

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”



J O H N 14:3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, You are the Way--the Way to the Father, the Way to the truth, the Way to forgiveness, the Way to renewal, the Way to refreshment, the Way to life everlasting. May we never stray from Your Way. And may we never stop looking ahead to all that You have prepared for us on our road of life.

Guiding Lord, lead us to the glory yet to come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** As projected
HYMNS:875; 610 (1,4-5); 948; 954; 646; 660; 960; 633; 617; 824
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Peter 2:2-10
GOSPEL LESSON:..... John 14:1-14
SERMON:..... Our Not-So-Secret Identity – 1 Peter 2:9-10

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, and 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.



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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- WORSHIP MUSIC** Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS** Elke Bittmann
- USHERS** Elfrieda Heiden
- LECTOR** Heather Sommers
- ACOLYTE** Adam Hohm
- A/V** Ralf Hinterleitner
- COFFEE TEAM** Anne Marie Kothari; Colleen Judiesch; Violet Dusterhoft
- ELDERS** Rob Kaut

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	2:00 pm	LWMLC Spring Tea at The Manor
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	11:30 am	Faith at Home – Forgiveness in the Family

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 26	142	22

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$2,337.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$117,825.45	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$121,538.46	\$-3,713.01

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering \$25.00; Visitor Offerings \$1,650.00; Sunday School \$18.00; Concordia Seminary \$545.00; Flowers \$9.60

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 10). **"The King Who Reigns."** Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Jason Broge.** If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. **Luke 24:36-53.** 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: NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Our May mission of the month supports our youth in preparation for the next National Youth Gathering in July of 2028. 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!

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.

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 Deaconess 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.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi** who serves as pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario. Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Choi, 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.

FOOTPRINT: Copies of the May/June Footprint are on the Welcome Desk. Check it out to see what is happening in our congregation!

SEMINARY CONVOCATIONS: Our seminaries in Canada will hold their convocation and placement services the end of May. We give thanks to God for His provision of shepherds for the Church, and for the vicars which will be placed as part of their formation. Concordia Lutheran Seminary will hold their service on Friday, May 22 at 7:00 pm at Riverbend Lutheran Church in Edmonton. Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary will hold their service on Saturday, May 23 at 3:00 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, St. Catharines. The services will be livestreamed on each Seminary's YouTube channel. Please pray that the Lord of the Church will send more workers for the harvest fields!

THANK YOU: To all who offer their time and gifts in support of the ministry here at Foothills. We give thanks to God for you!



Growing
FAITH
at home

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

YEAR A

Jesus is the
way, the truth
and the life



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus said, "I am the way". If we think of Jesus as a path, what or who is the destination?
2. The early Christians were called followers of the Way (e.g. Acts 9:2). How is your way of life different because of Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 14:1-14	Jesus is the way, truth and life
M	Proverbs 10:27-32	The way of the Lord
T	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
W	John 18:28-38	Jesus and Pilate speak of truth
T	John 6:35-48	Jesus, the bread of life
F	1 John 5:10-12	He who has the Son has life
S	Psalm 119:145-160	Preserve my life, O Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

As part of your home devotional time this week,
share with one another what is troubling you.

Read and discuss John 14:1-3.
Pray for God's help and support.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
thank you for
the blessings of
this day. May we
have the faith to
walk your way.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Let your children know that God has a special
mission for their lives as his chosen people.

God has gifted them with abilities, personality
and certain qualities to help them accomplish his
purposes. As a parent you can help them discover
their unique gifts by encouraging them in the
things that they do well and feel passionate about.
As they grow and mature, guide them into areas
of service and activity in which they can use their
gifts to God's glory. Help them to recognize ways
in which God is using them.



PRAYER

God, thank you
for choosing us as
your special people.
We will tell of the
wonderful things
you have done.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you
peace in your heart
and may he fill you
with trust in Jesus.