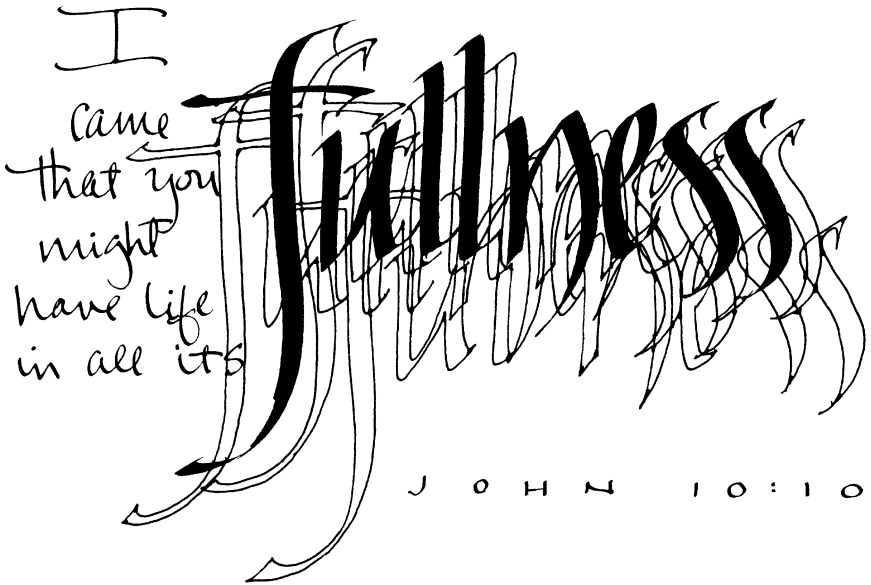


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourth Sunday After Easter

April 30, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Good Shepherd, guide us from our dark valleys to Your green pastures. Protect us from the enemies that always seem to encamp around us, and provide us with all we need to live our lives day by day. In Your presence, we are safe. In Your care, we find comfort.

O Shepherding Son of God, we praise You for making us part of Your flock.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 793; Lead Me To The Cross; 707; 821; 570; 537; 851; 643;

..... Because He Lives (Amen)

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 2:42-47

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:1-10

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.

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; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Heather Sommers
Acolyte Kieran Chan
Lector Rick Goebel
A/V OperatorsEden Knudtson; Evan Stene
Coffee Team..... Eden, Sarah & Tim Knudtson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	VBS 1-Day Training
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion
	11:30 am	Pot Blessing

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital:*
- Homebound:*
- For Special Intercession:*
- Family Focus:*



THE FLOWERS that grace the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Jutta Colhoun in loving memory of Mary Kutzan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we study “The Thankful One.” Encountering ten lepers on His way to Jerusalem, Jesus has mercy on them and sends them to show themselves to the priests. As they go, the lepers are healed; but only one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
April 23	159	16/13	42

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,715.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$122,423.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$140,903.85	-\$18,480.85

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 17.00; Facility Rental 200.00; FLSR 500.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 50.00; LWML 50.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Bridge Builders" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the "air bridge" that saved a city and the cross-shaped bridge God built to break a spiritual blockade (1 Peter 2:11-12). 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

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP CHAIR: We have an upcoming Pot-Blessing lunch after church on **May 7th**. 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 29th 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!

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.



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, **May 6th** at 9:00 am. We start with breakfast at 9:00, followed by our study. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Razafy Razafindrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razafindrakoto, 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. Nomination forms are on the Welcome Desk and once completed can be left in the mailbox by the administrative office door. See the description of vice president below!

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH WORKERS: As we look to the future of the church, we know there is a need for pastors and other church workers. The Lord of the church urges us, saying: ***“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*** (Matthew 9:37–38, ESV) In obedience to this command, LCC is calling on our congregations to answer this call to prayer. We provide this prayer for you:

O risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, bless all pastors that they would guide and feed the flock entrusted to their care by diligently preaching Your Word in its truth and purity and by properly administering the blessed Sacraments according to Your institution. Guide and direct all congregations who are calling shepherds to feed them with the green pastures of Your Word. Bless our seminaries as they prepare able and faithful under-shepherds, and raise up more pastors to serve the sheep and lambs of Your flock. Lord, in Your mercy; hear our prayer.

PASTOR BODE AND BRENDA are away this weekend, joining with friends celebrating the retirement of Pastor John Kreutzwieser from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moose Jaw.

OUR THANKS to those who have assisted with our funeral hosting over the past few weeks. We appreciate your service to the families of those who mourn, showing love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION?

Our constitution notes:

The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, act for and in the stead of the President. He shall be available for whatever duties the President shall assign to him as his representative.

Normally, this is a short-term, “fill-in” responsibility. The congregation is blessed through the extra wisdom and guidance of the Vice President.

It may be that you will help the President in the following areas (again, short term). 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

30 April 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be trustworthy?
2. Which people do you trust most? Why?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Psalm 23

The Lord is my
shepherd

2nd reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Christ as an example

Gospel reading

John 10:1-11

Christ the shepherd

DISCUSS

Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?



ACTION RESPONSE

As a household, make phone or video calls to people who would love to hear your voice. Let them know you are thinking of them.



PRAYER

Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Help us to recognise your voice today and follow you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us; listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus the Good Shepherd provide all your needs and refresh you inside and out.

A THIEF COMES ONLY TO ROB, KILL,
AND DESTROY. I CAME SO THAT
EVERYONE WOULD HAVE LIFE AND
HAVE IT IN ITS FULLEST.

JOHN 10:10

VERSE OF THE WEEK

