## Foothills Lutheran Church

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# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Jesus, Good Shepherd, lead us by Your grace to the places You want us to go. Defend us from the attacks of those who seek to destroy us. And carry us on Your shoulders when we can no longer stand.

Leader of the lost, guide us on the path to life everlasting.

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

ORDER OF SERVICE:	As projected
HYMNS: Because of Your Lo	ve; Christ is Risen; Revelation Song;
Goodness, Love,	and Mercy; It is Well With My Soul
FIRST LESSON:	Acts 20:17-35
EPISTLE LESSON:	Revelation 7:9-17
GOSPEL LESSON:	John 10:22-30
SERMON:	

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 WEDNESDAY 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:

Music	
Ushers	1 2
Acolyte	Natalia Bishop

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "What the Bible Is Like" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Bible is like an encyclopedia, a love letter, a self-help book, and a Good News article--but these comparisons all fall short. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at <a href="https://www.lutheranhour.ca">www.lutheranhour.ca</a>

THIS WEEK AT FLC		
Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Education
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday		LWMLC Spring Rally @ FLC
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation/Bible Study/Adult Info Class
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship w/Communion
		Youth/Church Photo Scavenger Hunt

#### 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	\$9,867.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$139,046.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$149,192.31	-\$10,146.31

*Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 5.00; Visitor 300.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; LAMP 50.00; FLC Youth 80.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we gather today, we will study "The Restoring King." Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah's faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.

#### LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Midweek Worship
May 1	127/67	16

<sup>\*</sup> Attendance numbers include online participants

**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 <a href="www.foothillslutheran.com/christianeducation/vbs">www.foothillslutheran.com/christianeducation/vbs</a>. 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.

**WE'VE HAD A FACE LIFT!** We had to make some repairs to office cabinetry and have new cabinets installed by Majestic Woodwork Ltd., (our member Marc Jusseaume is the owner). The cabinets are very functional and give a wonderful look to the office. Stop in for a look!

MISSION PRAYER: Deacon Khorn Sopha serves as a deacon in Phnom Penh at Christ Lutheran Church, Cambodia. Additionally serves as the national coordinator of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation and is the Archdeacon of CLC. Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make



disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Deacon Sopha, 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.

YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR 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: https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/invite/verify?code=poohs-light

You can share the link with family and friends, too! You can view the product list here (prices will be visible after you sign into the fundraising link above): https://fundraising.cocobrooks.com/campaigns/products-pdf/7546

Please note that most of the items come frozen/refrigerated and must be picked up from the church on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 4</u>, <u>between 1:45 and 3 pm</u>. There isn't enough space at the church to store a lot of orders, so please make arrangements to pick up your order then. Thank you for your support of Foothills Lutheran Youth!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: We are again supporting the Pregnancy Care Centre. This ministry in our community reaches out to teens, youth, women, and men experiencing challenges related to an unexpected pregnancy. Please be sure to visit their website to make your donation (or pick up a bottle in the narthex). You can also support them by praying for the ministry and sharing the campaign with your family and friends. Your donations mean that those facing an unexpected pregnancy have the support they need to thrive, not just survive. Questions? Contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

**THANK YOU** to all who attended my Open House last Sunday. I had 70 of my original paintings on display and for sale. The reviews were good, and we had a great time.  $\sim$  *Maxine Abraham* 

*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:

- *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!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**: God gives a very precious gift in the gift of mothers. We thank Him for His blessings and provision for the mothers of our church family and for the encouragement, care and protection they bring to their children.





AS THE WEATHER BECOMES WARMER AND SUNNIER, we will see more and more people travelling on the weekends. God blesses His people with those times of relaxation and enjoyment, but He always reminds us that He is our perfect rest. He also zealously invites us to take time to be with Him—yes, He even commands it for our good! As His trusting children, let us take time to gather with

our Father in His house, around His Word and Sacraments. If you can't be here on Sunday, please remember that we have our midweek Wednesday services for that very reason.

## **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: Psalm 119:11

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.



## 8th May 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER The best shepherd

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Caring Conversations

SHARE

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



Where do you feel safe? Why?



Jesus calls us his sheep, and says that no one can snatch us away from his hand. What do you think he means?



In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?



## Devotions --





READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep
М	Ezekiel 34:1-16	The Lord and his flock
Т	Ezekiel 34:20-32	The promise of a shepherd
W	Matthew 18:10-14	Parable of the lost sheep
Т	Jeremiah 23:1-4	God will gather his sheep
F	Revelation 7: 9-17	Praise from the great crowd
s	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
S	John 13:31-35	Love one another



TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions •



PRAY

Jesus our
Shepherd, please
give us ears that
listen to you, minds
that seek you and
hearts that follow
you, Amen.



BLESS

May God's goodness and love be with you each day of your life.

#### 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

A good tradition to develop in a christian home is to memorise Scripture.

Work together as a household to encourage one another to memorise verses.

This week aim to memorise Psalm 23:1-6. Start by learning the first verse, then add a verse each day. It might make it easier to remember if you make up actions for the words.



## mealtime prayer

Good Shepherd, We have all We need - food for our mouths and rest for our souls. Thank you. Amen.



verse for the week
"My sheep listen to
my voice; I know
them, and they
follow me. I give
them eternal life,
and they shall
never perish; no one
will snatch them
out of my hand."

JOHN 10:27-28

## Service •

Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is associated with prayers for people who are serving in specific ministry roles in the church. Use your home devotion times this week to pray for those God uses to shepherd his people – here are some suggestions for each day:

Monday - Church leaders

Tuesday – Pastors and church workers

Wednesday – Christian teachers or educators

Thursday - Church musicians and volunteers

Friday – Missionaries and evangelists

Saturday - Chaplains in schools, hospitals and aged care



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