

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
March 31, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Your open grave, O Lord, announces to us and to all the world that You are alive and risen from the dead. Release us, we pray, from all the things that close us off from You. And free us to live a new life proclaiming the message of Easter.

Living Lord, fill us with resurrection joy.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS (Sunrise): 462; 465; 467; 480; 490 sts 1-2; 490 sts. 3-4; 490 st 5;
..... 547 vs 1,5; 463
HYMNS (10:15 am): My Redeemer Lives; 457; Christ is Risen; 482;
..... How Can I Keep From Singing; 461; 474
FIRST LESSON (Sunrise): Exodus 15:1-11
FIRST LESSON (10:15 am): Isaiah 25:6-9
EPISTLE LESSON (Sunrise): 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
EPISTLE LESSON (10:15): 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
GOSPEL LESSON (Sunrise): John 20:1-18
GOSPEL LESSON (10:15 am): Mark 16:1-8
SERMON:

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner
Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 am..... Elders
AV Operator..... Ralf Hinterleitner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Monday | | <i>Office Closed</i> |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Elders |
| | 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 Breakfast Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Worship/Communion |

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 Paul and Lorenza Skurdal at the death of Paul’s mother. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

In Sympathy

We also pray for God’s comfort for the family of Jerry Geres, who passed into the hands of the Lord on Tuesday of this past week.

His Christian funeral will be here at Foothills on Tuesday, April 16th at 11:00 am. As we celebrate the resurrection, we find comfort in the gift of life that the Risen Lord has given to His people.

WE THANK ALL WHO MADE THIS EASTER CELEBRATION A SPECIAL DAY. We are blessed through the service of our musicians, the altar guild and the Elders who served our breakfast today. Praise be to God for the faithful servants of the Lord!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Eucatastrophe" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots has been providing spiritual witness and nurturing faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada, most accessible only by plane, since 1970. Through the ministry of pastor/missionary pilots and short and long-term volunteers in mission, various programs bring the Gospel to these isolated areas. Each year over 5000 children, youth and adults are impacted by the ministry of LAMP. Your gifts help in this Gospel outreach.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of | Sunday | Education Hour |
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| March 24 | 151 | 30 |

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$7,404.00 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$3,460.00 | |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$89,328.00 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$88,846.15 | \$481.85 |

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 140.75; Visitor 130.00; Sunday School 7.00; Memorial Fund 375.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There were no Sunday School classes this morning...instead, students were invited to attend the egg-decorating activity yesterday, which included an Easter devotion. Thank you to all who attended, and who helped to decorate eggs for this morning's breakfast. Sunday School will resume next Sunday. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

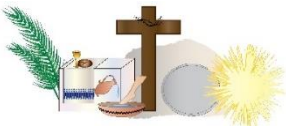


OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will gather Saturday, **April 6th** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We have breakfast at 9:00 am (free-will offering) and study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

FELLOWSHIP SQUARE DANCE EVENT: Hey Y'all! Mosey on down for a fun event at the church on **Friday, April 26th** from 7:30-9:00 where we will all learn to square dance with the help of a dance caller!



This is a great dance that is good for a large variety of ages and ability levels. Every step gets called out, so learning is easy and fun. Bringing a dance partner is not necessary, but if you have one, that's ok too 😊. This will be a great social event so come dance with your friends, family, or just come to watch the fun! Donations will be accepted at the event to help cover the cost of the hired caller. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Fellowship bulletin board.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open for “*A Week with Jesus*”, our summer Vacation Bible School, running the mornings of July 22-26. You may register online at

<https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/>, or complete a paper copy of the registration (available on the Welcome Desk). Feel free to encourage your children to invite a friend. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric. We look forward to seeing you there!

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Angel Antonio Salazar Macías** who serves in Nicaragua as a pastor for the Lutheran Church Jesus The Good Shepherd in the Potosi community, the Lutheran Church Bread and Life in the Monte Olivos community and the Lutheran church Principe De Paz in the Las Marias community. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Macías, 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.**



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP AND KITCHEN DISRUPTIONS: Due to our kitchen and flooring renovations, there will be some disruptions to our fellowship times after service in the month of April. Please keep in mind:

No snack donations will be accepted after Easter Sunday

There will be no food or beverage service on April 14th and 21st

April 7th and 28th we will have access to the fellowship hall only, so we will have limited, disposable only service with easy grab snacks and drinks (please contact Sarah or Heather ahead of time if you would like to contribute to this).

Stay tuned for updates about progress in May and thank you all for your patience and flexibility!



FUND RAISING WALK: It's time for the Lutheran Hospital Ministries Annual Fundraising Walk, Run or Roll for Love. We will be walking, running or rolling on Saturday, **April 27th**. Registration opens at 8:30 am. Pastries and coffee will be provided to help get you

moving. After you finish the walk, there will be a fellowship luncheon following. Come and visit with old friends and swap stories about the past year.

We will be walking, running or rolling 5 km in Confederation Park to fundraise for Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. This fundraiser helps with the ongoing operating costs of Lutheran Hospital Ministries. We train and support our visitors with brochures or a copy of Portals of Prayer for the people we visit.

Year after year, our visitors and Pastors spend on average 1200 hours with 4000 people providing spiritual listening, prayer and care.

Route maps and pledge sheets are available on the Welcome Desk.

WHY DIDN'T ANYONE ANSWER THE PHONE? We do remind you that the staff gathers for daily devotions from 9:00 – 9:30am each day. This gives us time together in the Word and time together in prayer for you and for our church. We don't want to miss your call, and we'll get back to you as soon as we can!





Growing FAITH at home

EASTER
SUNDAY

YEAR B

Jesus is risen!



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Tell about a time you felt very surprised.
2. A witness is one who has a story to tell. The women who went to Jesus' tomb certainly got a surprise and had a story to tell. What story do you like to tell about God.
3. What song or music best represents your thoughts, feelings or response to Jesus' resurrection? Share this with your family.



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | John 20:1-18 | The tomb is empty |
| M | Mark 16:1-8 | Jesus is risen! |
| T | Isaiah 25:6- | God wipes away all tears |
| W | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Witnesses to the resurrection |
| T | Act 10:34-43 | The gospel is for all |
| F | John 11:1-27 | Jesus is the resurrection |
| S | Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 | A song of victory |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the angel said, 'Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body.'

MATTHEW 22:37



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Make symbols of new life to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Gather paper coffee filters and prepare paint by mixing small amounts of food colouring and water.

Use cotton swabs as paint brushes; dip these in the coloured water and paint the coffee filters.

When dry, form these into butterflies by gathering the coffee filters in the middle and wrapping half of a black pipe cleaner around them.



ACTION RESPONSE

Use a random act of kindness to respond to the new life Jesus gives us.

Surprise someone with a visit, gift or good deed this week. It could be a neighbour, or someone who is working on Easter Sunday.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Risen Lord
Jesus, come
to us this day.
Bless our food,
share our table,
and accept our
thanks. Amen.



PRAYER

This is the day
that the Lord has
made. We will
rejoice and be
glad in it. Amen.



BLESSING

May the good
news of Jesus'
resurrection fill
you with love, joy,
peace and hope.