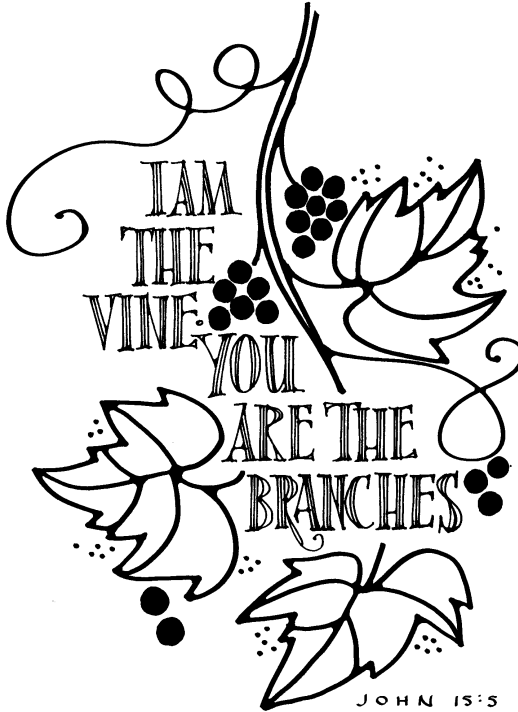


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We, Your branches, O Lord, flourish and blossom and grow because of our attachment to You. Help us to keep developing into what You want us to become and assist us in producing fruit that is pleasing to You.

Our one true Vine, keep us rooted in the one true faith.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: Build Your Kingdom Here; Always; 657;
..... This Is Amazing Grace; 805
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 8:26-40
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 John 4:1-11
GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8
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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Heather Sommers; Ellen Wagner
Acolyte..... Emmy Legroulx
Lector..... Kelly Dueck
AV Operators..... Morgan Alcock; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Bottle Drive
Monday	7:00 pm	PPC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies 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:



THE FLOWERS that grace the altar this morning are given by Joan Copeland in loving memory of her parents Vic and Joyce Rogers.

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?

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
April 21	141/105	23	9

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,205.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$123,890.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$118,461.54	\$5,428.46

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 25.00; Visitor 85.00; LWMLC 50.00; LCC Seminaries 140.00; Benevolence 2,000.00; Memorial Fund 100.00; Fellowship 845.52.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson, "A King Forever," looks forward to our forever King, Jesus. God sends Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, with the reminder, "The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). God rejects each of Jesse's sons, so Samuel sends for the youngest, David, whom God has chosen to become the greatest king of Israel. Surviving Saul's insane jealousy, David becomes king and establishes Jerusalem as his stronghold. As a family, talk about how God used David to unite His people and how Jesus will unite all believers.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "We Can't Stop Talking" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation (Acts 4:20). 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.



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. We look forward to seeing you there!

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Asefa Aredo** who serves as pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Aredo, 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.
- No coffee hour today.

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

NEW FLC PHOTO DIRECTORY: A photo directory initiative for this fall is underway. Photo dates are set for October 17 – 19. Kelly Dueck is spearheading this project. Watch for more information in the coming days.

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.

JUNE 23RD SURPRISE POTLUCK CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING ROGER HALL'S YOUTH GROUP SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

This is an invitation to all confirmands (including partners or spouses) from the Calgary St. Matthew Lutheran Church confirmation classes of 1971 through 1980. We are targeting these 10 years but any confirmands from St. Matthew whose lives in youth group were influenced by Roger, are welcome to attend. From 11:30-2:30 in the gym at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury, we will be honouring Roger by sharing lunch together, offering words of thanks for his service and life within his church, and reminiscing about some of our youth group experiences! If you would like to attend Redeemer's church service prior to the potluck, service begins at 10:15. For the potluck please bring enough for yourself and at least 10 others. We are anticipating about 100 attendees. Dessert has been taken care of so bring entrees or sides for lunch. Please forward this information to anyone from your confirmation class or youth group who may not receive this notice. If you have any questions or are planning to attend this celebration please RSVP to Pat Rosenau (nee Oberhammer) at pat.rosenau59@gmail.com or Charlene Jones (nee Oberhammer) at jones.gcharlene@outlook.com by June 15.

DO YOU FILL IN A "COMMUNION CARD?" These cards help in a variety of ways. First, by reviewing the card, you are reminded of the ways that you can prepare to take the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. They help you remember the precious gift Jesus gives us as He gives us His body and blood. When you fill them in, it also helps us know our attendance at communion, which helps in our preparing the altar, and which helps the Elders and Pastors as they minister to the needs of God's people. It only takes a moment, and it does help us help you. Please remember to fill them in each time you come to Holy Communion!

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH WORKERS: At the recent Circuit Counsellor meeting in Edmonton, a common concern among our congregations is a concern for those who will serve the church in the years to come. As we look to the future of the church, we know there is a need for pastors and other church workers. The Lord of the church urges us, saying: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers*

into his harvest.”” (Matthew 9:37–38, ESV) In obedience to this command let us pray for those labourers. You can use this prayer:

O risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, bless all pastors that they would guide and feed the flock entrusted to their care by diligently preaching Your Word in its truth and purity and by properly administering the blessed Sacraments according to Your institution. Guide and direct all congregations who are calling shepherds to feed them with the green pastures of Your Word. Bless our seminaries as they prepare able and faithful under-shepherds and raise up more pastors to serve the sheep and lambs of Your flock. Lord, in Your mercy; hear our prayer.

THANK
YOU!

THE PAST FEW WEEKS have been busy times here at Foothills, especially with the two funerals. Our efforts to serve the families were more difficult, as the kitchen was not available for use. We were blessed as our members stepped up to show Christian love even in the more trying circumstances. A special word of thanks to Heather Sommers, who coordinated the luncheons for these funerals, as well as those who provided for the refreshments and those who helped host. God bless you for your efforts!

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!



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vine we are his
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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is your favourite fruit? Why?
2. Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by producing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by 'fruit'?
3. Jesus tells us that if we are to produce fruit, we need to remain with him. Other translations use the word 'stay' or 'abide'. What do these words mean for you?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
M	Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the eunuch
T	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
W	Deuteronomy 10:12-19	What the Lord wants
T	Mark 12:28-34	The first commandment
F	Galatians 3:23-29	Purpose of the law
S	Psalms 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving

VERSE OF THE WEEK

I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.

JOHN 15:5



CREATIVE RESPONSE

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:5 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" – Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches" – Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"If you remain in me and I in him," – Hug your arms around your body.

"You will bear much fruit." – Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing." – Hold your arms apart with your palms out.



ACTION RESPONSE

The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:6).

We, like the women, are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God's love to them.

Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.



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.