

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”



C O L O S S I A N S 3 : 4

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Like Thomas, O Lord, we have doubted Your presence among us, and we have wondered if You are truly real. In those moments when we waver in our faith, reach out to us, O Lord. Touch us in some special way and help us to feel that You are near.

Ever-present Lord, let us know that You are real.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As Projected
HYMNS: King of Kings; All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises;
.....Christ is Risen: As It Is In Heaven; Mighty to Save
FIRST LESSON:.....Acts 5:29-42
EPISTLE LESSON:.....1 Peter 1:3-9
GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 20:19-31
SERMON:..... Resurrection Gladness - John 20:20b

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 SUNDAY 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.



THE FLOWERS and Easter lilies which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Michael Vivek; the Christophers; Jutta Colhoun; Diane Voss in loving memory of her mother, Katharina Kraushar.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- MUSIC**..... Contemporary Musicians
- GREETERS** Merv and Kareen Borgeson; Michael Vivek
- USHERS** Barb Vincent, John Voss
- LECTOR**..... Amanda Roth
- ACOLYTE**..... Adam Hohm
- AV OPERATORS** Michelle Funke
- COFFEE TEAM** Robert Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	12:00pm	Youth Paintball
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital/ Hospice:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

WE WELCOME PASTOR RUSS HOWARD as our guest preacher and worship leader today! Thank you for sharing your gifts with us this Sunday.



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour	Maundy Thurs/ Good Fri Services
April 5	186	-	162

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,697.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$90,333.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$106,346.15	-\$16,012.70

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering \$137.90; Visitor Offering \$613.00; Facility Rentals: \$3,900.00, Concordia Seminary \$110.00, LAMP \$100; Lutheran Hour Ministries \$30.00, LWML \$25.00

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (April 19). "Not in Vain" Guest Speaker: **Pastor Ryan Tinetti**. Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**. Hear this inspirational message on CHR B 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.



VBS 2026, "JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE" will run **July 20-24**. Online registration is open at www.foothillslutheran.com and there are registration forms on the Welcome Desk. Invite grandchildren, neighbours and friends to join us! God has always blessed us with enough willing hearts and hands to run our summer VBS. If you are interested in volunteering as a teacher, classroom helper, or games leader, please contact Deaconess Miriam!

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. Catharines, 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?



CRAFT TEA ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14th!! Bring something you're working on OR just come for tea and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 12:15 on Tuesday, April 28 at Milestones in Royal Oak. Please provide your name and phone number on the sign-up page outside of the Fellowship Hall. Anyone from FLC is welcome, and feel free to bring a friend! (If you signed up, but need to cancel, please contact Betty Ann.)



LWMLC SPRING RALLY: Join us for bible study, singing and fellowship on May 30 from 9:00-4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church (893 East Ave, Pincher Creek, AB). Registration Fee \$10.00 (Includes lunch and coffee break) Contact Debra Ritz by May 23 to register: debraritz@gmail.com In-Gathering: Wilderness Ranch—Money to Sponsor Campers & for Renovations (Cheques payable to Wilderness Ranch) We look forward to your presence!



Lutheran Hospital
Ministries
SOUTHERN ALBERTA SOCIETY

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES is offering free visitor training for all who are interested in serving God in this manner. Training will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the Parish Hall on May 9, 16 and 23rd from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark Rekken at 587-228-2597 or

call the office at 403-264-4045 or by email at lhmsac@gmail.com.

JOIN US ON APRIL 25, 2026, FOR OUR "29th 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 the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk, Run or Roll for Love, will take place on April 25, 2026. 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 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. If you love to walk or run, come and join us. 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. Posters and pledge forms are available on our website www.lhmsa.ca. Our goal this year is to raise \$16,000.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support.

UNSEEN SANCTUARY ART SHOW: Celebrate the glory of God's beautiful creation of nature and help support local artists. Free admission. Live jazz music and refreshments provided. Artworks are available for viewing and purchasing. Open **April 25, 2026**, from 1:00-5:00 pm at Crestmont Hall (12400 Crestmont Blvd., Calgary, AB). All are welcome! Contact jessicatonn.art@gmail.com for details.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel.

BILL C-9, sometimes known as the hate speech bill, was passed in the House of Commons on the evening of March 25. On March 26, it passed the first reading in the senate. It seeks to remove the religious defense provision, impacting freedom of speech and freedom of religion in our country. This could potentially expose people of faith to criminal prosecution for reading aloud or teaching various passages of scripture. If you wish to give voice to your concern before the bill's second reading in the senate on April 14, stopc9.ca is a Christian website that facilitates contacting members of the senate, if you are moved to do so by email, petition, and/or phone. If you signed the petition in March, which communicated to MP's, you may also sign this petition in April that will be communicated to those in the senate. Please pray.

PASTOR GLENN WORCESTER INSTALLATION: While details are yet to be confirmed, we are looking at the installation of Pastor Glenn at the beginning of July. Continue to keep the Worcester family in your prayers as they prepare to make their transition to Calgary.

DEACONESS MIRIAM ON VACATION: Deaconess Miriam will be on vacation beginning April 13, returning to the office April 27. Please pray for safe travel for Bruce and Miriam, and a restful time as they enjoy their holiday. Pastor Bode is always available if you have needs during this time.



Growing
FAITH
at home

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
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The risen Lord
Jesus calls us
to believe



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Thomas found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw him with his own eyes. In what ways are you like Thomas?
2. Jesus said "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me" (John 20:29). What helps you to believe in Jesus without seeing him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
M	Genesis 32:22-32	Jacob wrestles with God
T	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the crowd
W	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	We live by faith, not by sight
T	Hebrews 10:35 – 11:1	The nature of faith
F	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Praise to God for a living hope
S	Psalm 16	I keep my eyes on the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus told Thomas, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

JOHN 20:29



CREATIVE RESPONSE

While his disciples were hiding in a locked room on the first Easter Sunday, the risen Lord Jesus appeared with them and said, "Peace be with you."

When you gather as a family this week, pass the peace to one another.

Say, "the Lord's peace be with you" as you greet one another.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, as our bodies are fed with good gifts from you, please bless us with Easter peace, joy, hope and faith. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus bless us with faith in you. Help us to find a way through our doubts. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

In your home devotion times this week pray for people (by name if possible) who are struggling to believe in Jesus.

Ask for God's help to share Jesus' love with them.



BLESSING

May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.