

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

MY LORD and MY GOD



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Help us to believe in You, O Lord, even when we cannot clearly see or understand the reasons for certain events or circumstances in our lives. May our trust in You bring us peace of mind and confidence of spirit at all times and in every situation. *Risen Lord, keep us strong in our faith.*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151
HYMNS:482; 488; 563; 470; 917; 467; 617
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 4:32-35
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 John 1:1-2:2
GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31
SERMON: *Face The Facts!* – 1 John 1:8-2:2

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist.....Deaconess Miriam
Ushers..... Heather Sommers; John Voss
Acolyte Keira Puchbauer
Lector Faith Dueck
AV OperatorsSacha Kiefer; Derek Kiefer

NOTE: Fellowship hour this week will be limited, disposable only service with easy grab snacks and drinks.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	Pastor Bode at Circuit Counsellors, Edmonton	
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday-Friday	Pastor Bode/Michelle Heumann @ Regional Mission and Ministry Council meeting, Edmonton	
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Children's Choir
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home – Family Service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

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. We also encourage your prayers for those workers. Do you know a young man who could serve the Lord in this way?



THE FLOWERS which beautify the altar this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of sister and daughter, Kristeena Schultz, by Monica, Bill and Erika Schultz.

FOUND: An Apple iPhone was found Easter Sunday. Speak to Carol or the pastors if it is yours.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Holy Week	Maundy Thurs/ Communion	Good Friday	Easter Sunday/ Communion	Wednesday/ Communion
Mar 31	46/41	104	189/130	13/13

* Attendance numbers include all Easter services and online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$18,422.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$107,750.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$96,250.00	\$11,500.00

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 414.55; Visitor 205.00; LAMP 75.00; LWMLC 50.00; Accounts Receivable 125.99.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Land at Last” is the title for today’s lesson. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but, hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. As a family, discuss how God leads us today.

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. Complete a copy of the registration (available on the Welcome Desk) or register online at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/>, 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!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Raise the Flag!" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11) 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 PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi** who serves as pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Choi, 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 are being accepted at this time.

There will be no food or beverage service on April 14th or April 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.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES UPDATE: Patient lists have dropped dramatically. As always, if you or a family member or friend desires a visit while in the hospital, please contact Lutheran Hospital Ministries directly.

We visit care centres as well. If you or a family member or friend desires a visit while in a care facility, we are happy to visit you here as well. We also provide worship services in some of the care facilities. We are currently expanding our visitation to these centres. Contact (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com.

PASTOR BODE WILL BE IN EDMONTON from Wednesday to Friday, for both the West region Circuit Counsellors meeting and for the Regional Mission and Ministry Council meeting. Michelle Heumann also serves as Calgary circuit representative to the RMMC. Pray that God will grant safe travel to those who attend and who look at the work we do together in the West Region of Alberta and British Columbia.

God Serves His People:

Our Lutheran Way of Worship: Hymn of Praise / Gloria in Excelsis

Having prayed for mercy in the Kyrie, we now move from the humble to the glorious with a confident confession of the Gospel, "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Gloria in Excelsis*). The opening words, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth" is the song of the angels at the birth of Christ. This whole piece is a joyous anthem of redemption, reminding us of the great things God has done for us by sending His Son into this world to save us. We come and ask for mercy; this response is our faithful confession that we know God has been merciful to us.

A hymn of praise may be sung in place of the Gloria in Excelsis. We also have the wonderful hymn, "*This is the Feast*", which is normally reserved for festival services of Holy Communion. The Hymn of Praise is normally omitted during the Advent and Lenten seasons, for at these times, known as the penitential seasons, we concentrate on our sin and unworthiness. In its place, the hymn, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel" may be sung during Advent.



Growing FAITH at home

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The risen
Jesus gives
us peace.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How do you generally feel each morning?
With more peace? Or more worry?
2. When Jesus appeared to his disciples he said 'peace be with you'. What did that mean? What does it mean for you?
3. How does the resurrection make a difference in your life?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples
M	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
T	1 John 1:1-2:2	The word of life
W	John 14:23-31	Jesus speaks of peace
T	Romans 5:1-11	We have peace with God
F	Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace be with you
S	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you."

JOHN 20:21



CREATIVE RESPONSE

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another in public worship as a physical expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. It connects directly to Jesus' greeting his disciples in the resurrection. That public greeting also extended to personal greetings.

Romans 16:16 refers to Christians greeting each other with a "holy kiss."

Decide with others on a sign of peace that you can share together in daily life, such as a special handshake, hug, or kiss.

As you share this sign bless each other by saying, "The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you."



ACTION RESPONSE

Acts 4:32-35 says that the first followers of Jesus shared their belongings with one another and made sure that no fellow Christians were in need. The power of the resurrection had changed their understanding of what they owned and how they cared for each other.

This response is a confession of faith and a commitment to love your neighbour as yourself.

Consider everything you own as a loan from God to love others. How might that influence your actions today?



MEALTIME PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, you give us food for the body and peace for the soul. May faith be our way and love be our goal. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to speak of you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the light of God's face shine on you and be gracious to you and fill your heart with joy.