

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*April 21, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Good and guiding Shepherd, lead us to quiet places where we can have moments of prayer and meditation with You. Take us to places of beauty where we can get a glimpse of Your glory. And welcome us into places where our souls can be nourished and fed.

*Leading Lord, may we follow You to places where You want us to go.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Prayer and Preaching; Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** ..... 699; 709; 710; 740; 620; 475

**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Acts 4:1-12

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 John 3:16-24

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 10:11-18

**SERMON:** *The Good Shepherd and the Value of Lamb Chops* - John 10:11-18

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

### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist ..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers ..... Robert Kubke; Heather Sommers  
Acolyte ..... Kieran Chan  
Lector ..... Ralf Hinterleitner  
AV Operators ..... Brenda Bode; Evan Stene

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 pm	Square Dancing
		Youth Spring Clean-Up
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Hospital Ministries Fund Raising Walk
<b>Sunday</b>		Bottle Drive
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	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 Ziprick family at the death of our sister in Christ, Loleta Ziprick. Loleta's Christian funeral will be held here at Foothills on Wednesday, April 24 at 1:00 pm. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

***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 NEW PHONE BOOK IS HERE!!*** Pick up your copy of the new Members & Friends of FLC Phone Directory now available to you on the Welcome Desk.

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
April 14	132	39	11/11

*\*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	\$2,725.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$117,685.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$111,057.69</b>	<b>\$6,627.31</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 101.25; Visitor 360.00; Sunday School 5.50; Lutheran Hour 1.30; LWMLC 25.00; LCC Lutheran Seminaries 45.00; Kitchen Renovations 1,325.00; Youth Gathering Fund 3,820.00

**PASTOR ERIC AND FIVE OF OUR YOUTH** are at the youth gathering in Leduc this weekend. We pray that this may be a time of spiritual growth for our youth and that God would grant safe travel for all who attend.

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING** Monday, April 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an in- person event. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. Due to the kitchen renovation, we will meet downstairs in the "Confirmation Room" (Room 4). Please bring your own beverage and snack. You will be able to use the downstairs entrance. All ladies are welcome!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "A Prophet Serves" is the title for this week's lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears" (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli's "worthless" sons. Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.



**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!

**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.



**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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Daniel Barr** who serves as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kakabeka Falls, and also does street outreach in Thunder Bay, Ontario. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Barr, 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.**



**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 today.

April 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:** The Lutheran Hospital Ministries Annual Fundraising Walk, Run or Roll for Love will be held on Saturday, **April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registration opens at 8:30 am. Pastries and coffee will be provided to help get you moving. A fellowship luncheon will follow. This 5 km walk in Confederation Park is to help us reach our goal of \$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.

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "More Than He Bargained For"*** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6) 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).

***God Serves His People:***

***Our Lutheran Way of Worship: The Scripture Lessons***

We now come to one of the high points in our service, as we pause and listen as God speaks to us in His word. In the readings, God speaks through the prophets, men of the Old Testament who wrote of the Christ who was yet to come. Then we hear from the apostles, usually the letters (epistles) of St. Paul. The crown jewel of the Service of the Word is the reading of the Gospel, the very words and earthly actions of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

We follow a system of lessons known as a pericope, which is used to guide us in the Word. This keeps us from becoming narrow in our study of the Word, and brings to our remembrance the triumphant deeds of our Lord, as well as proclaiming His holy will for us as we live in this world and reassuring us of His promises to us as His children.

The Gradual may be a psalm text, helping us focus on the lesson theme. Then, in the Alleluia Verse, we respond joyfully to the Word of God—it is the Word of Life!



## Growing FAITH at home

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The risen  
Jesus sends us  
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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share your ideas about the word trust. What does it mean? Is it important? Who is someone you trust? Who do you listen to?
2. Jesus calls himself our Good Shepherd. What does this mean? What does it mean for you?
3. How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>John 10:11-18</b>	The Good Shepherd
<b>M</b>	<b>Acts 4:5-12</b>	Peter and John before the council
<b>T</b>	<b>1 John 3:16-24</b>	Love one another
<b>W</b>	<b>Genesis 48:8-21</b>	God has been my shepherd
<b>T</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:11-24</b>	God will look after God's sheep
<b>F</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-34</b>	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	The divine shepherd

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep."

JOHN 10:14-15



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read John 10:11-18 or read about Jesus as the Good Shepherd in a storybook Bible.

Talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Play a game of "Follow the Leader."

Blindfold all the followers and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice.

Jesus says that other sheep will be added to his flock and they will listen to his voice.

Reflect on how you listen to Jesus' voice today.

Close with the Lord's Prayer.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It speaks to people in all times and in all places. It's a great psalm to memorise and one that reminds us that God gives us all we need. How can you share with others the things God has given you?



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.



## PRAYER

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for being with us, especially when we are going through difficult times. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord.