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"



The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025

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

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – <a href="mailto:floating-flo

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, on this glorious day our tears of sadness turn to tears of joy, our groans of pain change into shouts of joy, and our quiet words of worry are replaced by loud alleluias. May all the transformations that have taken place on this day continue to make all our future days glorious.

Risen Lord Jesus, make us Your Easter people.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:	
<i>HYMNS</i> : 457	7; 465; Christ Is Risen; He Is Risen; 633; 474; 482
FIRST LESSON:	Isaiah 65:17-25
EPISTLE LESSON:	
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 24:1-12
SERMON:	"Remember how he told you" – Luke 24:6

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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Attendance includes online participation.

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour
April 13	124/92	34

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Guest Pastor	Regional Pastor, Rev. Robert Mohns
Musicians	Deaconess Miriam, Organist; Contemporary Musicians
Ushers	Brian Vincent; Tim Roth
Lector	Faith Dueck
Communion Assistants	s
Acolyte	Adam Hohm
AV/Powerpoint Opera	tors Eden/Paxton Knudtson; Morgan Alcock
Greeters	Judy Pedersen; Brian Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	8:30 am	Easter Morning Breakfast
	10:15 am	Easter Sunday Worship with Communion
Monday		FLC Office Closed
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study Resumes
	7:00 pm	FLC Direction Committee Meeting
Wednesday		No Wednesday Service
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Saturday	9:00 am	Helping Hands Kitchen
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Hospice Care:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,288.50	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$107,256.50	+/ - YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$115,384.62	-\$8,128.12

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 23.80; FLSR Rental 500.00; LCC Seminaries 50.00; FLC Youth 50.00; Easter Lilies 108.50; Refugee Sponsorship 100.00.

FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: The ladies will be meeting on **Monday, April 28 at noon** in the Confirmation room downstairs. We socialize a bit while having lunch (bring your own), followed by a Bible study and short business meeting. All ladies are welcome to join us!



SAVE THE DATE – SPRING TEA AT THE MANOR! The ladies of Foothills LWMLC Society will be presenting a Spring Tea for the residents of nearby Foothills Lutheran Manor on Friday, May 9 at 2:00 pm. Members of FLC are also most welcome to attend and enjoy singing, entertainment and some goodies. We would love to see you there!

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 27) "**Through Locked Doors**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)

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.

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

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om) who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri, Cambodia.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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.





ABC SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT: Join the Foothills team in Golden on August 8 - 10 for a weekend of slo-pitch. Fun competition with other Lutheran churches from Alberta and BC. Sign up sheet outside Deaconess Miriam's office. Email McKenna at mckbablitz@gmail.com with any questions.

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 with any questions or get in touch with the office. Thank you!



28th 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.

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.

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

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.

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!

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



SPRING CLEAN-UP: Please consider coming out to lend a helping hand at our annual spring clean-up of the grounds of the church property. We will meet, weather permitting, at **9:00 am on Saturday, April 26**, with **May 3** being a backup day in case of poor

weather on the 26th. Please bring along any yard tools if you have them, and we'll tend God's house together in the fresh air. Let Brian Vincent know if you have any questions. Thank you!

IMPORTANT - CALL COMMITTEE SURVEY: The call committee needs your help!

Please provide your feedback in the online survey found at:

https://forms.office.com/r/Nhp8p4Ayc2?origin=lprLink

You can also use this QR code:

There will be a paper copy in the bulletin on April 27th.

These need to be completed and handed in on April 27th.

We appreciate your input as we continue our search for a new pastor. As always, continue to pray for the committee, Foothills Lutheran Church and the pastor that God has planned for the congregation.



He is risen!

YEAR C



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

- Share about a time when you received some amazing news. How did you react?
- Jesus' followers reacted in different ways to the news that he had risen from the dead (read Luke 24:4-12). If you were there, how do you think you would have reacted?
- 3. How do you live in the power of the resurrection?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 24:1-12	He is risen!
М	Acts 10: 34-43	The Gentiles hear the Good News
т	Isaiah 65:17-25	New heavens and a new earth
w	Luke 24:13-49	The risen Christ is revealed
т	Acts 13:26-37	Paul tells of Jesus' resurrection
F	1 Peter 3:18-22	Saved through the resurrection
s	Psalm 118: 14-24	The Lord is my strength

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Women Were terrified. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. Then the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here! He has risen!"

LUKE 24:5-6A





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year, but the celebration of Easter does not end there.

It continues for a full fifty days, right through to Pentecost. These 50 days of Easter are a wonderful opportunity to explore and celebrate Easter more fully.

Make up a large cross out of cardboard or wood. Cut out 50 'flowers' from sheets of coloured paper. Each morning or evening of the Easter season, ask a household member to share something they saw or experienced during the day which gives cause to say 'Alleluia.' Have them place a flower on the cross.

On Pentecost Sunday you will have a colourful reminder of God's good work in your lives.



ACTION RESPONSE

Flowers are signs of life and joy, and are often used to symbolise Easter. Make up or purchase a bouquet of "resurrection flowers" to give to someone who is sick, in hospital, or going through a difficult time.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord of the empty tomb, as you fill our bodies with food, fill our lives with hope, and our hearts with love.

Alleluia!



PRAYER

Risen Lord Jesus, replace our fears with boldness, our doubts with certainty, and our unbelief with faith. Amen.



BLESSING

May the resurrection of Jesus give you joy and hope.