

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Now  
you are  
HAPPY  
with the  
inexpressable  
joy  
that comes  
from heaven  
itself. 1 PETER 1:8

*Second Sunday After Easter*

*April 16, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way, and help us to feel that You are near.

*Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service Setting One; p. 151

**HYMNS:** ..... 480; 920; 829; 818; 467; 474

**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Acts 5:29-42

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 1:3-9

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 20:19-31

**SERMON:** *Nothing's Going to Stop Us Now!* - Acts 5:29-42

**WELCOME:** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. If you are a member of this congregation, please be sure to extend a warm greeting and a friendly welcome to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Speak to someone you don't know before you speak to someone you know.

**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.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS:** We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

Offering plates are at the door, both before and after service, for those who want to give their offerings in God's house. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord first bestows upon us. Thanks be to Him for every good and perfect gift!

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

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Ushers..... Barb and Brian Vincent; Bruce Winstanley  
 Acolyte..... Karl Wong  
 Lector ..... Ralf Hinterleitner  
 A/V Operators ..... Tim Knudtson; Evan Stene  
 Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhoft; Colleen Judiesch; Anne Marie Kothari

### **THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>		Deadline to return Time & Talent Survey
	7:00 pm	PPC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 pm	Circuit Convocation at Grace Lutheran
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

### **IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***



In Sympathy

***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the hope of the resurrection to Pastor James and Rose Schuelke and family at the death of their daughter, Kristi Puchbauer. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

***The funeral service for Ida Kihn***, the mother of Mark Kihn, will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 2:00 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Didsbury. Pastor Bode will be officiating.

***FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CHAIR:*** We have an upcoming Pot-Blessing lunch after church on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up in the Narthex with what you plan to bring!



**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.



**HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY?** We do hope that all our members will look to the ways we work together to the glory of God as His family here. Surveys are on the Welcome Desk or the website. Or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLGNRMT>. Please

return by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Holy Week:</b>	<b>Maundy Thurs/ Communion</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday/Communion</b>
Apr 6-9	46/41	107	205/145
Wednesday	14/14		

*\* Attendance numbers include all Easter services and online participants*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The Living Wonder” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus’ body in the tomb. When the two Marys and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,525.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$109,413.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$124,326.92	<b>-\$14,913.92</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 310.00; Visitor 134.00; Sunday School 35.00; Facility Rent (Oromo) 3,600.00; FLSR Rent 500.00; LWML 100.00; LCC Seminaries 50.00; VBS 50.00.

**IT'S HYMN SING TIME!** April 30<sup>th</sup> is a fifth Sunday, and so we give you the opportunity to suggest the hymns and/or contemporary choices for our worship that day. If you have a favourite, please share it with Pastor Eric, who will be leading worship.

**OUR CALGARY CIRCUIT** will hold a special time for all our congregations to gather for fellowship and spiritual encouragement, with an afternoon together on **April 22, 2023, beginning at 1:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church.** Our LCC president, Timothy Teuscher, will be our guest speaker, sharing with us “The Task of the Church in Post-Christian 21st Century Canada.”, and we will have breakout sessions for sharing and encouragement. Come and join with members from all our congregations as we look at being God’s church in the world today.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Encore Easter Message -- Remembering Pr. Klaus".** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. This week we on The Lutheran Hour, we thank God for the ministry of the late Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus. This Easter message from 2005, recorded on location at the Tomb of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem challenges the world to "show us the body." Christ is Risen, He is risen, indeed! Hallelujah! (Matthew 28:5-6). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We have had an excellent response for our July 24-28 Summer VBS, “*Loved by God*”. We are still taking registrations, however as most classes are nearly full and we want to save space for those who may attend our one-day VBS in May, we have begun a wait list. Our May 29<sup>th</sup> one-day VBS, “*Treasured by God*” is now open for registration on our website. It will be held at Capitol Hill Community Centre from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. We’re still looking for some volunteer helpers and a crafts leader to round out our teams for both Bible schools. Speak to Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer!



Lutheran Hospital  
Ministries  
SOUTHERN ALBERTA

**JOIN US APRIL 29 FOR OUR “26th ANNUAL WALK, RUN OR ROLL FOR LOVE”:** We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk, Run or Roll for Love, will take place on **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. 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. Pledge forms are available at [www.lhmsa.ca](http://www.lhmsa.ca) and on our Welcome Desk.

***DID YOU KNOW?*** The white wine in the individual cups at Holy Communion is dealcoholized wine for those with allergies or who must stay away from all alcohol. We want to ensure that we have enough for those who need it. If you need to make use of this, please let the pastors know, but we also ask that you not take them if you do not need the dealcoholized wine.

***HAVE YO FILLED OUT YOUR FUNERAL FORMS?*** At our funeral planning workshop, we provided information forms that our members could use to note their wishes for their funeral service. We encourage you to fill these in and return a copy to the office. We will keep them on file so that your hymns, readings and confession of hope can be shared at the time of our passing into glory. Pastor can also provide forms if you were unable to attend the workshop.

***MISSION PRAYER:*** This week, we pray for **Rev. Frank Morgret** who serves as Resident Pastoral Advisor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Sainte-Foy (Quebec City). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Morgret, 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.**



***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.

***PRAYER FOR CHURCH WORKERS:*** *“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest”* (Matthew 9:37-38). In light of the fact that our Lutheran Church–Canada is faced with a shortage of pastors, coupled with low seminary enrolments, as is the case throughout nearly all of western Christendom; it is especially necessary and highly important that we take these words of our crucified and risen Lord to heart. To this end I call upon all pastors and congregations of our Synod to lift up our hands together in regular and fervent prayer throughout this Eastertide that more church workers might be provided to proclaim the joyous message of Jesus’ death and resurrection. **President Timothy Teuscher, Lutheran Church–Canada**



## Growing FAITH at home

16 April 2023

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

JESUS  
CALLS US  
TO BELIEVE  
IN HIM



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### CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. Do you like to see something in order to believe it?
2. What helps you to believe in Jesus?



### BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**  
Peter addresses  
the crowd

2nd reading

**1 Peter 1:3-9**  
Praise to God for a  
living hope

Gospel reading

**John 20:19-31**  
Thomas sees  
and believes

### DISCUSS

Thomas found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw him with his own eyes. In what ways are you like Thomas?



### ACTION RESPONSE

In your home devotion times this week pray for people (by name if possible) who are struggling to believe in Jesus. Ask for God's help to share Jesus' love with them.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus bless us with faith in you. Help us to find a way through our doubts. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, as our bodies are fed with good gifts from you, please bless us with Easter peace, joy, hope and faith. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.

THEN JESUS TOLD THOMAS, "YOU BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE WITHOUT SEEING ME."

JOHN 20:29

VERSE OF THE WEEK

