

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, You are the Way--the Way to the Father, the Way to the truth, the Way to forgiveness, the Way to renewal, the Way to refreshment, the Way to life everlasting. May we never stray from Your Way. And may we never stop looking ahead to all that You have prepared for us on our road of life.

Guiding Lord, lead us to the glory yet to come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:10,000 Reasons; In Christ Alone; This Is Amazing Grace; Jesus Messiah

FIRST LESSON:.....Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a; 51-60

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL LESSON:John 14:1-14

SERMON: The Second Most Important Words in Scripture? - John 14:6

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray that God would give all our church and preschool moms health, patience, and a thankful heart for the gift that is their child.

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000 +/- YTD -\$7,565.68
Offerings Received Last Week	\$9,300.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$139,549.70	
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$147,115.38	

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Visitor 600.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; LWML 75.00; Benevolence 20.00; Organ Fund 100.

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.

In today's Sunday School lesson, "A Servant Speaks", the Twelve select Stephen as one of the first seven deacons in the Early Church, those who were chosen to care for the needs of those in the

Church. Synagogue leaders twist Stephen's words, falsely accusing him of blasphemy. Stephen's testimony before the high priest recalls Israel's rejection of God's promise and their rejection of Jesus, the promised Savior. When Stephen says he sees a vision of Jesus standing at the right hand of God, the enraged officials cast Stephen out of the city and stone him. Stephen is known as the first Christian martyr.

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.

Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lessons (Zoom. contact Pastor Bode)
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Skype, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	1:15 pm	Ladies' Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Ephesians 3, 4 – go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back (Skype, contact Pastor Bode)
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Morning Worship – go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 10th) “Stand a Little Taller” (Exodus 18) Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When someone special pays you a visit, you stand a little taller in their presence. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about dignity, humility, and life in the presence of God. Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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 7:00 pm. It will live at <https://youtu.be/fyo95XOsz54>

Seven new pastoral candidates will receive their first Call into ministry, including our own Adam Chandler, and two vicar/interns will be placed for service. We thank God for His blessings to His church and pray for His continued blessings on these new servants in the Kingdom.

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 3 and 4 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, GOD WILLING, provide Holy Communion on our regular schedule—on the 1st and 3rd 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.

PASTOR AND KAYLA MOFFETT will be “stay-cationing” beginning Thursday this coming week. He returns to the office May 19th. Pastor Bode and Deaconess Miriam will be available to you, as needed.

WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE CHANGES that come from Alberta Health and our provincial government, regarding the possible reopening of certain things in the province. As situations change, we will seek to change with them. We do know, however, that the gatherings such as our congregation in worship are the last stage of any reopening plans. We pray that this may change soon, but until such time, we continue as we are. May God bless our continued gathering around His Word and answer the prayers of His people!

OUR PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL is seeking to cope with the frustration of not being able to meet, and yet needing to look at the work we do as a church. Watch for information regarding things such as elections in your email or vial mail in the coming week.

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Caring Conversations

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

1

Jesus said, "I am the way". If we think of Jesus as a path, what or who is the destination?

2

The early Christians were called followers of the Way (e.g. Acts 9:2). How is your way of life different because of Jesus?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth and life
M	Proverbs 10:27-32	The way of the Lord
T	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
W	John 18:28-38	Jesus and Pilate speak of truth
T	John 6:35-48	Jesus, the bread of life
F	1 John 5:10-12	He who has the Son has life
S	Psalms 119:145-160	Preserve my life, O Lord
S	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

God, thank you for choosing us as your special people. We will tell of the wonderful things you have done. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you peace in your heart and may he fill you with trust in Jesus.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

As part of your home devotional time this week, share with one another what is troubling you.

Read and discuss John 14:1-3.
Pray for God's help and support.

As an additional challenge, try to commit Psalm 23 to memory.



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the blessings of this day. May we have the faith to walk your way.
Amen.

verse for the week

Jesus answered,
"I am the way and
the truth and the
life. No one comes to
the Father except
through me."

JOHN 14:6

Service



Let your children know
that God has a special
mission for their lives
as his chosen people.

God has gifted them with abilities, personality and certain qualities to help them accomplish his purposes. As a parent you can help them discover their unique gifts by encouraging them in the things that they do well and feel passionate about. As they grow and mature, guide them into areas of service and activity in which they can use their gifts to God's glory. Help them to recognize ways in which God is using them.