

# 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”*



*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 17, 2026*

Education Hour..... 9:00 am

Morning Worship..... 10:15 am

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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Christ, You were sent down to earth to save us, and for that reason, we are now Your people. Show us how to live as Your people in this world. Guide our words and actions so that they may bring glory to You and glory to the Father. In the end, may Your name be known to all people everywhere.

*Glorious Lord, by Your grace bring glory to the world.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Service of Prayer and Preaching p. 260

Holy Communion

**HYMNS:** ..... 493; 587; 773; 491; 636; 856; 525

**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Acts 1:12-26

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 17:1-11

**SERMON:** Troubles, Trials and the Promise of Victory - 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY!** We meet God in a very real way in our worship: we bring our praise and thanks to God, we lift up our concerns in prayer, we offer our treasures and our very lives to His service; He comes to us through His Word – a Word of forgiveness, comfort, hope and joy. May your meeting with God today strengthen your faith and your resolve to serve Him daily. If you are visiting with us today, we are certainly glad to have you join us! Please fill out a visitor card from your pew and be sure to come and worship with us again soon.

**WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TODAY:** Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that all who plan to attend Holy Communion read the Holy Communion card and sign the friendship register.

**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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Michael Vivek on occasion of his 20<sup>th</sup> confirmation anniversary.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- ORGANIST**..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
- GREETERS** ..... Michael Vivek; Judy Pedersen
- USHERS** ..... Anne Marie Kothari; Brian Vincent
- LECTOR**..... Nora Jarowicz
- A/V** ..... Evan Stene; Christine Heumann
- COFFEE TEAM** ..... Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke
- ALTER GUILD** ..... Michael Vivek
- ELDERS** ..... Rob Kaut; Rick Nelson

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>		Victoria Day - <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Lifelight
	7:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	11:30 am	Faith at Home – Lets Pray!
	1:00 pm	Youth Laser Tag

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

***In Hospital/ Hospice:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

**JOINT SERVICE WITH THE OROMOS:** On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, we will be privileged to worship together with our brothers and sisters of the Oromo congregation. The service will be blended as usual for the fourth Sunday of the month, with one of our elders serving as liturgist and Rev. Ephrem Gemta of the Oromo congregation preaching. Service will be at the usual time at 10:15 am.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at Chianti's in Crowfoot on Tuesday, May 26 at 12:15. Sign up on the list provided outside the fellowship hall. Bring a friend if you like. (If you need to cancel after signing up, please let Betty Ann know.)



**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

*Includes online participation*

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
May 10	158	29

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,545.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$128,889.45	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$136,730.77</b>	<b>\$-7,841.32</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 35.10; Visitor Offerings \$410.00; Sunday School \$10.00; FLSR \$520.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society \$5.00; \$110.00 National Youth Gathering.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (May 24). "**Misery Loves Company.**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. **Acts 2:38.** 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca), or download the Lutheran Hour app.



**VBS 2026, "JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE"** will run **July 20-24**. Registration is open at [www.foothillslutheran.com](http://www.foothillslutheran.com) and there are forms on the Welcome Desk. Invite grandchildren, neighbours and friends to join us! If you are interested in volunteering, 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!

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Please note that our next Voter's Meeting (our Annual Meeting) will be held **Sunday, June 7** following worship, not on June 14 as noted in the Calendar.

**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.

**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 or wish to nominate anyone 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 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.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:** Our Office Administrator, Jessica Tonn, has been accepted into a Master's program at Concordia University, Montreal, this fall. We congratulate her on this opportunity! This means that we are hiring a new person to take on that role sometime in August. This is a 25-30 hour per week on-site position supporting the work of the congregation and the FLC staff. Familiarity with the Microsoft Office suite and database management is needed to be successful in the position. A job description is available on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex, or from Deaconess Miriam. If you are interested, please send resumes to our office email by June 15, 2026, at [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com). Applicants should be members of Foothills or one of our sister LCC congregations in Calgary.

**LADIES BRING-A-FRIEND POTLUCK: June 5th, 4pm at Tobi Stene's: 247 Church Ranches Way.** This event is for ladies of all ages. Please let us know if you plan to attend by including your name on the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship board. Please also indicate if you require a ride. We will be outdoors, weather permitting. There will be some seating available, but if you have a lawn chair and are able to bring it you are welcome to. For questions or any last-minute additions or cancellations please contact Kelly Dueck at 403-389-7702 or [kel.frog@shaw.ca](mailto:kel.frog@shaw.ca).

**BOTTLES FOR CHANGE:** Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support (previously the Calgary Pregnancy Care Center) is holding their annual baby bottle campaign. Your generosity supports families facing real challenges? By filling a bottle, they're able to provide support and bring hope to young families in our community. Pick up a bottle on Mother's Day (May 10), fill with cash or cheque and return on Father's Day (June 21). You can also donate online via e-transfer [accounting@mainsprings.com](mailto:accounting@mainsprings.com) or <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/mainsprings/>



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

**BILL C9** is a potentially harmful law which will restrict the teaching and sharing of God's Word and open the door for possible persecution for Christians and those of other faiths. You are encouraged to pray and let your voice be heard as a person of faith. **The senate has finished its second reading, but the bill has been paused in committee because of voices that have already been heard. There is now a short time to exercise your freedom of speech before committee resumes.** There are various ways to do this. Go to [4mycanada.com](http://4mycanada.com) or [stopc9.ca](http://stopc9.ca) for suggestions and contact information for all senators, and especially the senators on that particular committee. When the committee resumes, they will hear from witnesses who can testify to the dangers of removing the religious exemption from the criminal code that allows Canadians to share their beliefs in good faith. This legislation, if passed, will impede and endanger faith communities and church workers in Canada, rather than protect them.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The Sunday School is once more doing a Servant Event for their end of year project, June 21, 2026. We are collecting the following items to create "Dinner in a Bag" to give away. Please drop any of the following items in the box below the bulletin board beside Deaconess Miriam's office by June 14, 2026. Garlic & Herb biscuit mix (Red Lobster Cheddar Bay mix is great too); large cans of chicken; tins of peas & carrots; tins of diced potatoes; cans of Evaporated milk; cans of Cream of Chicken soup. Thank you for your support of the Sunday School.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

SEVENTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

YEAR A

God invites  
us to give our  
worries and  
cares to him



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. The apostle Peter encourages us not to be too proud to give our worries to God, because he cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). Think of a time when you gave your worries to God.
2. What worries or concerns can you give over to God now?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>John 17:1-11</b>	Jesus prays for his disciples
<b>M</b>	<b>Acts 1:6-14</b>	Matthias replaces Judas
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11</b>	Suffering for being a Christian
<b>W</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:8-10</b>	Ascended on high
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 1:1-4</b>	At the right hand of majesty
<b>F</b>	<b>Hebrews 12:1-3</b>	Let us fix our eyes on Jesus
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35</b>	God has ascended

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Give all your worries and cares to  
God, for he cares about you.

1 PETER 5:7



### CREATIVE RESPONSE

Before Jesus was arrested, he prayed especially for his disciples, his closest friends during his time on earth (John 17:6-11).

He prayed that his Heavenly Father would protect them, and that they would be united.

In your home devotional times this week, give special focus to praying for your Christian friends.

Contact them by phone or email to inquire about their prayer needs, and include these in your household prayer times.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for loving us, feeding us and caring for us. Your praises we shout and your name we bless. Amen.



### PRAYER

Lord God, we give all our worries to you. Help us rest easy in your care. Amen.



### ACTION RESPONSE

Do you know someone who is going through a difficult period? Make up a card to send them, including the words of 1 Peter 5:7 ("Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you"). Sign the card as a household.



### BLESSING

May God always keep you safe. May he keep your faith in Jesus strong, and give you eternal life.