

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



The Day of Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Speak to us now, Holy Spirit, in ways that we can understand. And inspire us to speak to others of Your love in ways that are meaningful to them. May the messages we exchange with one another continue to excite and encourage us in our beliefs in You.

O Spirit of every tribe and tongue, share with us the language of Your grace and salvation.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 501; 650; Build Your Kingdom Here; Grace Alone; 503
FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14
EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
SERMON: *That’s Real Power in the Heavens!* – Ephesians 3:16-21

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..... Elaine Bend; Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....Anne Marie Kothari; John Voss
AV Operators Eden Knudtson; Paxton Knudtson; Tim Knudtson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Victoria Day - Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Faith @ Home "Let's Pray"

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
May 12	120	25	12/12

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,865.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$143,479.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$140,673.08	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 61.00; Visitor 145.00; Sunday School 22.00; LWMLC 50.00; LCC Seminaries 50.00; Youth Gathering Fund 875.30.

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/>,

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: "Waiting, But Not Alone" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone (Acts 2:1-21). 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.

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. 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. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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!

THANK YOU to the volunteers who assisted with spring clean up of the church and student residence grounds on Saturday, May 11th. With only a few volunteers, a fair amount of work was completed, and God blessed us with good weather. The work could not have been done without your help!

We are looking to borrow a hedge trimmer. If you can help us out, please contact Brian Vincent.



DEACONESS MIRIAM and Bruce are on vacation this weekend. She will be back in the office on Tuesday. We pray for safe travel as they return home.

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.

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 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.

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!

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 Sermon

The sermon is not just a number of off-the-cuff remarks in the middle of the service. It is a carefully and prayerfully prepared exposition of the word of God. The sermon is instruction in God's word to us; it is testimony to what God has done for us; and it is a message of encouragement and exhortation for us to live as the redeemed people of God.

The pastor is responsible for preaching the word, but it takes two to make a sermon. We all should give careful heed to the teaching and instruction given in the sermon, for although it is spoken by man, it is the Word of God. Jesus says: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28, ESV) We listen to His word, meditate upon it and let it take root in our hearts, and then keep and observe it in our lives.

As the sermon ends, the pastor pronounces, "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Cf. Phil. 4:7) This benediction speaks of the promised blessing of peace upon all who stand fast in the Word of the Lord and worship Him.

THE CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER is a Christian charity that supports women and families going through an unplanned pregnancy. Pick up a bottle over the next few weeks, toss your spare change into the bottle and bring it back on Father's Day. You can also donate online at pregcare.com/BBC2024. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366. Your change actually changes lives!

IT'S TIME TO START THE NOMINATION PROCESS! We're actually a bit behind, but we need your help as we prepare for our elections meeting. Your nominations help us in our efforts. God has blessed us with differing gifts and abilities, so that we can come together to accomplish great things with His grace and strength. If you are asked to serve, we hope and pray that you will see this as a privilege and a blessing, as we serve the Lord together in joy. Nomination forms are on the Welcome Desk and once completed can be left in the mailbox by the administrative office door.



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God sends
his Holy Spirit
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us new.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about an experience you have had with wind or fire.
2. In what ways has the Holy Spirit been at work in your life?
3. What signs of the Spirit's work have you seen, heard or experienced for yourself?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.

Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
M	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Work of the Spirit
T	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Dry bones made alive
W	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
T	Ezekiel 36:22-28	God's Spirit is put within you
F	Joel 2:21-29	God's Spirit poured out
S	Psalm 104:24-34	All living things depend on God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

I will pour out my spirit on all people.

ACTS 2:17



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Have a special Pentecost celebration in your home.

Put up red, orange and yellow balloons, with streamers coming from them.

Make and share a birthday cake lit with candles to remember the Pentecost fire and the birth of the church at Pentecost.

Read Acts 2:1-4 and say a prayer of thanks to God for the Holy Spirit's work in your lives.



ACTION RESPONSE

Pentecost reminds us that the world is full of many different languages. God wants the good news of Jesus to be taken to all of these different cultures. This relies on the work of Bible translators and organisations such as Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Bible Society.

Find out how you can support the work of bible translators working with our indigenous people in the LCA through Finkel River Mission. Visit their website: <http://finkerivermission.lca.org.au/>



MEALTIME PRAYER

Faithful God, you give us food when we need it. You open your hands and satisfy us with good things. Praise the Lord!



PRAYER

Dear God, breathe your Spirit into our lives and make us new. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you his Holy Spirit so that you believe in Jesus.