

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*The Holy Trinity*

*May 26, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Send us, O God the Father, to share Your good news to all of creation. Save us, O God the Son, so that we may live with You forever. Lead us, O God the Spirit, so that we may be uplifted and inspired in our faith.

*O Triune God, send us, save us, lead us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... as projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... 795; 507; God of Wonders; 960; How Great Is Our God  
**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Isaiah 6:1-8  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 3:1-17  
**SERMON:** A Study in Contrasts – Isaiah 6:1-8

**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 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**

Accompanists ..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley; Contemporary Musicians  
Ushers ..... Robert Kubke; Tobi Stene  
Lector ..... Kelly Dueck  
AV Operators ..... Morgan Alcock; Brenda Bode

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
May 19	113/76	6	6

*\*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	\$5,060.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$148,539.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$148,076.92	\$462.08

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 20.05; Visitor 160.00; FLSR 500.00; Youth Gathering Fund 220.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "Comfort in Captivity" is the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God's continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Discuss, "How does God comfort us 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/>,

### **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: "Penultimate Sacrifice"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater (Acts 10:1-2). 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).

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING** Monday, **May 27**, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. Due to the kitchen renovation, we will meet downstairs in the "Confirmation Room" (Room 4). Please bring your own beverage and snack. You will be able to use the downstairs entrance. All ladies are welcome!

### **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Calgary Pregnancy Care Center is a Christian charity that started almost 40 years ago to address the needs of young women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Over the years, the Center has expanded with school sex education and responsibilities programs, counselling for single fathers and providing for families seeking support. They also opened locations in Strathmore and Airdrie. The Calgary Pregnancy Care center is being renamed as Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support to better reflect their expanded vision of "Everyone matters and deserves support."

You can share your Christian love with others through the annual baby bottle campaign which started on May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) and ends on June 16<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). Fill your bottle with change or make an online donation at [pregcare.com/ccC2024/](http://pregcare.com/ccC2024/). If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366. Your change actually changes lives!

**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. Romass Svell** who serves as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri, Cambodia, **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Svell, 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!



***OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY*** will gather Saturday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. Due to the kitchen renovations, we will have a simple breakfast of muffins, Danish, etc. We meet downstairs in Room 4; enter through the lower west doors. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

***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.

***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!



**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.

**WE EXTEND A THANK YOU** to Trevor Heumann for installing our new soundboard and for training people in the use of it. There is a bit of a learning curve here, so please be patient. This new system should help improve the sound—both in the sanctuary and online.

### **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.



## Growing FAITH at home

TRINITY  
SUNDAY

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children of  
God and heirs  
with Christ.



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What details do you know about your birth?
2. Jesus said that to come into God's kingdom people must be "born again" (John 3:3). What did he mean?
3. When and how did you become a Christian?



## 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 3:1-17</b>	Born of the Spirit
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 6:1-8</b>	A vision of God
<b>T</b>	<b>Romans 8:12-17</b>	Life in the Spirit
<b>W</b>	<b>Galatians 3:29-4:7</b>	Heirs of promise
<b>T</b>	<b>Isaiah 44:1-8</b>	God pours out the Spirit
<b>F</b>	<b>Titus 3:1-7</b>	God saved us
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 29</b>	The voice of God

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of  
water and spirit, they cannot enter the  
kingdom of God.

JOHN 3:5



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Begin all your household meals and devotion times this week by marking yourself with the sign of the cross and saying In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

You may also wish to light three candles, one for each person of the Trinity.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, you heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

In Isaiah 6:8 we read of the prophet Isaiah's response to God's question "Whom shall I send?"

Today God specifically calls and sends many different people out into the world to tell others about him – including missionaries, pastors, teachers and mentors. Pray this week for people who serve God in these ways. Write a note of encouragement to one such person whom you know.



## PRAYER

Spirit of God, please blow into our lives and make us new. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God lead you by his Spirit and help you to live as his child.