

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Christ, You were sent down to earth to save us, and for that reason, we are now Your people. Show us how to live as Your people in this world. Guide our words and actions so that they may bring glory to You and glory to the Father. In the end, may Your name be known to all people everywhere.

Glorious Lord, by Your grace bring glory to the world.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Service of Prayer and Preaching, p.260

HYMNS:493; 491; 492; 821; 629; 525

FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 1:1-11

EPISTLE LESSON:Ephesians 1:15-23

GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 24:44-53

SERMON: *Overflowing Glory* – Ephesians 1:15-23

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..... Ellen Wagner; Bruce Winstanley
Lector Stacey Bablitz
AV Operators Derek Kiefer; Sacha Kiefer
Coffee Team..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Circuit Meeting @ FLC
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6:45 pm	Photo Scavenger Hunt
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Due to the long weekend, there were no Sunday School classes today. Sunday School will resume May 28th and continue through June 25th. Our upcoming lessons will focus on the early days of the Church following Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

ONE-DAY VBS, TREASURED BY GOD, LOCATION MOVED: Due to low registration we have relocated our **May 29th** one-day VBS to our location here at Foothills Lutheran. We will run 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Consider registering your children or inviting a friend to learn about how Jesus finds us when we are lost. Registration is on our website at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/>.

OUR LIFELIGHT STUDY has wrapped up for the summer. We will resume in the fall, with a look at the epistles of John. We thank God for all who have participated, and look forward to having you join us in the fall.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
May 14	146	12/12	30

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,715.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$139,023.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$165,769.23	-\$26,746.23

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 537.00; Sunday School 5.85; Facility Rentals 520.00; 75.00 IMPACT Youth Gathering; Board of Fellowship 300.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Responses to Suffering" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why does God allow suffering? The answer cannot be that God is indifferent or detached from our pain (1 Peter 4:12). 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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE ACTIVITY: On Sunday **June 25th**, as a Sunday School season wrap-up activity, students will be putting together backpacks with school supplies for students in need this fall. Everyone can help with supplies! A box will be placed on a table in the narthex beginning May 21st to collect donations, including children's backpacks, HB pencils, white erasers, 30cm rulers, Crayola wax crayons, blunt scissors, 8/pkg. felt markers, pencil cases, duotangs, glue sticks, and interlined notebooks. Thank you in advance for helping the children to serve in this way.

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 particularly a crafts leader to round out our team. Contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.



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!

LOOKING FOR PRIZE BASKET DONATIONS: We need some baskets for our prize draws for the Stampede Breakfast! Team up with your committee, Bible study group, coffee team, worship team, friend group or family to donate a basket! We love to see a variety of themes, so be creative. Let Sarah Knudtson know (knudtson.sarah@gmail.com) or call the office if you would like to participate.

THE CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER is a Christian charity that supports women and families going through an unplanned pregnancy. There are prenatal, parenting and life skills classes and counselling and advocacy services. These are held at Calgary, Strathmore and Airdrie. They do not provide abortions or abortion referrals. Pick up a bottle over the next 4 weeks, toss your spare change into the bottle and bring it back on Father's Day. Don't carry cash? Donate online or write a cheque. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366. Your change actually changes lives!

PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT: On Friday, **May 26**, Foothills Lutheran Youth are hosting a city-wide photo scavenger hunt, and we're inviting everyone from LCC Calgary. The event starts at 6:45 PM on May 26, meeting back at Foothills by 9:15 (if you want a chance to win!) and the theme is sports and television. We typically start at Foothills and disburse from there, but if you can put a team together, you can start from your location as well. You will need to bring a digital camera (phone), a phone to google locations and hints on, and props to use in your photos. More instructions will be given when we meet or by email if you're not starting at Foothills. **If you would like to participate, please use the link to RSVP by May 22:** <https://tinyurl.com/4ujp3cx3>. If you have any questions, please contact Trevor Heumann at heumannt@gmail.com.



VOTERS MEETING: We have scheduled a Voters' Meeting for **Sunday, June 4 at 1:00 pm**. We will gather to receive the Annual Report and to elect officers. Please set aside the date and join us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report and the June 4th Voter's package are available on the Welcome Desk.

AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK TO OUR ELECTIONS, we share the description of the Board of Human Care Ministries below. Who do you know that fits this need?

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES

Jesus reminds us: ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ (Matthew 25:40 - ESV) The Board for Human Care Ministries helps the congregation provide care to our members, as well as to those in need around us.

Along with keeping the congregation informed on social issues, the Board leads us to respond to the needs around us. It involves the work of the prayer chain; caring during and after times of illness, injury and/or death. We know that God urges us to care for one another. But we also look for ways to do this in the community. The Board may also seek to work with other agencies within the community and Lutheran Church–Canada.

While the congregation elects a Director for this Board, the constitution does note that four (4) or more members are appointed to assist in this work.

Our care for others is a wonderful way to express our faith in the God who cares for us. Is God calling you to care for others through this service to the congregation and our members?

Key skills (gifts, talents):

- A heart for helping others.
- Caring, supportive, encouraging – Able to encourage congregants in caring for others.

Time commitment: 2 hours per week on average.

MISSION PRAYER: Chaplain Dongjoo (DJ) Kim

coordinates an outreach ministry in Regina, geared primarily toward troubled youth and young adults living on the streets. Many of these young people are associated with gangs or have been involved in criminal activities. Pastor Kim is usually the only person in their lives to proclaim the life-giving Gospel to them; share the love of Jesus Christ with them; and to come to their aid when they need him.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Chaplain Kim, 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.**





Growing FAITH at home

21 May 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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YOUR WORRIES
TO GOD



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Why do we worry?
2. Share about a time when you were worried about something or someone.



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Acts 1:6-14

Matthias replaces
Judas

2nd reading

**1 Peter 4:12-14,
5:6-11**

Suffering for being
a Christian

Gospel reading

John 17:1-11

Jesus prays for his disciples

DISCUSS

The apostle Peter encourages us not to be too proud to give our worries to God, because he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Think of a time when you gave your worries to God.



ACTION RESPONSE

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time? Make up a card or note to send them. You might like to include the words of 1 Peter 5:7 (“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you”).



PRAYER

Lord God, we give all our worries to you. Help us rest easy in your care. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for loving us, feeding us and caring for us. Your praises we shout and your name we bless. Amen.



BLESSING

May God always keep you safe. May he keep your faith in Jesus strong and give you eternal life.

GIVE ALL YOUR WORRIES
AND CARES TO GOD, FOR HE
CARES ABOUT YOU.

1 PETER 5:7

VERSE OF THE WEEK

