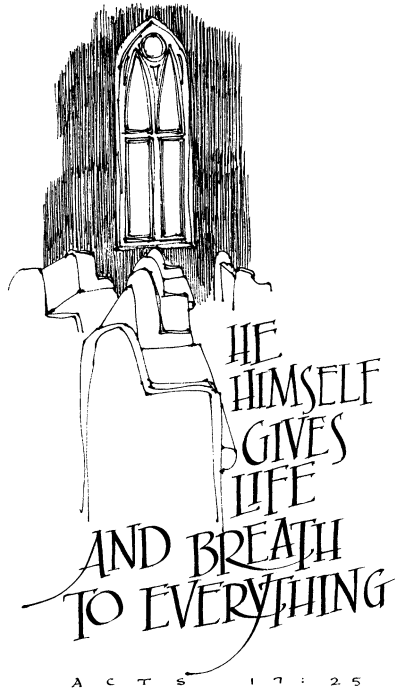


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Risen Lord, You came to live and to love so that life and love could flow through us. Help us to live as Easter people--renewing our spirits, looking toward the future, and rejoicing all our days. And help us to live out the love You shared with us by welcoming, accepting, and uplifting the people around us.

*Living and loving Lord, enliven us with Your constant compassion.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Morning Prayer, p. 235

**HYMNS:** ..... 515; 508; 633; 468

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 17:16-31

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 3:13-22

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 14:15-21

**SERMON:** It Will Happen! – John 14:18-21

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** Thank God for the opportunity to do skype calls with our preschool students last week as we continue working on our alphabet books and remind the children and families that God remembers them and loves them.

**Family Focus:**

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$10,595.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$150,144.70	+/- <b>YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$155,288.46	<b>-\$5,143.76</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** 20.00 Mission of the Month (VBS Sponsorship)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (May 17<sup>th</sup>) “Words Matter” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words matter. People matter. You matter to God, and He will stop at nothing to get your attention. (Exodus 19). 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)



**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 our Sunday School children learn how the Gospel was spreading after Pentecost. Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing that the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit. This is the beginning of the spread of the Gospel to Africa.

### 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>Monday:</b>		Victoria Day, Office Closed
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lessons (Zoom. contact Pastor Bode)
	7:00 pm	Elders
	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: Eph. 4:17—5 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 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.

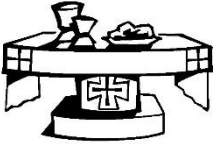
### ***MISSION OF THE MONTH: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)***

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.

***LUTHERAN HOUR PERSONALITY DIES:*** We were saddened to hear of the passing into glory of Phyllis Wallace, a Lutheran Hour Ministries personality who hosted the radio show "Woman to Woman" until 2011. Many of you would have heard her show on Sunday afternoons on High River AM 1140 radio. Our Lord called her home on March 24. She was 79. She is survived by her husband and four children.

***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 4:17—5:33

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 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.

***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. The Elders will be meeting this Tuesday to discuss plans for our return to some in-house services. The date would not be before June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

17 May 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy spirit is our helper.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Who has been helpful to you this past week? In what ways have you helped others?

2

Jesus called the Holy Spirit our helper or counsellor. What does the Holy Spirit help us to do?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 14:15-21	The promise of the Holy Spirit
M	John 14:23-27	The Spirit will teach you
T	John 16:5-16	The work of the Holy Spirit
W	1 Peter 3:13-22	You are blessed
T	Acts 1:1-11	The ascension of Jesus
F	Acts 17:22-31	God commands people to repent
S	Psalms 66:8-20	Praise be to God
S	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus you are Lord of our hearts, help us to be gentle and respectful of others so they see you alive in us.  
Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you the Holy Spirit as a helper and guide.

## 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

### This Thursday is Ascension Day.

This marks the last appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection at Easter, and his bodily ascension into heaven. It is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and always falls on a Thursday.

The book of Acts (1:12) suggests that Jesus' ascension took place from Mt. Olivet, located northeast of the town of Bethany.

Plan a trip (by car or foot) to a 'high place' in your area. While there, discuss what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend into heaven, and what you think his return at the end of time might be like.

Take time to notice the clouds and see what shapes you can find (there is an old tradition that the clouds on Ascension Day take the form of lambs, in honour of the Lamb of God).

### mealtime prayer

Come Holy Spirit, be our guest and let this food to us be blessed. Amen.

verse for the week

Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true.

JOHN 14:16-17A

## Service



The Holy Spirit is our helper. How can we show ways to help others this week? Make a list and put it on the fridge to remind you.

