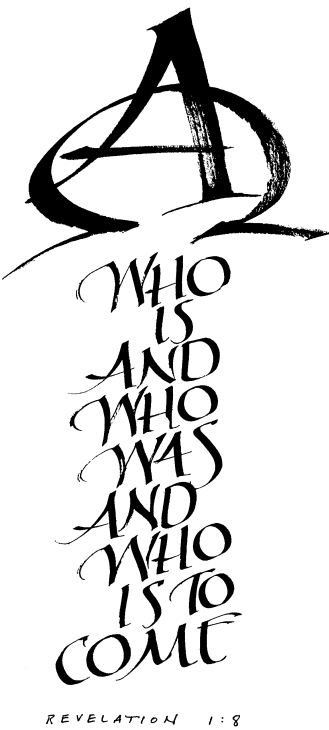


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



## *Second Sunday of Easter*

### *April 27, 2025*

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

**Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor:** David Bode – [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com)  
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**Office Administrator:** Amber Myers – [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com)  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Risen Lord Jesus, we are a very visual society, and often we feel we must see everything for ourselves before we say we believe. Forgive us for doubting You just because we have never seen You. Keep our eyes of faith open, Lord, so that we may know in our hearts who You are.  
*Our Lord and our God, we believe in You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** .....482; 646; 474; 480; 470; 645; & 617  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 5:12-32  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**.....Revelation 1:4-18  
**GOSPEL LESSON** ..... John 20:19-31  
**SERMON:** ..... “In the Midst of His Church” – Revelation 1:4-18

**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**

Holy Week	Good Friday	Easter Sunday/Communion
	80	169/109

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist .....	Deaconess Miriam
Ushers.....	Elfrieda Heiden; Tobi Stene
Lector .....	Brian Vincent
Communion Assistants.....	Austin Voss; Robert Kaut
Acolyte .....	Maliyah Chan
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....	Evan Stene; Morgan Alcock
Coffee Team.....	Timothy, Sarah, Eden and Paxton Knudtson
Greeters .....	Judy Pedersen; Brian Vincent
Altar Guild .....	Michael Vivek

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Communion
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 pm	LWML-C Society Meeting
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>		<i>No Wednesday Service</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**  
*Homebound:*  
*For Special Intercession:*  
*Family Focus:*

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family and friends of our sister in Christ, Karen Shaw, who died this past Easter Sunday. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace. Karen's funeral will be held in Saskatoon at a date yet to be determined.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

(The offerings made on Good Friday will be reported next week.)

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,720.30	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$115,986.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$123,076.92	-\$7,090.22

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 181.00; Visitor Offerings 2660.00; Sunday School 9.00; Helping Hands Kitchen 100.00.

\*IMPORTANT - CALL COMMITTEE SURVEY TODAY\*

The Call Committee needs your help! Please complete the survey insert while you are at the church today, and return to Tobi Stene.

Alternately, complete the online survey found at the link below, or by using this QR code:

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



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.

**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!

**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](mailto:mckbablitz@gmail.com) with any questions.



**MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**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:** (May 4) "**An Old Place, A New Beginning**" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19)

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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for Rev. Romass Svell who serves as pastor for the Jarai community 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 Svell, 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.

**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. Detailed profiles of these volunteer positions will be available next week. Please take time to prayerfully consider 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. Contact Dale Dusterhoft with any questions.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the Easter lilies and other flowers, and to the Easter decorating team, Anne Marie, Scarlett and Michael, for your generosity and efforts. Any funds that exceeded the needs for Easter are currently being reserved to provide flowers for other services.

**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)! Volunteer teachers, helpers, and activity leaders are needed. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!



**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:** King of Kings Lutheran Church in Dickson, Alberta is hosting a Young Adult Retreat (ages 18-35ish) this coming **June 6-8**, and invites the young adults of Alberta to join them. The theme for the retreat is **"You Will Be My Witnesses"** based on Acts 1:8 with a focus on missions and evangelism. There will be a number of representatives from different mission organizations present for the weekend, and participants will be engaged in this topic through Bible study, presentations, worship and fellowship. Please see <https://kingofkingslutheran.ca/yaretreat/> for more information. The deadline for **registration is May 23**, one month away.

**UPDATE TO FOOT PRINT:** Our upcoming May-June issue of the Foot Print newsletter will reflect a new look, as the software that has served us well for many years is becoming obsolete. Please be patient as we work with a new program to bring you the usual articles, updates and calendar we'll use to join in worship and fellowship together this spring.



**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES** will be hosting a Free Education Luncheon on **May 31, 2025** starting at **11:30 am** at **St. Matthew Lutheran Church** (in the basement).

The topic is **"Caring for the Pessimist"** by Jessica Tonn. Most of us will act as a caregiver for a member of our family at some point in time. This talk may provide some tools when caring for an individual.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We just ask you to call (403-264-4045) or email the office ([lhmsac@gmail.com](mailto:lhmsac@gmail.com)) before May 22 so that we have numbers for the luncheon. You can also just attend the talk if you wish. The talk should start around 12:30 pm.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

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SUNDAY OF  
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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Do you sometimes have doubts as a Christian? What are some things you wonder about?
2. Is there something that you struggle to believe?
3. Jesus respected Thomas' doubts, and answered them in a beautiful way. What does this teach us about Jesus?



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 20:19-31</b>	Seeing Christ's wounds
<b>M</b>	<b>Acts 5: 27-32</b>	We must obey God
<b>T</b>	<b>Revelation 1: 4-8</b>	I am the Alpha and the Omega
<b>W</b>	<b>Judges 6:11-24,33-40</b>	Gideon asks for signs
<b>T</b>	<b>2 Kings 20:1-11</b>	Hezekiah asks for a sign
<b>F</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:1-5</b>	By his wounds we are healed
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 150</b>	Praise the Lord

Can I ask that?



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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I am the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning and the end," says the Lord God.  
"I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come - the Almighty one."

REVELATION 1:8





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Revelation 1: 8 Jesus is spoken of as the 'Alpha and the Omega'.

These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, shorthand for 'the beginning and the end'.

Find a way to display these symbols in your home.

You could make up a banner displaying these symbols for your home altar, or cut out the shapes to put up on a wall or window.

Talk about what it means to say that Jesus is 'the beginning and the end'.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

For this food and life renewed, we praise your name, our God. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and our mouths to speak of you. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Decorate some flowerpots by painting them with Easter symbols (e.g. cross, butterfly, lily) or words (e.g. "He is risen!") or gluing on pictures.

Buy some seedlings or seeds to plant in the flowerpots. Tend to these over the coming weeks. When flowers begin to emerge, present the pots as gifts to friends or neighbours.



## BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus breathe into you the Holy Spirit.