

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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WITH THE  
PRECIOUS  
LIFE·BLOOD  
OF CHRIST.

*Third Sunday After Easter*

*April 23, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We have so much in common with the Emmaus disciples, risen Lord. We, too, are often not sure what to think about all that is happening in the world. And we, too, are accompanied by You as we walk along the road, and as we sit in our homes. Open the Scriptures to us day by day, we pray, that we may learn from You.

*Ever-living Lord, travel with us now.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** ..... Indescribable; 578; 655; 474; 918; Man of Sorrows; 477

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 1:17-25

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 24:13-35

**SERMON:**

**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

Music.....	Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....	Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene
Acolyte.....	Charlie O’Krafka
Lector.....	Faith Dueck
A/V Operators.....	Derek Kiefer; Sacha Kiefer
Coffee Team.....	Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke

## THIS WEEK AT FLC

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	11:00 am	Kathy Kruger Funeral
	7:00 pm	Youth
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Outdoor Spring Cleanup
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Hymn Sing Sunday

### 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 the family of Kathy Kruger. Kathy passed away February 9, 2023, and her Christian funeral service will be held at Foothills on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, April 24 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** This is an in-person event. We’ll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. The Fellowship Hall will be set up to allow for social distancing and masks are optional. If you would like to socialize beforehand, come at 12:30 and bring your own lunch. Coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!

## LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
April 16	155/110	15	37

\* Attendance includes online participants.



**THE FLOWERS** that grace the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Joan Copeland, in memory of her parents, Vic and Joyce Rogers.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This week, we will study “The Proof Room.” With the words “Peace be with you” (John 20:19), the risen Lord appears among His disciples gathered in hiding from the Jews. Thomas, who is not among the disciples that evening, doubts their report of Jesus’ resurrection. Eight days later, while Thomas and the disciples gather in the locked room, Jesus appears among them once again. Thomas witnesses the physical truth of the resurrection as he touches Christ’s wounds. Jesus concludes by telling Thomas and us, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (v. 29).

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,295.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$116,708.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$132,615.38</b>	<b>-\$15,907.38</b>

**Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 10.00; Visitor 20.00; Sunday School 0.50; LCC Seminaries 110.00; Board of Ed Recovery 26.52; Fellowship 10.00.

**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!



**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!

**IT’S HYMN SING TIME!** April 30<sup>th</sup> is a fifth Sunday, and we are looking for your hymn suggestions for our worship that day. If you have a favourite, please share it with Pastor Eric by Tuesday.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Man Who Will Be King"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders--and great followers of Christ, the King of kings. (1 Peter 1:13). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)



**SPRING CLEANUP:** Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor spring cleanup work-bee on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. For more information, contact Brian Vincent.

**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.

**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. Watch for role descriptions and nomination forms on the Welcome Desk. See the description of president below!

***Dear friends in Christ Jesus:***

As I am not able to be present this morning, and will be away on vacation the following Sunday, I write this to deal with a concern raised from our worship last week.

During the children's talk, I made some comments which were inconsiderate and careless. Regardless of the fact that they were not meant that way, the result was that there was hurt caused to Pastor Eric and to members of our congregation.

I have apologized to Pastor Eric and have received his word of forgiveness. I also confess my failings to you, my brothers and sisters, and ask for your forgiveness as well. Confident of His grace, we look to the days ahead and all that the Lord does to heal us and help us in our lives with one another.

*In His Service, Pastor Bode*

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Jacobsen, 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.**



***WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION?***

The President presides at all Voters' meetings and Council meetings. In this role he:

- Submits/Prepares the agenda (the order of business).
- Ensures that all is done decently and in order, in accordance with the constitution and statement of direction.
- Makes sure that all proper resolutions or motions are enacted in the congregation.

The President helps the congregation carry out its work by keeping the business of the church moving in orderly fashion, endeavouring to coordinate the functions, plans, and activities of the congregation in all its parts for the total furtherance of the work of Christ's Kingdom in our midst. He often becomes the 'cheerleader' for the congregation, and encouraging the Boards and leaders of the congregation to fulfill their tasks under God's grace. In the name of the congregation, he is responsible to see, as much as possible, that the work we agree to do is carried out. He also serves as a representative of the congregation in many public settings.

Time: Can vary.

The President arranges and chairs Parish Planning Council (PPC) meetings (approx. 8/yr.) and Voters' meetings (approx. 3-5/yr.), from the perspective of this role and the overall advancing of the congregation's ministry.

Key skills (gifts, talents):

- Ability to understand the overall 'big picture' of ministry, and how it all needs to fit together.
- Communication.

The term of office for President in our congregation is 2 years, with a maximum number of two consecutive terms. After the second term, a one-year break must be taken.



## Growing FAITH at home

23 April 2023

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

## JESUS WALKS BESIDE US



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Who do you turn to when you are feeling sad?
2. Have you experienced Jesus alongside you when times have been difficult?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Psalm 116:1-4,  
12-19**

Love the Lord

2nd reading

**1 Peter 1:17-23**  
Love one another

Gospel reading

**Luke 24:13-35**

On the road to Emmaus

## DISCUSS

The two men walking to Emmaus were feeling sad. What turned their sadness into joy?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus came alongside two of his followers in their sorrow and brought them joy. Plan a visit to someone in your congregation or community who would appreciate some company. If they are able, you could go for a walk together.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the living word of God, speak to us and make us new. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Come and stay with us, Lord Jesus. Be with us as we eat, share and serve. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Lord walk with you today and always.

WHAT CAN I GIVE TO THE LORD FOR ALL THE GOOD THINGS HE HAS GIVEN TO ME? I WILL GIVE YOU AN OFFERING TO SHOW THANKS TO YOU, AND I WILL PRAY TO THE LORD.

PSALM 116:12, 17

VERSE OF THE WEEK

