

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Living Jesus, open our minds to the words found in Scripture. Reveal to us what Your death and resurrection mean to us here and now. And share with us the plan and mission You have in mind for every believer.

Great Giver of life, show us Your salvation.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting One, p 151

HYMNS:465; 488; 585; 487; 480

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 3:11-21

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 24:36-49

SERMON: *Open-Minded Christians* – Luke 24:36-49

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and we will know how to respond.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance/Online	Wednesday/Communion/Online
April 11	34/52	11/11/13

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Rob Kaut

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,060.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$86,741.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$131,769.23	-\$45,028.23

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate Offering 15.00; Visitor Offering 3,800.00; LAMP 1,000.00; LCC Seminaries 10.00; LWML 25.00; Organ Fund 200.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we studied God’s covenant with Abram in “A Sign and a Promise.” God reassures Abram of His promise to bless the earth through Abram’s offspring. God changes his name from Abram (“exalted father”) to Abraham (“father of many nations”) and institutes circumcision as the sign of His continued covenant with Abraham. Despite Abraham and Sarah’s advanced age, God promises they will have a son of their own.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "One Greater Than Mrs. McCallister" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Where does one go to hide from God? Dr. Michael Zeigler says the book of Jonah is about God, on a mission to get through to you (Jonah 1). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Mon	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship Coco Brooks Deadline
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School Opening (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Worship

For in-person worship, please register at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>; or stream the services at www.Facebook.com/foothillslutheran.



LWMLC ABC DISTRICT BIBLE STUDY WEBINAR:

“Lord, Teach Us To Pray” (Luke 11:1) the disciples asked of Jesus. And so, Jesus taught them what we have come to call “The Lord’s Prayer.” However, by example, Jesus also taught His disciples and us to pray by praying the Psalms. Some of His most poignant words from the cross were prayers from the Psalms: “My God, My God why have you forsaken me?” (Ps 22:1) and “Into your hands I commit my spirit” (Ps 31:5). Since Jesus used the Psalms for prayer, what can we learn about prayer by praying the Psalms with Him? How can praying the Psalms enrich your prayer life? Join Pastor Jonathan Kraemer, ABC District LWMLC Pastoral Counselor on Saturday, May 1 at 10:30 am (MDT) 9:30 (PDT) to learn more! We will also hear a brief presentation by Lisa Waite from Immanuel Lutheran Playschool, Mt. Calvary Red Deer, Alberta. Join us for the 1 ½ hour Webinar, Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 9:30 am PDT and 10:30 am MDT

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES: Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries–Southern Alberta in the past. We again ask for your support. Our annual Walk/Run for Love, will take place on May 1, 2021. We are not sure if it is going to be a “walk” Walk or a “virtual” Walk again. We are required to have approval from Alberta Health Services, and if permitted, follow their guidelines. We hope to fully receive word next week and a notice will be sent to all churches advising if we have received permission. If the “walk” Walk is approved, we will meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Posters and pledge forms are available on our website www.lhmsa.ca. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000. For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support.



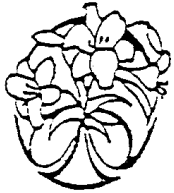
Pledge Request: I will again be walking in the May 1, 2021 Lutheran Hospital Ministries walk or “Virtual” walk, this year’s fundraiser. I have been a volunteer, visiting fellow Lutherans in the Foothills Hospital and Bow View Manor. I would be honoured if you could sponsor me. No guarantees that I will come in first, but I promise that I’ll try to finish. Please leave your pledge in my church mailbox or send to Lutheran Hospital Ministries - Southern Alberta Society, 66 - 7 Street N.E., Calgary, AB. T2E 4B7. Cash, cheques and money orders are acceptable and may also be mailed to Lutheran Hospital Ministries. If you or anyone you know is participating in this walk, please disregard this solicitation for sponsorship. Thank-you. ~ *Bill Schultz*

WANTING TO COME TO CHURCH, BUT FINDING SUNDAY IS AT CAPACITY? We do have Wednesday evening services, too! We will be taking a look at the epistles of 1 and 2 Peter over the next few weeks. Communion is offered alternate to the Sunday communion services. The same protocols do apply and registration is required. Come and join us as we worship together!

SYMBOLS OF EASTER

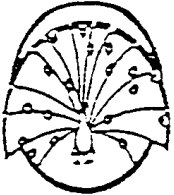
Q: What are some of the symbols of Easter and their meanings?

A: There are quite a number of symbols used to represent Easter especially the new life of the Resurrection. Some of these symbols are:



The Easter Lily: Picture of Eternal Life—The Easter Lily is a popular symbol for the Resurrection for two reasons: 1) It is readily available. It is a spring flower that blooms during the Easter Season.

2) It is a flower of extraordinary beauty, its white colour symbolizing purity.



The Peacock: Resurrection—Long ago it was believed that the flesh of the peacock was incorruptible and that from year to year as peacocks molted, the feathers would be replaced by even more brilliant ones. For these reasons early Christian artists used the peacock as a symbol of immortality and the resurrection, not only as far as Christ was concerned, but also for those who believed in Him.



The Phoenix: Renewed Life—The phoenix is a mythological creature that was supposed to live for 500 years. At the end of this time, the sun's rays would set its nest on fire and the phoenix would burn up with the nest. Then, in a renewed, refreshed body, it would rise from the ashes, rebuild its nest and live for another 500 years.



The Butterfly: Depicts New Life—one of the most beautiful of all symbols of the resurrection and eternal life is the butterfly. The life of the butterfly, brief as it is, consists of three stages: the larva, the chrysalis (cocoon), and the mature butterfly. This three stage life resembles the lowly life, the death and burial, and the glorious resurrection of Christ.



The Bursting Pomegranate—The pomegranate is a fruit about the size of an orange. To scatter its many seeds, the fruit bursts open. The bursting of the pomegranate represents the truth that Christ has burst forth from the grave on Easter morning. So Christians, too, will burst the bonds of death. With its rind open and its tasty red pulp exposed, the pomegranate is a symbol of the good things which Christians enjoy as blessings from God.



Growing FAITH at home

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Caring Conversations

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

1

Tell about an amazing event you saw or heard about.

2

Who first told you about Jesus? Who and what has helped you learn about him?

3

Jesus said that his disciples would be "witnesses" for him (Luke 24:48). What is a witness? In what ways are you a witness for Jesus to others?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to his disciples
M	Acts 3:12-19	Peter speaks in the temple
T	1 John 3:1-7	Children of God
W	Acts 1:1-11	You will be my witnesses
T	Acts 10:34-43	The witness of the apostles
F	Isaiah 35:3-9	God changes everything
S	Psalm 4	An evening prayer
S	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to speak of you. Amen.

BLESSING

May the light of God's face shine on you and be gracious to you and fill your heart with joy.

The risen Jesus sends us
out to witness.

Creative Response

Psalm 4:8 states, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."

The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the centre of our lives. Rituals that help us do this can have a powerful "witnessing" influence in our home lives.

Consider incorporating these ideas into your bedtime routine:

- Read a Bible passage or a storybook Bible story.
- Bless each other.
- Take time for prayer and meditation, including sitting in silence.
- Sing
- Pause to wonder how God was present in your ups and downs

mealt ime prayer

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. Amen.

verse for the week

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

LUKE 24:46-48

Service



The Great Commandment to love God and love neighbour relates directly to the Great Commission to tell the good news of Jesus to others. Jesus calls us to be his followers and to share our faith with others. Pray for relatives, friends or neighbours this week, who are not Christians. Ask for God's help to share Jesus with them in what we say and how we serve.



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