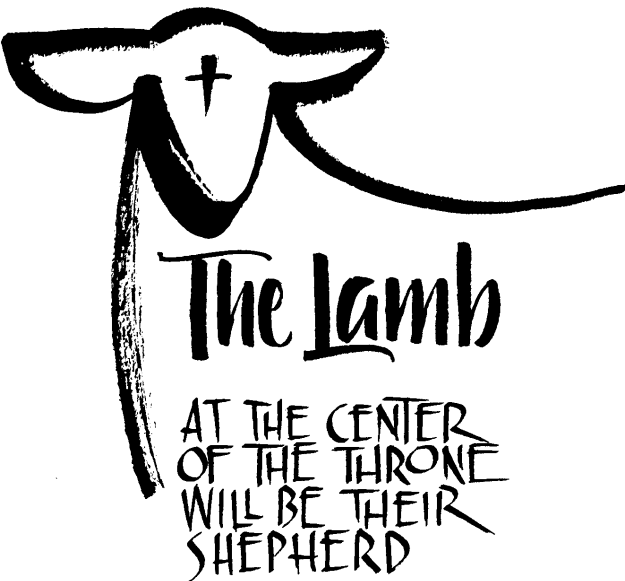


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



R E V E L A T I O N 7 : 1 7

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*  
*May 11, 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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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Jesus, Good Shepherd, lead us by Your grace to the places You want us to go. Defend us from the attacks of those who seek to destroy us. And carry us on Your shoulders when we can no longer stand.  
*Leader of the lost, guide us on the path to life everlasting.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....Service of Prayer and Preaching, p. 260  
**HYMNS:** .....605; 709; 710; & 725  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 20:17-35  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**.....Revelation 7:9-17  
**GOSPEL LESSON:**..... John 10:22-33  
**SERMON:**.....*Safe in the Shepherd’s Arms* - John 10:22-30

**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** next on **MAY 18** 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**  
*(Includes online attendance)*

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
May 4	146	25

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

Worship Elders.....Lorne Rosenau; Austin Voss  
Organist.....Deaconess Miriam  
Ushers.....Tobi Stene; John Voss  
Lector ..... Carl Berdahl  
Acolyte ..... Julia Han  
AV/Powerpoint Operators..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Christine Heumann  
Coffee Team..... Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke  
Greeters .....Elke Bittman; Dianne Voss

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	PPC Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft-Tea Party
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study (no children/youth classes)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Gloria Reid, sister of Cheryl Lemke, who passed away on April 16. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace.



**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$14,316.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$136,143.05	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$138,461.54</b>	<b>-\$2,318.49</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 108.25; Visitor Offerings 290.00; Sunday School 19.50; FLSR Rent 500.00; LWML-C 75.00, Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LCC National Youth Gathering 95.00.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH –  
LCC NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

Our May mission of the month supports our youth in preparation for the next National Youth Gathering in July of 2026. The gathering theme is **UNBREAKABLE: With the Whole Armour of God**, and will be held in Waterloo, Ontario. This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. This Gathering is an event sponsored by Lutheran Church-Canada, with the mission to provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the body of Christ. Youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God’s Word, be equipped through large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through servant events, and engage in fellowship and fun.

Thank you for enabling our youth at Foothills to attend!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The lesson this week is “Handmade,” as students study the creation of Adam and Eve. God creates man in His own image with His own hands and breathes in him His own breath. Formed from the dust of the ground, Adam needs more than just animal companionship. So our heavenly Father makes the perfect complement to man, creating woman from Adam’s rib, and places them in the garden.

**SILVER SAINTS – FILM SCREENING:** On **Tuesday, May 20, at 1:30 pm**, the movie **“Paul, Apostle of Christ”** will be shown in the Fellowship Hall. Following the movie (1 hour, 48 minutes), there will be an opportunity to discuss any discrepancies from the Biblical account. Come and enjoy popcorn and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!



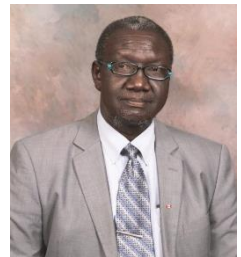
**BOTTLES FOR CHANGE:** Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support is holding their annual baby bottle campaign. Your generosity supports families facing real challenges! By filling a bottle, you help Mainsprings to provide support and bring hope to young families in our community. Get a bottle on Mother's Day (May 11), fill with cash or cheque and return on Father's Day (June 15) You can donate online at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/mainsprings/> Any questions, contact Heather Sommers.

**FOOT PRINT NEWSLETTER:** Our May-June issue of the Foot Print newsletter is available at the welcome desk. It reflects a new look, as we have moved over to using a different publishing program. Thank you to Michelle Heumann for generously assisting in this. Please pick up your copy and stay up to date on our transition, and worship & fellowship activities planned for spring.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (May 18) "**Truth That Takes Us In**" with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love. (John 15:9) 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. James D. Kay** who serves as pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton.

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



**SPRING RALLY:** LWML–Canada Inc. South Alberta Zone invites you to their Spring Rally being held on **Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 9:30 am – 3:30 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church, 3610 Sarcee Road, SW, Calgary, AB. Join us for Bible study, singing, fellowship, and a presentation from the Calgary Immigrant Women's Association. A free will monetary ingathering will be collected for the organization.

Registration fee for the day is \$15.00 (includes lunch, coffee, refreshments and snacks), payable by cash or cheque at the door. Register in advance by May 14, to [linda.horton2@shaw.ca](mailto:linda.horton2@shaw.ca)

**HOUSE EXCHANGE/RENTAL OPPORTUNITY:** We have been contacted by a family who are members of Christ Lutheran Church-LCC in Timmins, ON. They are looking for a “[house swap](#)” or affordable rental in Calgary for the dates of **July 19-Aug. 9**. If you are interested or able to help, please contact the FLC office and we will put you in touch.

**UPDATE on 2025 STAMPEDE BREAKFAST** The Stampede Breakfast has been an annual community outreach event put on by Foothills that many look forward to each year. It has been decided that with the church busy working on its direction and not having a permanent pastor, we will not be able to support this for 2025.

We pray that in 2026, FLC will have a new pastor and we can plan a big shindig for everyone! Look for other upcoming events, including a hot dog picnic in June and welcome back celebration on Rally Day in September. Follow the bulletin and Foot Print for further details.

**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.



**DEACONESS MIRIAM** will be away on vacation beginning later today (after service) and will return to the office on Monday, May 19. We pray for safe travel and an enjoyable time away.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE PRAYER REQUEST:** At Christmas time, Canadians packed over 436,290 Shoeboxes for children. Twelve million boxes were packed worldwide. Those boxes have been processed and shipped, and now Samaritan's Purse is asking for prayer that the boxes arrive safely to their assigned destinations (from Canada they are going to Ukraine, and countries in West Africa and Central America).

They are also asking for prayer for the effective work of the local pastors in those areas as they show the love of Jesus to the recipients of these lovingly packed boxes.



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Where do you feel safe? Why?
2. Jesus calls us his sheep, and says that no one can snatch us away from his hand. What do you think he means?
3. In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?



## 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 10:22-30</b>	Jesus promises life to his sheep
<b>M</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:1-16</b>	The Lord and his flock
<b>T</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34:20-32</b>	The promise of a shepherd
<b>W</b>	<b>Matthew 18:10-14</b>	Parable of the lost sheep
<b>T</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23:1-4</b>	God will gather his sheep
<b>F</b>	<b>Revelation 7: 9-17</b>	Praise from the great crowd
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 23</b>	The Lord is my shepherd

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them,  
and they follow me. I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish; no one will snatch  
them out of my hand."

JOHN 10:27-28



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

A good tradition to develop in a Christian home is to memorise Scripture.

Work together as a household to encourage one another to memorise verses.

This week aim to memorise Psalm 23:1-6.

Start by learning the first verse, then add a verse each day. It might make it easier to remember if you make up actions for the words.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is associated with prayers for people who are serving in specific ministry roles in the church. Use your home devotion times this week to pray for those God uses to shepherd his people – here are some suggestions for each day:

Monday – Church leaders

Tuesday – Pastors and church workers

Wednesday – Christian teachers or educators

Thursday – Church musicians and volunteers

Friday – Missionaries and evangelists

Saturday – Chaplains in schools, hospitals and aged care



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Good Shepherd, we have all we need – food for our mouths and rest for our souls. Thank you. Amen.



## PRAYER

Jesus our Shepherd, please give us ears that listen to you, minds that seek you and hearts that follow you. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God's goodness and love be with you each day of your life.