

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: May the love You have for us, O Lord, transform our hearts. May we be more open to caring for the needs of our family and friends. And may we be more committed to developing deeper relationships with Your fellow followers.

Merciful Savior, help us to show mercy to others, as You show mercy to us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 3, p. 184
HYMNS: 691; 563; 597; 548; 556; 829
FIRST LESSON:..... Acts 10:34-48
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 John 5:1-8
GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17
SERMON: Our Glorious Victory! – 1 John 5:1-8

WELCOME: If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. If you are a member of this congregation, please be sure to extend a warm greeting and a friendly welcome to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Speak to someone you don't know before you speak to someone you know.

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Tobi Stene; Ellen Wagner
Acolyte Maliyah Chan
Lector Rick Goebel
AV Operators Michelle Funke; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

MISSION OF THE MONTH: YOUTH GATHERING SUPPORT

Our May mission of the month supports our youth in preparation for the next National Youth Gathering in 2025. The gathering theme is *Unbroken*, and will be held in Waterloo, Ontario. This helps cover the costs, including transportation, of those attending. While this may seem a bit early, we do want to encourage the youth to attend, that they may be equipped and strengthened through God's Word.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
April 28	148	32	8/8

**Attendance includes online participation.*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Rejoicing On the Way" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way (Acts 8:28-39). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,475.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$129,365.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$125,865.38	\$3,499.62

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 20.00; Visitor 210.00; Sunday School 1.00; LCC Seminaries 220.00; Lutheran Hour \$3.00; LWMLC 200.00; Youth Gathering Fund 825.00; Memorial Fund 750.00; A/R 524.95; Other Misc Funds 500.00.

PASTOR ERIC ON HEALTH LEAVE: Pastor Eric will be away until the end of June. We ask you to pray for him and his family, that God would provide healing and strength. If you wish to contact him to provide encouragement, please do so with a written card in the mail to his home address or placed in his church mail slot, or via email. Please do not phone or text him or his family at either personal or work contacts, to respect their need to have some private time to refresh and heal. If you are not sure who is covering any of Pastor Eric's duties, please ask any of the Elders, Pastor Bode, Deaconess Miriam, or Carol in the Church office. If you have any questions about the leave, please ask any of the Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The King's Table" is the title of today's lesson. Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul's enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to whether there were any survivors from Saul and Jonathan's line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul's land and fortune. Mephibosheth's family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king's table. Discuss how God provides for our daily needs today.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open for "A Week with Jesus", our summer Vacation Bible School, running the mornings of July 22-26. Complete a copy of the registration (available on the Welcome Desk)

or register online at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/>, Encourage your children to invite a friend! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deaconess Miriam. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW FLC PHOTO DIRECTORY: A photo directory initiative for this fall is underway. Photo dates are set for October 17 – 19. Kelly Dueck is spearheading this project. Watch for more information in the coming days.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Van Ravy** who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ravy, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**



DUE TO OUR KITCHEN AND FLOORING RENOVATIONS, there will be some disruptions to our fellowship times after service in the month of May. Please keep in mind:

- No snack donations are being accepted at this time.
- Check the door of the fellowship hall to see if we have refreshments after service.

Stay tuned for updates. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility!

JUNE 23RD SURPRISE POTLUCK CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING ROGER HALL'S YOUTH GROUP SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

This is an invitation to all confirmands (including partners or spouses) from the Calgary St. Matthew Lutheran Church confirmation classes of 1971 through 1980. We are targeting these 10 years but any confirmands from St. Matthew whose lives in youth group were influenced by Roger, are welcome to attend. From 11:30-2:30 in the gym at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury, we will be honouring Roger by sharing lunch together, offering words of thanks for his service and life within his church, and reminiscing about some of our youth group experiences! If you would like to attend Redeemer's church service prior to the potluck, service begins at 10:15. For the potluck please bring enough for yourself and at least 10 others. We are anticipating about 100 attendees. Dessert has been taken care of so bring entrees or sides for lunch. Please forward this information to anyone from your confirmation class or youth group who may not receive this notice. If you have any questions or are planning to attend this celebration please RSVP to Pat Rosenau (nee Oberhammer) at pat.rosenau59@gmail.com or Charlene Jones (nee Oberhammer) at jones.gcharlene@outlook.com by June 15th.

DO YOU FILL IN A "COMMUNION CARD?" These cards help in a variety of ways. First, by reviewing the card, you are reminded of the ways that you can prepare to take the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. They help you remember the precious gift Jesus gives us as He gives us His body and blood. When you fill them in, it also helps us know our attendance at communion, which helps in our preparing the altar, and which helps the Elders and Pastors as they minister to the needs of God's people. It only takes a moment, and it does help us help you. Please remember to fill them in each time you come to Holy Communion!

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH WORKERS: A common concern among our congregations is a concern for those who will serve the church in the years to come. As we look to the future of the church, we know there is a need for pastors and other church workers. The Lord of the church urges us, saying: ***“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*** (Matthew 9:37–38, ESV) In obedience to this command let us pray for those labourers:

O risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Overseer of our souls, bless all pastors that they would guide and feed the flock entrusted to their care by diligently preaching Your Word in its truth and purity and by properly administering the blessed Sacraments according to Your institution. Guide and direct all congregations who are calling shepherds to feed them with the green pastures of Your Word. Bless our seminaries as they prepare able and faithful under-shepherds and raise up more pastors to serve the sheep and lambs of Your flock. Lord, in Your mercy; hear our prayer.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES will be hosting an Education Luncheon at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in the basement on **June 1st**. The topic will be about MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). The guest speaker is Garry Engler, Hospital Chaplain, and former chair of Ethics for the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care. Lunch will start at 11:30 am and the presentation will start at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be a free will offering. Please RSVP to the office of Lutheran Hospital Ministries by phone 403-264-4045 or by email lhmsac@gmail.com on or before May 23, 2024. Please indicate any allergies you may have. We will do our best to accommodate them.

LWMLC: You are invited to the LWML Rally at Immanuel Lutheran in Lethbridge on **Saturday, May 25!** The event will feature worship and Bible study led by Pastor Lee, a delicious lunch, and inspiring afternoon sessions. Our purpose is to equip, motivate, and encourage women to deepen their understanding of God’s Word, share His Son, and serve His people. Email edna.mackenzie19@gmail.com or call 587-486-9444 to register!

Our Lutheran Worship: The Creed

The Creed may come after the Gospel reading, or, as in this service, after the sermon. Having heard the word of God, we publicly declare our acceptance of that word of truth and confess our faith in words used by the Christian church here on earth. We say, “I believe”, for faith is an individual matter, and no one can believe for us. We stand as we confess our faith, showing our readiness to profess and to live according to our faith. The Apostles’ Creed is a statement of our baptismal faith and is the regular creed. When Holy Communion is celebrated, it is appropriate to use the Nicene Creed. Want to know what Christians believe? The creed is a great place to start!



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about someone who has been a good friend to you. What makes a good friend?
2. Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you" – how has Jesus shown his love for you? How can you show love to people around you?
3. Explore how Thursday's reading (Romans 12:9-21) prompts us in ways to love others.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 15:9-17	Love one another
M	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
T	1 John 5:1-6	Faith conquers the world
W	Isaiah 61:1-11	Good news of deliverance
T	Romans 12:9-21	Love with sincerity
F	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	The church's faith and example
S	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise

VERSE OF THE WEEK

This is my command. Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.

JOHN 15:12-13





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus says 'Love each other as I have loved you'.

Try some of these ways to express your love to others this week:

- Write 'I love you' notes and place them in surprising places (e.g. school lunchboxes, under pillows or plates, in purses or wallets)
- Place a flower or small treat on the seat of a car before someone leaves for work or school.
- Make heart-shaped coupons to give to one another (e.g. shoulder massage, extra story book reading, a walk or play together, a cuddle, act of service)
- Write notes of appreciation, thanks and support on cut out hearts. 'Post' these into paper bags with each person's name on them. At the end of the week distribute the bags and enjoy reading your notes of love.



ACTION RESPONSE

Mother's Day is an opportunity to shower love upon someone who has cared for you. It might be your mum or grandmothers or godmothers in your life. Take time to recall, give thanks and pray for the women who have cared for you. Plan acts of service and love. Ask how they would best like to be served and make arrangements for this.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God at our table,
giver of bread,
bless us to love,
just as you've said.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
your love is so
great. Help us to
show your love
for others today.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God surround
you with his love,
and fill your heart
with love for others.