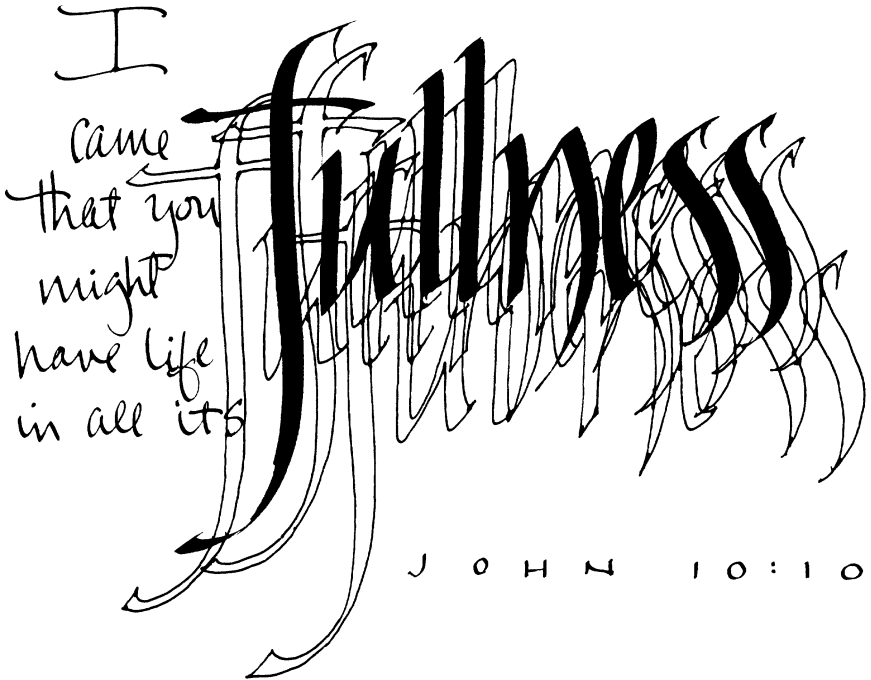


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Good Shepherd, guide us from our dark valleys to Your green pastures. Protect us from the enemies that always seem to encamp around us, and provide us with all we need to live our lives day by day. In Your presence, we are safe. In Your care, we find comfort.

O Shepherding Son of God, we praise You for making us part of Your flock.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 711; Revelation Song; 740; Goodness, Love, and Mercy; Forever

FIRST LESSON:.....Acts 2:42-47

EPISTLE LESSON:.....1 Peter 2:19-25

GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 10:1-10

SERMON:..... Surrounded By the Shepherd’s Care – Psalm 23

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS: We come together today as brothers and sisters in Christ to hear His Word, to bring to Him our prayers and our praises and our offerings. Open your heart today to hear God speak; open your heart today to respond with love and gratitude. If you are visiting at Foothills today, we are glad that you have come. Please fill out a visitor card from your pew and join us again soon!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION NEXT WEEK: Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that all who plan to attend Holy Communion read and sign the card in the pews and give it to an usher as you come up for Communion.

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 which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Harrison in loving memory of her sisters Lois Zwick, Merceda Schmidt and Irma Lucht.

Easter lilies have been left in the narthex. Please take them home!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- WORSHIP MUSIC** Hannah Edel and Contemporary Musicians
- GREETERS** Michael Vivek; Barb Vincent
- USHERS** Barb and Brian Vincent
- LECTOR** Christine Heumann
- ACOLYTE** Aneilia
- A/V** Ralf Hinterleitner
- COFFEE TEAM** Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke
- ELDERS** Lorne Rosenau; Trevor Heumann

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	12:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight
	12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
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:

LOOKING AHEAD: May 31st is the fifth Sunday of the month, and that means we want to give you the opportunity to suggest your favourite hymns to be used in our worship that day. Please pass them on to Pastor Bode in the next few weeks!

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Includes online participation

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
April 19	137	6

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7317.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$115,488.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$113,942.31	\$1,546.14

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering \$17.10; Visitor Offerings \$250.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 3). "**Planning Is Everything**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**. Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. **Psalm 146:3-4**. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 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. 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?

PASTOR GLENN WORCESTER INSTALLATION: We look forward in joy to the time when our new pastor will be installed. The date for Pastor Glenn's installation is July 5, 2026 at 4:00 pm. We will be working on other details in the coming days. Continue to keep the Worcester family in your prayers as they prepare to make their transition to Calgary.



FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY is meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for social time, a Bible study and a short business meeting. Please bring your own lunch. All ladies are welcome!

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!

ELECTIONS: There are a few Parish planning council (PPC) and Elder positions that are up for election at this year's June meeting. Please let Dale Dusterhoft or Miriam know if you are interested in letting your name stand for any of the following by May 11th.

President: 2-year term. Leads PPC and congregation. Responsible for presiding over voters' meetings, PPC meetings, and ensures the Parish planning council is organized, working on the congregations' goals and objectives, and that the affairs of the congregation are run in an orderly fashion. Only a male member of our congregation can serve as President.

Board of Fellowship: 2-year term. The primary role of this board is to strengthen the fellowship between our congregation members. The Chair of this board appoints a board to help organize and oversee fellowship events in our congregation. Heather Sommers has agreed to let her name stand for another 2-year term. Thank you Heather.

Board of Elders: 2-year term. We require a minimum of three nominations for our board of Elders but could accept more. The board of Elders is primarily responsible for the spiritual health of the congregation and work together to support and assist our ministry staff in bringing the word of Christ to our members and those that are lost. Only male members of our congregation can serve as Elders.

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.)



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

BILL C9, sometimes known as the hate speech bill, was passed in the House of Commons and is presently before the senate. An amendment to this bill 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 charges for reading aloud or teaching various passages of scripture with which the government disagrees. Over one thousand churches and other organizations, representing over 1.3 million Canadians so far have, added their names to a declaration put forth on the stopc9.ca website. This website, among others, facilitates organizations and individuals to respectfully contact members of the senate who are not bound to vote along party lines. Pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Psalm 119.

#GIVINGSUNDAY APRIL 26 CALL FOR DONATIONS:

For 25 years, the **B.C. Mission Boat Society** has served the remote First Nations communities along the BC coast, bringing them the message of salvation through Christ. We have teams from all over Canada join us on mission trips to offer Kids' Club Ministry, men's and women's bible studies, family and community events. **For more information or to donate, please visit our website: bcmissionboat.org/givingsunday.**



SPRING TEA & BAKE SALE: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church invites you to join them at their church for tea and a bake sale on **Saturday, May 2, 2026 1:00 to 3:00 pm**. They will be serving sandwiches, pickles, cheese, desserts, tea and coffee. Cost - \$10.00 (suggested). All are welcome.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Which people do you trust most? Why?
2. Jesus says his sheep listen to his voice and follow him (John 10:3-4). When and where do you hear Jesus' voice?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 10:1-10	Christ the shepherd
M	Jeremiah 23:1-8	God will gather the flock
T	Ezekiel 34:1-16	God will rescue his sheep
W	Acts 2:42-47	The fellowship of the believers
T	Matthew 18:10-14	The parable of the lost sheep
F	1 Peter 2:19-25	Christ as an example
S	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd

VERSE OF THE WEEK

A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.

JOHN 10:10





CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home devotional times this week,
reflect on Psalm 23.

What does it look like for you?

Draw or create a picture.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus our Good Shepherd, through this day your hand has led us, and we thank you for your care. You have warmed us, clothed and fed us; listen to our grateful prayer. Amen.



PRAYER

Jesus our good shepherd, help us to recognise your voice today and follow you. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

As a family discuss ways that you can walk alongside someone and show care this week.



BLESSING

May Jesus the Good Shepherd provide all your needs and refresh you inside and out.