

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Good and guiding Shepherd, lead us to quiet places where we can have moments of prayer and meditation with You. Take us to places of beauty where we can get a glimpse of Your glory. And welcome us into places where our souls can be nourished and fed.

Leading Lord, may we follow You to places where You want us to go.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 740; 710; 752; 475

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 4:1-12

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

SERMON:

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 WEDNESDAY 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/Communion/Online	Wednesday/Online
April 18	42/35/55	12/8

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Mark Kihn; Ellen Wagner

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,795.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$110,871.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$140,553.85	-\$29,682.85

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate Offering 50.00; LCC Seminaries 400.00; Lutheran Church Canada 100.00; Organ Fund 935.00; Foothills Youth Group 80.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "A Laughable Promise," participants study the birth of Isaac. The Lord and two angels appear to Abraham in human form, promising the birth of a son to Abraham and Sarah within the year. Sarah conceives and gives birth to Isaac, and the Lord fulfills His promise of generations to come and the promised future Offspring – the Savior, Jesus.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Replace or Repair?" Broken doesn't mean "disposable." Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how God redeems and repurposes broken people (Jonah 2). 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	1:00 pm	LWML – contact Cheryl Lemke
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:00 pm	Nomination Committee
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	10:00 am--noon	Circuit Pastors
	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship/Communion
Sat.	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study @ church
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School Opening (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

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

DUE TO A CALCULATION ERROR our weekly offering update for our year-to-date goal has calculated incorrectly. We have fixed the problem and the present number is correct. We are sorry for any confusion.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: OUR LCC SEMINARIES

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of seminaries. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.



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.**

LIVESTREAM CONNECTION CARD: We live-stream our Sunday and Wednesday services at www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran so you can join us online (no Facebook account required!), and the service video will also be posted at <https://vimeo.com/foothillslutheran> later in the week. If you join us virtually, whether live or later in the week, please fill out our Livestream Connection Card at <https://forms.gle/R235qLEQ7VbBRajE7> It is also on our website: www.foothillslutheran.com. This record of fellowship helps us feel we are in touch with you, our members, even when we are apart. You can also use this card to leave a prayer request or request contact from the ministry staff.

WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE A YOUNG ORGAN STUDENT, Faith Dueck, playing the prelude and postlude for us last Sunday. Faith is studying the organ under the guidance of Deaconess Miriam. We appreciate your service to the Lord and His church in this way, Faith, and pray for His continued blessings on your musical studies.

NOMINATION NOTICE: Please prayerfully consider if you or your fellow members can serve our congregation in one of the positions of leadership. Candidates for the various positions will need to be finalized in the near future.

All positions are for 2-year terms (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023) Position descriptions and ***nomination forms are available on the welcome desk*** in the narthex. Due to the gap in our ability to meet and elect members, there are many openings all positions open for election: President, Vice President, Board of Elders (multiple) – male only; Board of Evangelism and Public Relations; Board of Christian Education and Young Peoples' Ministry; Board of Whole Life Stewardship and Human Care Ministries. Completed forms can be dropped in the mail slot outside the Administrative Office.

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING TOMORROW: All ladies are welcome! We will meet at 1:00 by ZOOM. We begin with Bible study followed by a short business meeting. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone her at (403) 851-2049.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES: 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*

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, May 1st, and we will look at two of Jesus' disciples: Philip and Bartholomew. We meet at 9:00 am – sorry that we cannot serve you breakfast, but we do invite you to join us in the Word. We meet at church, observing COVID protocols, and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.



SUMMER VBS UPDATE: We have been working on plans for our summer Vacation Bible School, “Jesus, Our Good Shepherd”. Thank you for your patience as we have watched and waited to see what we might be able to do. We have made the decision, in the interest of both children and volunteers, that for this year again VBS will be offered online only, beginning July 19th. We are in the process of getting online and paper registration prepared and will provide that information for you next week. We hope that your children and their friends will be able to join us!

DID YOU TRY TO REGISTER FOR WORSHIP, only to find that the service was at our allowed capacity? We do have worship on Wednesday evenings, too! Communion will be offered in that service this coming week, as we continue our look at the epistles of 1 Peter (we're up to 1 Pet. 2:12)



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Cristina Xiomara López currently serves as a missionary with her husband Pastor Hector Morales in the city of Sebaco, Cambodia at Resurrection Lutheran Church. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess López by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. **C: Amen.**



Growing FAITH at home

25 April 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share your ideas about the word trust. What does it mean? Is it important? Who is someone you trust? Who do you listen to?

2

Jesus calls himself our Good Shepherd. What does this mean? What does it mean for you?

3

How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
M	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
T	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
W	Genesis 48:8-21	God has been my shepherd
T	Ezekiel 34:11-24	God will look after God's sheep
F	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
S	Psalms 23	The divine shepherd
S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

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, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd

Creative Response

Read John 10:11-18 or read about Jesus as the Good Shepherd in a storybook Bible.

Talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Play a game of "Follow the Leader."

Blindfold all the followers and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice.

Jesus says that other sheep will be added to his flock and they will listen to his voice.

Reflect on how you listen to Jesus' voice today.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.

mealtime prayer

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

verse for the week

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:14-15

Service



Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It speaks to people in all times and in all places. It's a great psalm to memorise and one that reminds us that God gives us all we need. How can you share with others the things God has given you?