

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 12, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** You have made us one, O Lord--one in purpose, one in mission, one in spirit, and one in faith. Help us to remain united in our ministry and bonded by our beliefs as we continue to serve You and one another.

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... Here I Am to Worship; Christ is Risen; Mighty to Save; Forever  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Acts 1:12-26  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... 1 John 5:9-15  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 17:11b-19  
**SERMON:** The One Who Brings Us Together - John 17:11

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

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians  
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden  
Acolyte ..... Julia Han  
Lector ..... Brian Vincent  
AV Operators ..... Sacha/Derek Kiefer; Evan Stene

**WE THANK OUR ELDERS,** Rob Kaut and Brian Kehler for leading our worship this morning. Pastor Bode is in Didsbury today. We are blessed, gentlemen, through your service to the Lord and His church!

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	11:00 am	Pastor @ Cambridge Manor
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour (No youth)
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

### ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***THE FLOWERS*** that beautify God’s altar this morning are given by John and Diane Voss in loving memory of Diane’s father, Richard Kraushar.

### ***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
May 4	139/105	36	10

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

### ***OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS***

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$9,249.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$138,614.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$133,269.23</b>	<b>\$5,344.77</b>

***Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Plate 40.00; Visitor 195.00; Sunday School 1.00; CLWR 80.00; Concordia Seminary 105.00; LAMP 100.00; Lutheran Hour \$3.20; LWMLC 75.00; Benevolence 50.00; Youth Gathering Fund 170.00; Memorial Fund 25.00; Fellowship 101.00.

***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/>,

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** This week in our Christian education time, we study “A Divided Kingdom.” Solomon’s heir, Rehoboam, ignored the pleas of the people to lighten their load; instead, he threatened to make their workload even more difficult. Angered by his response, ten tribes of Israel make Jeroboam their leader, leaving Rehoboam to lead only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in

Jerusalem, where the temple was. As a family, discuss how the division of the kingdom affected the worship life of the people. Ask, “How could dividing yourself from church affect your worship life?”

**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.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Unforecastable"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It’s been said that God’s call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control (Acts 9:31). 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**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 mailslot, 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. Please also pray for God’s guidance and strength for those who are covering for Pastor Eric and working to help progress the healing process.

**MISSION PRAYER:** 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; 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 23<sup>RD</sup> 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](mailto:pat.rosenau59@gmail.com) or Charlene Jones (nee Oberhammer) at [jones.gcharlene@outlook.com](mailto:jones.gcharlene@outlook.com) by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

***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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

***WE HEARD YOU!*** There are more than a few of our seniors who have mentioned that they miss the Silver Saints. We are looking at some of the ways we can revitalize this group. If you have some thoughts or questions, please speak to Pastor Bode or Deaconess Miriam. Watch for more info in the very near future!





## Growing FAITH at home

SEVENTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER

YEAR B

Jesus prays  
for his  
disciples.



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What helps people become close to each other? What pulls them apart?
2. Jesus prayed that his followers would be 'one'. What do you think he meant by this?
3. Why is it important to stay connected to other Christians?



## 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 17:6-19</b>	Christ's prayer for his disciples
<b>M</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-26</b>	Matthias replaces Judas
<b>T</b>	<b>1 John 5:9-13</b>	Knowing about eternal life
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:10-17</b>	Be perfectly united
<b>T</b>	<b>John 17:20-26</b>	Jesus prays for all believers
<b>F</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:1-5</b>	Keep the unity of the Spirit
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 1</b>	The way to happiness

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

JOHN 17:11



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read Psalm 1.

People who are faithful to God's teachings (law) are "like trees planted by streams of water". God's teachings oppose the 'wicked' around us that represent the worst of the world's standards.

These trees do not wither but yield fruit and prosper. Similarly, the lives of the followers of Jesus do not wither as they are fed by God's word.

To remember the importance of God's word in your life, designate or add a "faith plant" in your home.

As you water it, recall the importance of the flowing waters of God's word that feed and nourish your life "day and night" (v. 2).



## ACTION RESPONSE

Talk together as a family about the ways you serve the Christian brothers and sisters that God has given you as your congregation.

What gifts and resources has God given you for this purpose? How are you currently using these?

Pray for your congregational family.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

God bless this food,  
God bless this day,  
God keep us safe in  
every way. Amen.



## PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for praying for us and for all your followers. May we experience the unity of faith that you want for us. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God protect you and keep you safe from all evil.  
May you live in peace.