

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”



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Loving Lord, may we live as Your disciples by loving one another as You have loved us. May our words and actions be pleasing to You and be the means by which people are supported and uplifted.

Compassionate Christ, let Your love be the driving force within us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As projected
HYMNS: 10,000 Reasons; Crown Him/Majesty;
.....How Can I Keep From Singing; My Redeemer Lives
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 11:1-18
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Revelation 21:1-7
GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 16:12-22
SERMON:..... *New and Improved* – Revelation 21:1-7

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
(Includes online attendance)

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
May 11	135	Not available

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Musicians	Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....	Barb and Brian Vincent
Communion Assistants.....	Robert Kaut; Robert Kubke
Lector	Bill McLeish
Altar Guild	Michelle Funke
AV/Powerpoint Operators	Michelle Funke
Coffee Team.....	Violet Dusterhofs; Colleen Judiesch; Anne Marie Kothari
Greeters	Elke Bittmann; Dianne Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study (no children/youth classes)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Monday		Victoria Day (<i>office closed</i>)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Joint PPC-Elders Meeting
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home: Let's Pray

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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!

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,979.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$141,122.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$146,153.85	-\$5,031.80

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 130.50; Visitor Offerings 20.00; Sunday School 15.00; Facility Rental 100.00; Canadian Bible Society 100.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 100.00; Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots 75.00; Lutheran Hospital Ministries 100.00; LWML-C 25.00; LCC National Youth Gathering (FLC Youth’s attendance) 110.00.

PRE-CALL MEETING – MAY 25TH: There will be a pre-call meeting held immediately after church on May 25th. The purpose of this pre-call meeting is to review the Congregational Profile, what it means to call a pastor, the responsibilities of a pastor and the congregational /pastor relationship. We will also be discussing the next steps that will occur in the call process. Lunch with a free will donation will be provided.

Also, blank pastoral nomination forms are available on the welcome desk. If there are names of pastors that you believe should be on the call list, based upon the Congregational Profile, please use this form and drop off at the office (or with an elder).

CALL MEETING – JUNE 22ND: A call meeting has been tentatively planned for June 22nd, after church. This will be an important meeting in which we call a new pastor. Please save the date in your calendars with more details to follow.

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. Return your bottle, filled with cash or a cheque on Father's Day (June 15) You can also donate online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mainsprings/> Contact Heather Sommers with any questions.



OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Pastor Bode is looking once again for your suggestions for a summer sermon series on “I always wanted to hear a sermon about...” Forms for your submission are on the welcome desk and will be included in next week’s bulletin.

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.

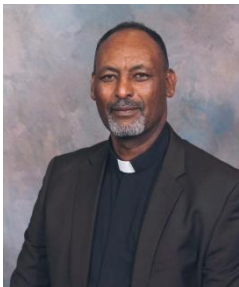
The gathering theme is **UNBREAKABLE: With the Whole Armour of God**, and will be held in Waterloo, Ontario. This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. This Gathering is an event sponsored by Lutheran Church-Canada, with the mission to provide opportunities for Lutheran 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!



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 25) "What's Your Story?" with guest speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning. Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power. (John 9:1-11)

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.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA (LCC) NOMINATIONS – LCC is accepting nominations for various lay or ministry positions within LCC. The lay positions include LCC Board of Directors, Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure, Regional Mission and Ministry Council, Board of Regents for Concordia Edmonton or St. Catherines. If you have any interest in volunteering for these roles, please contact Dale Dusterhoft before September 1st, 2025.



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, 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

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) 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.

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.



Growing
FAITH
at home

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GrowMinistries
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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Talk about what makes you feel loved. Talk about a time someone in the household showed love to you.
2. How is love at work in conflict, when we disagree or don't get our own way?
3. How can you show love today?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 13:31-35	Love one another
M	Mark 12:28-34	The greatest commandment
T	John 15:9-17	Remaining in Christ's love
W	1 John 4:7-21	God's love and ours
T	Matthew 5:43-48	Love your enemies
F	Revelation 21: 1-6	The new Jerusalem
S	Psalm 148	He has made his people strong

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"So now I am giving you a new commandment:
love each other. Just as I have loved you,
you should love each other. Your love for one
another will prove to the world that you are
my disciples."

JOHN 13:34-35





CREATIVE RESPONSE

In his book *The Five Love Languages of Children*, Gary Chapman explains that children are designed by God to give and receive love in different ways. What says "I love you" to one child may not speak as powerfully to another. Chapman suggests that there are five particular love languages that parents need to be aware of: Words of Affirmation; Quality Time; Gifts; Acts of Service; Physical Touch.

The following can help you determine your child's primary love language:

- Observe how your child expresses love to you
- Observe how your child expresses love to others
- Listen to what your child requests most often
- Listen to your child's most frequent complaints
- Give your child a choice between two options and observe which they choose
- Look for how each family member expresses love

Learn more about your own love language at www.5lovelanguages.com



ACTION RESPONSE

Talk together as a household about what makes one another feel most loved (e.g. a hug, an act of service, a kind word or note, a gift).

Write up a list of these for each person and put them on the fridge. Focus this week on performing acts of love towards one another.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For the beauty of
the earth, for the
glory of the skies;
For the love which
from our birth over
and around us lies;
God of all, to you
we raise, a prayer
of grateful praise.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, thank you
for your love. Help
us to love one
another. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's love
flow through you to
others.