

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *The Day of Pentecost*

*May 23, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Speak to us now, Holy Spirit, in ways that we can understand. And inspire us to speak to others of Your love in ways that are meaningful to them. May the messages we exchange with one another continue to excite and encourage us in our beliefs in You.

*O Spirit of every tribe and tongue, share with us the language of Your grace and salvation.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 913; As It Is In Heaven; King of Heaven; King of Kings; 507

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Ezekiel 37:1-14

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Acts 2:1-21

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**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.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Cantors ..... Contemporary Musicians

### *LAST WEEK AT FLC*

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
May 16	72/22	20

***LOOKING AT OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES?*** It is hard to record accurate numbers, but we will be combining those in person with those online during the live stream of the service. This does not reflect those who view the service at a different time. May we continue to be faithful in our worship together as God’s people, as best we can in these days!

### ***THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS***

<b>Today</b>	1:00 pm	Funeral of Merceda Schmidt (live-streamed)
<b>Mon</b>		<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Tues</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors’ Meeting
	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Worship – online only
<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School Opening (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Worship – online only

### ***OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS***

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,243.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$139,089.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$175,692.31</b>	<b>-\$36,603.31</b>

***Miscellaneous Offerings:*** CLWR 100.00.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** Today, we will study Jacob’s family in “A Family Grows.” Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban’s household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel’s older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel’s hand for another seven years of service.

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Wisdom Knows When"*** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Does someone need to hear words of rebuke-or redemption? A message about harsh words, gentle answers, and the wisdom of God (Proverbs 15:1). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**BABY SHOWER:** Pastor Eric and Kayla are excited to announce the birth of Wesley and Wren. We would like to have a baby shower for the new little ones. Respecting the health of all and the current gathering restrictions, we look forward to planning something for July. Watch the bulletin and Foot Print for further details. For those interested in getting a gift, the Moffetts are registered at Babies R Us and [babylist.com/eandkmoffett](http://babylist.com/eandkmoffett). If you would like to contribute to a larger gift, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

**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.

**VOTERS MEETING:** We have scheduled a Voter's Meeting for Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm. We will, Lord willing, be able to gather to receive the Annual Report and to elect officers. COVID protocols will have to be determined as we look to this meeting. We are looking into the ways of sharing this via Zoom as well. There are unique challenges for us in these days, but we do need to work to provide for the congregation, its leadership and its work. Please set aside the date and join us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom.



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The Pregnancy Care Center is once again starting their Baby Bottle Campaign on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. But due to COVID and the

current Alberta Health restrictions, bottles will not be distributed.

Even with COVID, the Pregnancy Care Center has reached out to assist clients primarily via virtual classes and support. But volunteers met with families to deliver care packages and baby items. Thanks be to God for the 150 babies that were born and supported by the Pregnancy Care Center. Please go online to donate or you can mail a cheque. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

**THANK YOU** to all those who participated in my passive Jigsaw Puzzle Sale. We raised close to \$500 for the FLC Organ Fund. I still have some left if you are interested. Please contact me, Mark Kihn, Ph. 403-390-4970.



**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](http://www.foothillslutheran.com). Register by June 15<sup>th</sup> 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: Deaconess Jeryll Mejia**

currently serves as a missionary with her husband Pastor Maximo Román Urroz in the community of Telica at the Lutheran Redentore Church of San Paublo, Nicaragua. **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 Mejia 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**



**WE ARE STILL OFFERING HOLY COMMUNION** on the regular schedule of the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. At present we are doing this following worship those Sundayhs and Wednesdays, with small groups of no more than 15 people.

We know this is not ideal, but until the restrictions change, we appreciate your patience and understanding.

To register for the Sacrament, please contact the office any morning of the week (after 9:30 am, please). You can also send an email to Pastor Bode at [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com) . We will schedule 15 minute “mini services” at 11:45 am; 12:00 am and 12:15 pm. Other opportunities will be provided as requested.

**THE LIVE STREAM SERVICE** for our sister in Christ, Merceda Schmidt, will be available on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran](http://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran) at 1:00 pm today, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us as we give thanks to God for His blessings to us and to Merceda through the living Lord Jesus Christ.

***SIMPLE GIFTS.*** That may be the way that we see our offerings. Yet they are great gifts when entrusted to the God who first has given us all that we need to support this body and life.

We truly are grateful for the stewardship of God's people. We are blessed through those simple gifts. Yet it does seem that another reality of COVID is that we are facing some "offering fatigue". After doing fairly well in terms of our stewardship last year, our offerings are falling off and the deficit has continued to grow. We continue to do all we can to keep costs down. It is true that many of our expenses are less because of COVID. Yet there are still needs that are to be met as we carry out the work of God's church in this place.

There are several ways you can support your church.

- *By Direct Deposit:* forms are available from the office. This does require bank account details to authorize auto debit; presently processed the 20th of every month; more frequent dates may be made available. Contact the church office and a copy of the form can be emailed to you, you can fill it in, scan it and send it back or drop by the church and fill in the information.
- *E-transfers:* transfer funds directly from your bank account much like any other electronic payment. Our recipient email address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com). As we are set up for auto deposit, no security question is required. This should be a visible option on your online banking screen.
- Mail or drop off your offering at the church office.

God has called us to be good stewards of all that He has given us. It is very important that we continue to practice this good stewardship during these difficult times. May we be faithful, in using God's gifts to us for our good as He intended, but also to His glory in Jesus Christ.

***THE SACRED CONVOCATION*** of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton will be live-streamed on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. MDT. Watch from home as we install Deacon Dr. Jennifer Frim as Coordinator of the Deacon Training Program and adjunct professor, award one MDiv, and recognize three pastoral colloquy candidates. Go to: <https://youtu.be/72I-kK464Mk> to access the service.

We thank God for His amazing blessings on CLS and her students as we navigated the 2020-2021 school year with all its challenges. Please join us as we celebrate and give thanks.



# Growing FAITH at home

23 May 2021

DAY OF  
PENTECOST

## Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about an experience you have had with wind or fire.

2

In what ways has the Holy Spirit been at work in your life?

3

What signs of the Spirit's work have you seen, heard or experienced for yourself?



## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
<b>M</b>	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Spirit
<b>T</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Dry bones made alive by the Spirit
<b>W</b>	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
<b>T</b>	Ezekiel 36:22-28	God's Spirit is put within you
<b>F</b>	Joel 2:21-29	God's Spirit poured out
<b>S</b>	Psalm 104:24-34	All living things depend on God
<b>S</b>	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Dear God, breathe your Spirit into our lives and make us new. Amen.

### BLESSING

May God give you his Holy Spirit so that you believe in Jesus.

God sends his Holy Spirit to  
make us new.

## Creative Response

Have a special Pentecost celebration  
in your home.

Put up red, orange and yellow balloons, with streamers coming from them. Make and share a birthday cake lit with candles to remember the Pentecost fire and the birth of the church at Pentecost. Read Acts 2:1-4 and say a prayer of thanks to God for the Holy Spirit's work in your lives.



### mealtime prayer

Faithful God, you give us food when we need it. You open your hands and satisfy us with good things.  
Praise the Lord!

verse for the week

I will pour out  
my spirit on  
all people.

ACTS 2:17

## Service



Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many different languages. God wants the good news of Jesus to be taken to all of these different cultures. This relies on the work of Bible translators and organisations such as Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Bible Society.

Find out how you can support the work of bible translators working with our indigenous people in the LCA through Finkel River Mission. Visit their website: <http://finkervermission.lca.org.au/>

