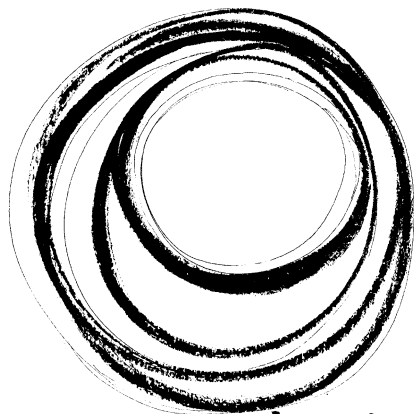


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, our Helper, may we look to You when we are at the end of our rope. Teach us to listen to You when times are tough. And fill us to overflowing with love and trust in You. For You are the Giver of abundant blessing and abundant life.

Risen Christ Jesus, welcome us when we reach the shore of life everlasting.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 907; 477; 688; 570; 457; 829
FIRST LESSON: Acts 9:1-22
EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 5:1-14
GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-14
SERMON: *Life Goes On* – John 21:1-14

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We are so glad that you have joined us on this special day, as we rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour. May this good news give you new and living hope for your life in Him. If it is your first time with us, help us to get to know you by signing our guest book, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope that you will join us again as we worship and praise God for His goodness to us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY as 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Walt Evans
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Robert Kubke
Acolyte..... Karl Wong

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Three C's of Christian Witness" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Competence, Conversation, and Caring-the three C's of Christian witness. Daniel 3:28). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Tuesday | 10:00 am | LifeLight Bible Study |
| | 7:15 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Midweek Worship |
| Thursday | 1:30 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Friday | 7:00 pm | Youth |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Confirmation/Bible Study/Adult Info Class |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Weekly Offering Needs | \$8,288.46 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$6,090.00 | \$431,000.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$129,179.00 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$140,903.85 | -\$11,724.85 |

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 20.00; Visitor 230.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson, "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets this coming Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

A STUDENT FROM UKRAINE, attending the U of C is looking for a place to board. If you can assist or know someone who can, speak to Brenda Bode.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Attendance | Midweek Worship/Communion |
|----------|------------|------------------------------|
| April 24 | 119 | 20/13 |

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR YOUTH EVENT, previously scheduled for April 29, games & parents' time with Miriam has been **rescheduled** to **May 6**. We'll be at the church from 7 to 9 pm for games, and Miriam will be hosting another discussion session for the parents of kids in grades 6 to 12, so the confirmands are invited to this youth event as well! RSVP to Evan or Miriam by May 2.

God's Word tells us that He created us, male and female, and it was "very good". Our world today has a very different view of sexuality and gender. How do we lead our youth into a faithful but loving response to those who struggle with gender identity? Parents of youth and confirmation students are invited to learn more and discuss this topic on Friday, May 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: So far, our non-communion Sunday coffee times have been going very smoothly, and we have decided to move along with trying to get coffee teams together to have coffee time more frequently. But we need to have volunteers! Teams of three people are needed to run coffee time, and training will be provided when necessary. We are still serving coffee with health measures in place. This means all volunteers will be required to wear masks and gloves, and all snacks will be prepackaged and purchased from a store at this time. Interested? Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex or email knudtson.sarah@gmail.com.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

The Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots ("LAMP") believes the Gospel of Jesus Christ can heal and transform people and communities. LAMP has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada since 1970 through the ministry of pastor/missionary/pilots, and short and long-term volunteers-in-mission. Each year over 5,000 children, youth and adults are impacted by the ministry of LAMP.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION: This year's program, "Jesus, Our Lifeguard" will run **July 4-8** in person, God willing! Through the week we will be looking at water rescues in the Bible, and the rescue from sin, death and the devil that we have through Jesus. Registration with forms available on the Welcome Desk or online at www.foothillslutheran.com/christianeducation/vbs. We are also looking for volunteer teachers, helpers, and games and craft leaders. If you are interested and available, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric.



PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT - SUNDAY, MAY 15: Everyone from Foothills is invited to join the youth group for our annual Calgary-wide photo scavenger hunt. After worship on Sunday, we'll be handing out the clues, and you'll have all afternoon to complete them! Bring a bagged lunch and we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for instructions after the service.

MISSION PRAYER: **Rev. Edmundo Retana Jimenez** is currently a missionary Pastor serving in Costa Rica. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Retana Jimenez, 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.**



MAXINE ABRAHAM OPEN HOUSE: Welcome to my art gallery at my home; my original paintings, plus Richard Freeman prints. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Organ Fund. Join us Sunday, May 1, 1–5 pm; 640 Hunterfield Place NW.



THE BABY BOTTLES ARE BACK! The **Pregnancy Care Center's** annual fundraising event running from Mother's Day to Father's Day in support of this Christian Ministry's efforts to change lives for women, men and their young families in Calgary, Strathmore, and Airdrie.

What is the Pregnancy Care Center?

- Offers pregnancy and family support for those in challenging situations
 - 121 babies were born in 2020 and 2021
 - Supported 2,741 clients in 2020 and 2021
 - Assists clients 15-35+ with majority 25-34
 - Counselling and advocacy, referrals to other services
- Offers education both in person and virtual classes
 - Prenatal classes
 - Parenting and Life skills classes
 - Sexual health and decision-making classes

How can you get involved?

- Pickup a bottle on Mother's Day or choose to donate online at pregnecare.com/BBC2022
- Put cash, coins or a cheque inside the bottle and return on Father's Day
- Pray for the Center

For questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

IT'S TIME TO START THE NOMINATION PROCESS! Once again, we are looking to you, the gifts that God gives His church, as we prepare for our elections meeting. Your nominations help us in our efforts. God has blessed us with differing gifts and abilities, so that we can come together to accomplish great things with His grace and strength. If you are asked to serve, we hope and pray that you will see this as a privilege and a blessing, as we serve the Lord together in joy. Nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

COCO BROOKS FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg, we will be selling Coco Brooks this spring! Coco Brooks is most well-known for pizza, but they also have vegan and gluten-free options, as well as desserts, appetizers, sausages, hamburger patties, chicken wings, and more! Please order **before May 17**, by going to this site: <https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/invite/verify?code=poohs-light>. Once you have logged in, you can view the product list and prices at: <https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/campaigns/products-pdf/7546>

FLC ORGAN FUND UPDATE: January 1, 2022 needed \$18,875. Receipts to date are \$12,137. Balance needed as of April 30 \$6,738. Thank you for your generous support. ~ *Mark Kihn*

PASTOR BODE HAS BEGUN AN ADULT INFORMATION CLASS. We will hold this class during our Sunday morning bible study time (9:00 am), knowing that this is an excellent opportunity for everyone to review and grow in the truths of Scripture that we believe, teach and confess. This class is especially designed for inquirers and others who would like to be communicant members of this church. Our class is called, "Life With God". We are looking at the topic: ***The Creator and Preserver of Life***. Upcoming topics are:

- ***The Loss of Life:*** The fall into sin; types of sin; the curse and consequences of sin; the tempter; temptations, repentance, confession, etc.
- ***Christ, Our Only Life:*** Promises of a Saviour; fulfilment; the two natures and two states of Christ, and why; justification by grace through faith.
- ***The Lord and Giver of Life:*** The person and work of the Holy Spirit; the Spirit and the Scriptures; fruits and gifts of the Spirit; the Spirit's intercession.

...and more to come!

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: Nahum 1:7

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.



Growing FAITH at home

1st May 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Living in love

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Have you ever let someone down or been let down?
How did Peter let Jesus down?

2

Jesus gave Peter a new start. How has Jesus given you a new start?

3

Do you find it hard or easy to give others a new start? Why?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

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| S | John 21:1-19 | Jesus appears to the disciples |
| M | Acts 9: 1-20 | Saul's conversion |
| T | 1 John 4: 7-19 | Love for God |
| W | 1 Peter 4:12 – 5:4 | Shepherds of God's flock |
| T | Revelation 5:1-10 | The throne and the elders |
| F | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Jesus appeared to his followers |
| S | Psalm 30 | You restored my health |
| S | John 10:22-30 | Jesus promises life to his sheep |



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Risen Lord Jesus,
come to us today.
Help us to love
you, serve you
and follow you.
Amen.



BLESS

May you
always rely on
God's love.

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest times of the church.

The Greek word for fish is 'ixthus' or 'ichthus'. In the Greek language, the five letters making up the word form an acrostic for "Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Saviour." The first letter (i) represents the name "Jesus" in Greek; the second letter (x) the title "Christ"; the next two ('thu' in English) "God's Son"; and the final letter (s) the word "Saviour".

Many early Christians were put to death for practising their faith, and so worshipped secretly in their homes. A fish was painted on the outside door of a house to let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. Make up an IXTHUS symbol to display in your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus as your Saviour.



mealtime prayer

Bless this meal, Lord, we pray, and bless us too throughout this day. Keep us safe and close to you, and kind in all we say and do. Amen.

verse for the week

And so we know
and rely on the
love God has for
us. God is love.
Whoever lives in
love lives in God,
and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16

Service



While Jesus had shown himself to be the Son of God and Lord of all by rising from the dead, he was still willing to serve his followers in humble, practical ways. In John 21 we read that he cooked breakfast for his disciples!

Follow Jesus' example this week by being "breakfast servants" to one another e.g. preparing food, setting the table, doing the dishes. Take turns in carrying out your morning acts of love and service.