

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 14, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Living Jesus, open our minds to the words found in Scripture. Reveal to us what Your death and resurrection mean to us here and now. And share with us the plan and mission You have in mind for every believer.

*Great Giver of life, show us Your salvation.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises; How Great is Our God;  
..... Jesus Messiah; One Thing Remains; Forever

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 3:11-21

**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 John 3:1-7

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 24:36-49

**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 WEDNESDAY** 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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- Music..... Contemporary Musicians
- Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Jaxson Stene
- Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock
- Lector..... Nora Jarowicz
- AV Operators..... Derek Kiefer; Tobi Stene

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Jerry Geres Funeral
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Friday-Sunday</b>		Youth Retreat, Leduc
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

### ***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?



***YOUTH BOTTLE DRIVE: SUNDAY:*** Would you like to spring-clean your empty bottles out of the back cupboard, garage shelf, or basement corner *and* support the youth group? Bring your refundable bottles to church on **April 28th**, and the youth group will recycle them and add the deposit to the youth gathering travel fund! Please drop them off by the red basement doors either before or after the service.

### ***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
April 7	155/112	36	10

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

## OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,210.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$114,960.00	+/- <b>YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$103,653.85</b>	<b>\$11,306.15</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 45.50; Visitor 605.00; Sunday School 10.00; FLSR 1,000.00; CLWR 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; Lutheran Hour 5.00; LWMLC 25.00; LCC Lutheran Seminaries 50.00; Fellowship 32.00; Sound Board Donation 3,500.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today, we will study “A Judge Leads.” God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God’s improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon’s mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

**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: "Breathe In, Breathe Out"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ (Acts 2:42-47). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. James D. Kay** who serves as pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Kay, 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 14<sup>th</sup> or April 21<sup>st</sup>.

April 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:lhmsac@gmail.com).

# *Symbols of Easter*

**Q: What are some of the symbols of Easter and their meanings?**

**A:** There are quite a number of symbols used to represent Easter especially the new life of the Resurrection. Some of these symbols are:

**The Easter Lily: Picture of Eternal Life**—The Easter Lily is a popular symbol for the Resurrection for two reasons: 1) It is readily available. It is a spring flower that blooms during the Easter Season.

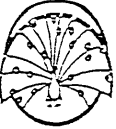
2) It is a flower of extraordinary beauty, its white colour symbolizing purity.

**The Peacock: Resurrection**—Long ago it was believed that the flesh of the peacock was incorruptible and that from year to year as peacocks molted, the feathers would be replaced by even more brilliant ones. For these reasons early Christian artists used the peacock as a symbol of immortality and the resurrection, not only as far as Christ was concerned, but also for those who believed in Him.

**The Phoenix: Renewed Life**—The phoenix is a mythological creature that was supposed to live for 500 years. At the end of this time, the sun's rays would set its nest on fire and the phoenix would burn up with the nest. Then, in a renewed, refreshed body, it would rise from the ashes, rebuild its nest and live for another 500 years.

**The Butterfly: Depicts New Life**—one of the most beautiful of all symbols of the resurrection and eternal life is the butterfly. The life of the butterfly, brief as it is, consists of three stages: the larva, the chrysalis (cocoon), and the mature butterfly. This three stage life resembles the lowly life, the death and burial, and the glorious resurrection of Christ.

**The Bursting Pomegranate**—The pomegranate is a fruit about the size of an orange. To scatter its many seeds, the fruit bursts open. The bursting of the pomegranate represents the truth that Christ has burst forth from the grave on Easter morning. So Christians, too, will burst the bonds of death. With its rind open and its tasty red pulp exposed, the pomegranate is a symbol of the good things which Christians enjoy as blessings from God.





## Growing FAITH at home

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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Tell about an amazing event you saw or heard about.
2. Who first told you about Jesus? Who and what has helped you learn about him?
3. Jesus said that his disciples would be "witnesses" for him (Luke 24:48). What is a witness? In what ways are you a witness for Jesus to others?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 24:36b-48</b>	Jesus appears to his disciples
<b>M</b>	<b>Acts 3:12-19</b>	Peter speaks in the temple
<b>T</b>	<b>1 John 3:1-7</b>	Children of God
<b>W</b>	<b>Acts 1:1-11</b>	You will be my witnesses
<b>T</b>	<b>Acts 10:34-43</b>	The witness of the apostles
<b>F</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:3-9</b>	God changes everything
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 4</b>	An evening prayer

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

LUKE 24:46-48



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Psalms 4:8 states, "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."

The end of the day is a good time to slow down, reflect on the day, and focus on God's place at the centre of our lives. Rituals that help us do this can have a powerful "witnessing" influence in our home lives.

Consider incorporating these ideas into your bedtime routine:

- Read a Bible passage or a storybook Bible story.
- Bless each other.
- Take time for prayer and meditation, including sitting in silence.
- Sing
- Pause to wonder how God was present in your ups and downs



## ACTION RESPONSE

The Great Commandment to love God and love neighbour relates directly to the Great Commission to tell the good news of Jesus to others. Jesus calls us to be his followers and to share our faith with others. Pray for relatives, friends or neighbours this week, who are not Christians. Ask for God's help to share Jesus with them in what we say and how we serve.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

God bless our food, God guide our ways, God give us strength to declare your praise. 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.