

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, You are the Way--the Way to the Father, the Way to the truth, the Way to forgiveness, the Way to renewal, the Way to refreshment, the Way to life everlasting. May we never stray from Your Way. And may we never stop looking ahead to all that You have prepared for us on our road of life.

Guiding Lord, lead us to the glory yet to come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 5, p. 213

HYMNS: 875; 947; 465; 954; 812; 950; 960; 633; 790; 617

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

EPISTLE LESSON:1 Peter 2:2-10

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14

SERMON: *Sing That New, Old Song!* – Psalm 98

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

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Barb and Brian Vincent
Acolyte..... Emmy Legroulx
Lector Brian Vincent
A/V Operators Morgan Alcock; Brenda Bode
Coffee Team.....Michelle Funke; John Voss; Ellen Wagner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	11:30 am	Pot Blessing Lunch
Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
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
Fri-Sat		Youth Activate & Overnighter
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Buchwitz family at the death of Mary Buchwitz. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort. Mary’s funeral will be here on Saturday at 1:00 pm.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Sojourn" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Prosperity preachers promise health, wealth, and happiness--but that's not what Christians should expect. (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

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
April 30	127/83	14/14	38

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,210.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$125,483.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$149,192.31	-\$23,709.31

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 137.00; Sunday School 13.00; LCC Seminaries 310.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The Kingdom of Children" is this week's lesson. The disciples try to prevent the people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus rebukes the disciples and draws the children near to Himself, using a child as an example of how believers receive the kingdom of God.

POT BLESSING TODAY: We hope you have come to join us for a time of lunch and fellowship together at our pot-blessing lunch. Our thanks to our Board of Fellowship for arranging this, giving us an opportunity to enjoy time together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We gather immediately after our service this morning.



I thank the volunteers who assisted me with spring clean up of the church and student residence grounds on Saturday, April 29th. It was indeed a successful effort, and we were blessed with good weather. I could not have done this without your help! Thank you so very much and God Bless! ~ *Brian Vincent*

ONE-DAY VBS, TREASURED BY GOD, LOCATION MOVED: Due to low registration we have relocated our one-day VBS to our location here at Foothills Lutheran. Consider registering your children or inviting a friend to learn about how Jesus finds us when we are lost. Registration is available on our website at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/>.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: IMPACT YOUTH GATHERING

Our May mission of the month supports our youth as they attend the IMPACT Youth Gathering this summer. This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. It is taking place June 30-July 3, 2023 at Pines Bible Camp in Grand Forks BC. We look forward to getting together with other youth from across Western Canada as we are equipped and strengthened through God's Word and in our time together as His treasured people.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST: Save your calendar date of **July 16th** for our outdoor stampede breakfast and service and sign up in the Narthex to volunteer

so we can make this outreach event a success. If we can get enough volunteers by the end of May, we may be able to make this a community event once again. Thanks so much for your support!

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We've 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 we have begun a wait list. Go to <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2023/> to register. We are still looking for some volunteer helpers and a crafts leader to round out our team. Contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.



LWML SEMINAR: OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

They may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.
Isaiah 61:3

What is an oak of righteousness?

In this seminar we will dig into this verse from Isaiah, discovering how God uses everything in our lives to make us into His people and to fulfill His plan and purpose for us. Even the bad things, you might ask. Yes, even the things we don't like that happen to us. Come and learn of God's wonderful exchange, how creation depicts the glory of God, and how women of the Bible exemplify the strength of an oak.

Where: Grace Lutheran Church, 3610 Sarcee Rd SW, Calgary, Alberta

When: June 10, 9:30-10:30 (reg. & fellowship) 10:30-3:30 (seminar)

Cost: **\$50.00 for in-person** registration includes morning fellowship coffee time, two meals and hardcopy of Seminar Booklet;

\$10.00 per person for live-stream & electronic copy of Booklet

Gifts of Love (Ingathering): Calgary Dream Centre

Don't forget to register online at: <https://forms.gle/9tKUv5qXDWZvkvaH9>

Need assistance with registration? Email linda.horton2@shaw.ca or call Linda Horton at 403-984-2508. Register online and book your hotel room today!

Registration and payment deadline is May 20th!



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 the Elders below!

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ELDERS?

The Elders serve as spiritual leaders within the congregation. Along with the pastor, they are to do all they can for the spiritual welfare of our members. They are to be examples of Christian love and conduct. They work with the pastors and other staff, and support them in their work. They are to be men of prayer, offering that prayer for the called workers and for the members of the church.

In their role as spiritual leaders, the Elders assist in worship (distribution of Holy Communion, for example) as needed. They are also to ensure that the services of God's house are provided in a timely fashion, and that the services are done decently and in order. They see that the Word is brought to people each week, either by being involved in the call process with the congregation, or by arranging substitute pastors or preachers as needed. In some cases, the Elders may lead worship in the absence of a pastor.

As they care for the members, the Elders will:

- Encourage the members, through visitation and discussion, to be spiritual and faithful in worship.
- Render counsel and advice in difficult problems.
- Encourage members, especially new members, to be connected with one another.

The Director of the Elders participates as a member of the Parish Planning Council. The Director is elected by the Elders at their first meeting of the new Board. The time commitment may average 2-3 hours a week.

Key skills:

- An example of Christian love and conduct (regarded as a dedicated Christian).
- Caring, supportive, encouraging – Able to encourage church workers in their duties, and able to encourage congregants in Christian growth.
- Able and willing to visit with people.



Growing FAITH at home

7 May 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

JESUS IS THE
WAY, THE
TRUTH AND
THE LIFE



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is a path for?
2. Think of a path you would want to walk on. Why?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Psalm 31:1-16
You are my rock
and my fortress

2nd reading

1 Peter 2:2-10
Be holy

Gospel reading

John 14:1-14
Jesus is the way,
truth and life

DISCUSS

Jesus said, "I am the way". If we think of Jesus as a path, what or who is the destination?



ACTION RESPONSE

Let your children know that God has a special mission for their lives. As a parent you can help them discover their unique gifts by encouraging them in the things that they do well and feel passionate about. As they grow and mature, guide them into areas of service and activity in which they can use their gifts to God's glory. Help them to recognise ways in which God is using them.



PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for showing us the way. Help us to live in your truth.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you peace in your heart and may he fill you with trust in Jesus.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the blessings of this day.
May we have the faith to walk your way. Amen.

JESUS ANSWERED, "I AM THE WAY
AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO
ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT
THROUGH ME."

JOHN 14:6

VERSE OF THE WEEK

