

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.**

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



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## *Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025*

Education Hour.....9:00 am  
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** With waving palms, we welcome You, Lord. With shouts of "Hosanna!" we say, "You are here!" Be with us here this week as we remember Your journey toward the cross. With sad hearts, we contemplate Your death. But with confident hearts, we know that You are carrying out God's great plan of salvation.

*Christ, as You take the path that leads to both death and life, may we journey with You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ... 442; Blessed Be Your Name; 543; 444; Behold the Lamb; 438; 420  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Deuteronomy 32:36-39  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... Philippians 2:5-11  
**GOSPEL LESSON** ..... John 12:12-19  
**SERMON:** ..... *Blessed, Indeed!* – Deuteronomy 32:36-39

**A JOYOUS WELCOME** to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

**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).

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communed
April 6	124	31	22/22

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Musicians .....	Hannah Edel, Organist; Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....	Elfrieda Heiden; John Voss
Lector .....	Ralf Hinterleitner
Communion Assistants.....	Rick Nelson; Robert Kubke
Acolyte .....	Maliyah Chan
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....	Derek Kiefer; Morgan Alcock
Coffee Team.....	Heather Sommers; Kelly Dueck
Greeters .....	Judy Pedersen; Brian Vincent

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship with Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>		No Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (no service at FLC)
	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	2:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Service
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Family Easter Egg Decorating Activity
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am	<b>Easter</b> Breakfast
	10:15 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship with Communion

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**PASTOR ERIC MOFFETT INSTALLATION:** today at 2:00 pm Pastor Eric will be installed at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Beach Corner. Please pray for him and his family as they transition.

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Our study on the Life of David will resume after Easter on **Tuesday, April 22.**

**RESULTS OF VOTERS MEETING:** At the April 6 voters meeting, the congregation called Pastor Bode as Pastor Emeritus, and as our Vacancy Pastor at Foothills. A *pastor emeritus* is a retired pastor who can still perform pastoral work while being retired. As Vacancy Pastor, Pastor Bode will work on a limited basis in the congregation, preaching sermons about twice per month, teaching Bible studies and visiting homebound and hospitalized members as needed. He will not have regular office hours but will be available for counselling and member visits if required. We thank Pastor Bode for his continuing service to our congregation!

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$23,442.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$102,968.00.	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$107,692.31</b>	<b>-\$4,724.31</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Visitor Offerings 86.00; Sunday School 34.00; FLC Youth 200.00; LWML-C 75.00; Refugee Sponsorship 3,035.00; Helping Hands Kitchen 10.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots (LAMP) 100.00; LCC Seminaries 35.00; Easter Lilies 185.00.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE:** We are approaching the week that each year reminds us of the great cost of our salvation. Even though we are going through a transition time in our congregation, we know that Jesus Christ, the one who suffered, died and rose again for us, is the same "yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). God bless you as you prepare your hearts to move from repentant mourning to joy during Holy Week. We pray that you will gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ as you are able for our special services (please note that there are a few changes since our April calendar was issued):

- April 18    Good Friday Worship at **2:00 pm**.
- April 20    Easter Day Service with **Communion 10:15 am, led by Rev. Rob Mohns, Regional Pastor.**  
Easter Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:45 am, provided by our Elders.

Please note that we are not holding a Maundy Thursday (April 17) service at Foothills this year, however our sister congregations St. Matthew Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Shepherd of Peace Lutheran, and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd welcome you to join them. All services begin at 7:00 pm. Please contact the church office for livestreaming information.  
*FLC’s office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

***EASTER WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL: April 18 to 20***

As a congregation we are facing changes and transitions in 2025, and it is important to join in prayer for God's guidance and wisdom as we look to the future. The vigil will take place wherever you are – at home, on the train, on your lunch break; whatever location works for you! It will begin at **9 am (the third hour) on Good Friday and run 10 am on Easter Sunday**. The Good Friday worship service will be at 2pm, so if possible, please gather to pray together in person during this time. Please sign up for a time slot either on the Christian Education bulletin board or online at: <https://bit.ly/2025eastervigil>. Don't worry if more than one person is signed up for the same slot! The Board of Christian Education will provide some prayer resources for your encouragement if you include your email address when you sign up, and other prayer resources will be available in the bulletin and the Narthex in the coming weeks.



***FAMILY EASTER EGG-DECORATING*** is back! Come to the church on **Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am** to decorate Easter eggs together. We'll have some fun decorating, followed by a special egg hunt for the children and a short devotion. Bring boiled eggs that you would like to decorate, and we'll have some eggs to decorate for the church's Easter breakfast. Decorating materials will be provided. Please let Deaconess Miriam know by **April 14<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to come!



***JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST*** from **8:30 to 9:45** before Easter service. The breakfast, hosted by the Elders, gives us a wonderful opportunity to share in the joy of our **RISEN KING**. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will be with us!

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** "A Soldier Believes" is the focus of today's Bible lesson. In Philippi, Paul and Silas cast the spirit of divination from a slave girl, but her angered owner has the two thrown into prison. Around midnight, Paul and Silas are praying and singing to God when suddenly an earthquake shakes the prison. The jailer, thinking his prisoners have escaped, prepares to take his own life. Paul and Silas interrupt his plan as they share the Gospel with him and his whole family, whom Paul then baptizes. Discuss how God uses events in our lives to give us opportunities to share His Word.

**GOD'S PROMISES FOR ME:** Our summer VBS is scheduled for the mornings of **July 21-25**. Online registration is now open on our website at [www.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.foothillslutheran.com)! Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to volunteer. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information, or to share your gifts!



### **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: **Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton, AB** and **Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catherines, ON**. 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 person who could serve the Lord as a pastor or deacon?

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (April 20) "**A Risen Christ and a Clean Room**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.



**CALLING OUT FOR MUSICIANS!** Our contemporary music team is looking for more talent to add to our services! We are in particular need of lead guitarists, pianists, and drummers. We meet the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at [knudtson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:knudtson.sarah@gmail.com) with any questions or get in touch with the office. Thank you!

**SILVER SAINTS:** Are hosting a presentation by the Collections & Museum Manager of Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Museum in Warner, Alberta at 1:30 on Tuesday, April 15. Hear about the first official dinosaur egg nesting site discovered in Canada. See slides of museum exhibits. Touch actual dinosaur fossils. Ask questions. Perhaps you will be inspired to take a day trip south of Calgary this summer, so you can make your own fossil cast to take home and see the latest fossil discoveries from Devil's Coulee.

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WALK, RUN OR ROLL FOR LOVE:** Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards **Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta Society** in past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. The walk, a 5km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am.

This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges. Pledge forms are available on our website [www.lhmsa.ca](http://www.lhmsa.ca).

Our goal this year is to raise \$15,000. For more information about the walk, please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or [lhmsac@gmail.com](mailto:lhmsac@gmail.com).

If you love to walk or run, come and join us. Thank you for your faithful support.

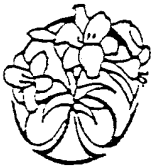
**UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** We will be holding elections at our June voters meeting and will be looking to fill vacancies on the boards of Elders, Evangelism, Church Properties, Treasurer, and Stewardship. Please reach out to Dale Dusterhoft if you have gifts and talents in any of these areas and would like to give back some time to our Lord for all he has done for us

**UPDATED SCHEDULE / LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION:** Because of the transition, our service schedule has changed, so do not follow what was published in the Footprint. At the Welcome Desk you can pickup an updated schedule, or the Letter to the Congregation which explains the transition, if you did not receive these on email.

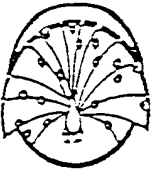
**WORSHIP DURING VACANCY:** All Worship Services, whether Pastor or Elder led, will be prepared by our Vacancy Pastor Bode. There will continue to be a mix of traditional and contemporary music. Sermons will be written by Pastor Bode or a Guest Pastor. Regardless of who leads, we will hear God's Word and sing His praises.

## SYMBOLS OF EASTER

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, and 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:** 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.





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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were excited to see someone.
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem people welcomed him by waving branches. How do you show that Jesus is welcome in your home and your life?



## 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 19:28-40</b>	Blessed is the King who comes
<b>M</b>	<b>Luke 14:25-34</b>	Cost of discipleship
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 20:9-19</b>	Parable of the tenants
<b>W</b>	<b>Luke 22:1-6</b>	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 22:7-38</b>	The Last Supper
<b>F</b>	<b>Luke 22:47 – 23:49</b>	The crucifixion of Jesus
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 31:1-5, 9-16</b>	Like broken pottery

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

They shouted, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God."

LUKE 19:38





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Set aside a table or some bench space as a home altar area for the week.

### Each day:

1. Read the daily Bible verse.
2. Pray
3. Place the daily symbol on your home altar area.
4. Bless each other with the words:

*Go in the peace of Jesus our Lord. He died that we might live.*

### Symbols:

Palm Sunday: Palm frond

Holy Monday: Salt

Holy Tuesday: Stone

Holy Wednesday: Silver coins

Maundy Thursday: Bread and grape juice

Good Friday: Nails

Holy Saturday: Piece of broken pottery

Easter Sunday: Replace the symbols with an empty wooden cross and fresh flowers.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Come Lord Jesus,  
come as King.  
Praise to you, our  
voices sing! Bless  
our food and bless  
our home. Make our  
humble hearts your  
throne. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, enter  
into our hearts.  
Come to rule as  
our King. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Set aside time this week to prepare Easter cards and gifts to give away to others. Include on your list some people who live alone or who are without family nearby. Make a point of praying for these people during the week.



## BLESSING

May the Lord  
Jesus rule in your  
heart as King,  
and fill your life  
with his peace.