14	The parable of the lost sheep
F	1 Peter 2:19-25	Christ as an example
S	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
S	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth and life

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus our good shepherd, help us to recognise your voice today and follow you.  
Amen.

BLESSING

May Jesus the Good Shepherd provide all your needs and refresh you inside and out.

## 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

In your home devotional times this week, reflect on Psalm 23.

What does it look like for you?

Draw or create a picture.



## mealtime prayer

Jesus our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us; listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.

verse for the week

A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.

JOHN 10:10

## 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.