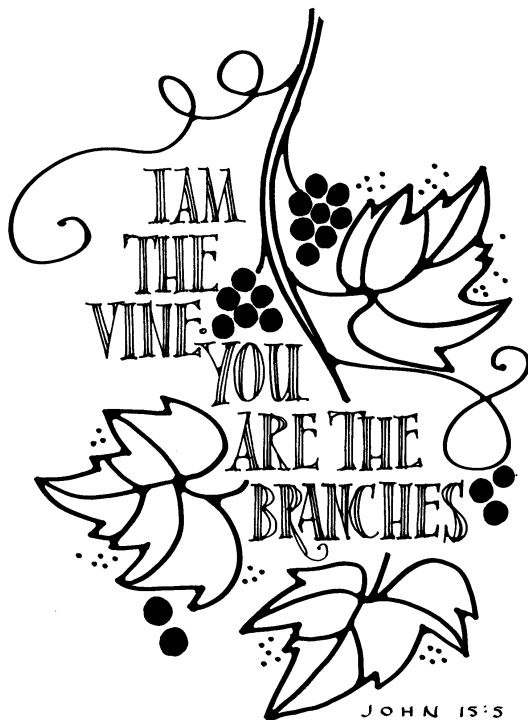


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We, Your branches, O Lord, flourish and blossom and grow because of our attachment to You. Help us to keep developing into what You want us to become and assist us in producing fruit that is pleasing to You.

Our one true Vine, keep us rooted in the one true faith.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 469; 610 (3 st. 1, 4-5); 387; 594; 912

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 8:26-40

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 4:1-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

SERMON: *How Can I Keep from Singing?* – Psalm 66:1-4

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 25	46/47	14/14/5

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Cantors Amanda Roth; Rob Kaut

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal \$456,800.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,280.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$115,151.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$149,338.46	-\$ 34,187.46

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate Offering 60.00; Facility Rent 195.00; LCC Seminaries 25.00; Organ Fund 320.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we learn how God provided “A Merciful Substitute.” God had blessed Abraham with the son he had waited for his entire life; yet now God asks the seemingly impossible – sacrifice your son to Me. By faith, Abraham takes Isaac to the mountain, trusting God, who was able to raise his son from the dead. Abraham completes the test, and God provides the sacrifice.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Laughed At" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Speaking out against the prevailing culture might prompt ridicule but it could also produce repentance (Jonah 3). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

Through Lutheran Hospital Ministries of Southern Alberta, trained visitors give support to Lutheran patients in Calgary hospitals and care centres through compassionate listening, prayer and Scripture. Visitors are always needed, and regular training is scheduled. Your gift helps provide the resources and staffing that makes this ministry a blessing to those in the hospital and care centres of our area.

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! We continue our look at the epistles of 1 Peter. Come and join us!

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Mon	7:00 pm	Nominations Committee
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship
Fri		Youth
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.

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, all positions are *technically* 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, Board of Human Care Ministries and Board of Church Properties. Completed forms can be dropped in the office admin’s mail slot.



SUMMER VBS “Jesus, Our Good Shepherd”: Thank you for your patience as we have watched and waited to see how VBS will look this year. 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 families with children age 4 to 11 are invited to join us for our online VBS this summer to learn how Jesus, our Good shepherd, leads us, guides us, and cares so much for his sheep (us!) that He even lays down his life for us.**

For more information or to register, pick up a paper registration form at the information desk or go to our website at www.foothillslutheran.com. Register by June 15th to receive a craft pack to go with the program. We hope that your children and their friends will be able to join us!

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. San Ran is a theological instructor at the Garuna Christian School in Siam Reap, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. San Ran asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**





Growing **FAITH** at home

2 May 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Caring Conversations

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

1

What is your favourite fruit? Why?

2

Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by producing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by 'fruit'?

3

Jesus tells us that if we are to produce fruit, we need to remain with him. Other translations use the word 'stay' or 'abide'. What do these words mean for you?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
M	Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the eunuch
T	John 4:7-21	God is love
W	Deuteronomy 10:12-19	What the Lord wants
T	Mark 12:28-34	The first commandment
F	Galatians 3:23-29	Purpose of the law
S	Psalm 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
S	John 15:9-17	Love one another

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for never leaving us. Help us to stay with you. Produce your good fruit in our lives today. Amen

BLESSING

May the love of God bless you, live in you, and be perfected in you.

Jesus is the vine we are his branches

Creative Response

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:5 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" –Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches"

–Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"if you remain in me and I in him,"

–Hug your arms around your body.

"You will bear much fruit."

–Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

–Hold your arms apart with your palms out.

mealtime prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this food and drink and love. Amen.

verse for the week

I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

JOHN 15:5

Service



The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:6).

We, like the women, are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God's love to them. Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.



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