

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”



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Prince of Peace, provide us with the comfort and counsel that You alone can give. Quiet our minds with Your words of hope and soothe our aching bodies with Your healing touch. Grant us rest and renewal in Your loving embrace.

O blessed Lord, bless us with Your peace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Office at Prime
HYMNS: 907; Thank the Lord/All in All; As it is in Heaven; 663
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 16:9-15
EPISTLE LESSON:..... Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27
GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 16:23-33
SERMON:..... (*Don't*) Ask Your Mother – John 16:23-33

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 JUNE 1st 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

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour (Adult)
May 18	104/89	6

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music.....	Hannah Edel (Organ); Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....	Elfrieda Heiden; Brian Vincent
Worship Leaders	Robert Kubke; Austin Voss
Lector	Diane Voss
Acolyte	Adam Hohm
AV/Powerpoint Operators.....	Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner
Coffee Team.....	Heather Sommers; Christian Kuhl
Greeters	Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Pre-Call Meeting following service
Monday	12:00 pm	LWML-C Meeting
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home: Catechism

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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...” Please complete the inserted form to make a request.

SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: for a family of four with an infant and a 3-year-old, who will need to be in Calgary for the majority of June through August for cancer treatments for the 3-year-old. Please contact the church office if you are aware of any accommodations that could be available to them.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal \$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,043.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$147,165.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$153,846.15	-\$6,681.10

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 10.80; Visitor Offerings 50.00; Sunday School 16.00; Facility Rental 120.00; FLSR Rental: 1,000.00; LCC National Youth Gathering (FLC Youth’s attendance) 85.00.

PRE-CALL MEETING TODAY: There will be a pre-call meeting held immediately after church. 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 will issue a call for 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.



FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: The ladies will be meeting on **Monday, May 26 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study God's covenant with Abram in "A Sign and a Promise." God reassures Abram of His promise to bless the earth through Abram's offspring. God changes his name from Abram ("exalted father") to Abraham ("father of many nations") and institutes circumcision as the sign of His continued covenant with Abraham. Despite Abraham and Sarah's advanced age, God promises they will have a son of their own.

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: (June 1) "God's Gumbo" with Lutheran Hour speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love. (John 17:20-21) 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.

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 mckbablit@gmail.com with any questions.





MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec.

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

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.

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.



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! You can support this outreach effort through your presence as a volunteer, your prayers, or by inviting a child you know to attend. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!

FLC CAMPING TRIP: Everyone enjoyed the time outdoors, the fellowship, and the food during the FLC camping trip last weekend. Thank you to everyone for their culinary skills – we never went hungry! We collected our bottles from the weekend, and the refund proceeds will be donated to Mainsprings Pregnancy.



Growing FAITH at home

SIXTH
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Life in the spirit



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a good teacher or counsellor you know or have known. What did you like about them?
2. Jesus said the Holy Spirit is a counsellor and a teacher (John 14:26). What does this tell us about the Spirit?
3. Have you experienced the Spirit teaching or counselling you? Share your experiences.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counsellor
M	Acts 16: 9-15	Lydia of Philippi believes in Jesus
T	Ezekiel 36:22-31	The Spirit promised to Israel
W	Luke 12:8-12	Jesus speaks of the Spirit
T	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus taken up into heaven
F	John 13:36 – 14:4	In the Father's house
S	Psalms 143	May your Spirit lead me

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

JOHN 14:26





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Ascension Day falls on the 40th day after Easter Sunday. It marks the last earthly appearance of the Lord Jesus after his resurrection. You can find the stories about it in Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19; Matthew 28:16-20.

Make time this week for a household outing to a park. Take a blanket to spread on the ground, then lie down and look at the sky. Read one of the readings about the Ascension from a Bible or Bible storybook and talk about what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend to heaven. Pray that you will be ready when he comes again.



ACTION RESPONSE

In Acts 16: 13-15 we read that Paul and his companions shared their faith with a woman named Lydia, whose job was selling purple cloths. As a result she became a Christian and was baptised. Pray for the people around you that do not yet know Jesus. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith through your words and actions. Place a piece of purple cloth on your meal table to remind you to pray for them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Come, Spirit of God, and on us rest, our table to grace, and our food to bless. Amen.



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, when we are afraid, give us courage and when we are worried, give us peace. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit teach you all things.