

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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:as projected

HYMNS: 482; 493; Goodness, Love and Mercy; Christ is Risen

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

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 17:1-11

SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: This week in our Skype tutorials on the letter E, one of Santa’s elves visited the elephants at the zoo. We also heard that God loves Everyone. As places such as the Calgary Zoo re-open, please pray that God would keep children and families healthy and safe.

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,930.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$158,074.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$163,461.54	-\$5,386.84

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Bablitz family, at the sudden death of Colin’s young grand-niece, Bella. We pray that God would comfort the family and loved ones with His everlasting love and comfort.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 24th) **“Life After Rescue”** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. First, God saves. Then, He gives instruction. An incident from World War II helps us put God’s Ten Commandments in perspective. (Exodus 20). Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School classes at the church have been suspended for the time being, but please encourage your children’s ongoing learning at home. Our families have been sent a resource – The Enduring Faith One-Room Study Guide - that they can use week

by week to maintain the habit of being in God's Word and encourage faith conversations in their family. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you didn't receive it and would like to make use of it.

Today's Sunday School lesson focuses on Saul, who would later become known as Paul. On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the Living God. Jesus called Saul to believe in Him. He wanted him to tell others about His love and forgiveness. Children will hear how Jesus loves them and made them His children too!

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are not holding any activities at the church. Some meetings and studies, such as those below, are available as online gatherings. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam for more information.

Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lessons (Zoom, contact Pastor Bode)
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	1:15 pm	Ladies' Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship: Eph. 6; go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back (Skype, contact Pastor Bode)
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Morning Worship – go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran

THE SACRED CONVOCATION OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY will be held this coming Friday, May 29, 2020, at 7:00 pm. It will live at <https://youtu.be/fyo95XOsz54>. We encourage you to log in and be part of this service.

Seven new pastoral candidates will receive their first Call into ministry, including our own Adam Chandler, and two vicar/interns will be placed for service. We thank God for His blessings to His church and pray for His continued blessings on these new servants in the Kingdom.

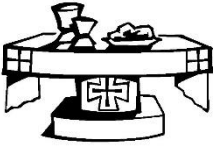
MISSION OF THE MONTH: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

While we are facing new summer restrictions, we are exploring ways we can still offer a virtual VBS this year. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with the children of our church and community. There will be some limits this year, but your support still helps us bring this wonderful good news to others.

WE HAVE HAD A REQUEST TO HOST A COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY. We are willing to do this, and so we are looking for those who are interested. This would be an online study for the foreseeable future. If you are interested, contact the pastors or Deaconess Miriam.

A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES: We are going to have a special focus for our Wednesday evening services over the next few weeks, as we look at the Prison Epistles of St. Paul. Our present situation can give us a new appreciation for the experiences of Paul, who was also isolated through his captivity. We continue this week with Paul's letter to the Ephesians. We hope you will join us for

these special services Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We would encourage you to read Ephesians 6 before this Wednesday; if you have any questions that you would like us to answer, please submit them to the pastors as soon as possible.



WE ARE OFFERING HOLY COMMUNION on the regular schedule of the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. Until such time as the restrictions change, we will only offer this to family groups who already are in close contact with one another. Every group must be less than 10 people. We will have Confession and Absolution; the institution and distribution, and a closing prayer. We will offer 15 minute segments, from 9:00 am to 9:45 am on Sunday; from 11:30 am–12:30 pm that day as well. We will also be available, as requested, from 10:00 am—11:00 am Tuesday to Thursday of that week.

Those who desire for the Sacrament must register with the pastors. You must not have any symptoms or have been in a situation where you may have been exposed to the virus. Once you have registered, you will be invited by invitation to attend. Please do not simply come to the church, as you will not be admitted. Someone will meet you at the door to grant you entry. We will still try to double our efforts by having some in the sanctuary and some in the Fireside Room. We do realize that there are some who desire Communion but cannot come out at all. If you are healthy but unable to attend, please let the office know. The pastors want to do everything they can to provide for your spiritual care in these days.

WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE CHANGES: The Elders met this past Tuesday to discuss the plans for our gathering together in person again for worship. This would not be possible until June 1st, but as we look at the restrictions, our concern for our members, and the logistics of all that would be required, we do not feel that we are able to do this at the present time. There may be changes happening week by week, but the Elders have determined that in-house services will not begin at this time. They will review this at the beginning of July and monitor the situation on a month by month basis. If you have any questions or con

HYMN SING SUNDAY: May 31st will be the 5th Sunday of the month. As we have in the past, we will try to do this as a hymn sing Sunday. Share your requests with Pastor Bode by Monday of next week.

MISSION PRAYERS: Deaconess **Hem Horm** serves Kampot Lutheran Church in Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Deaconess Hem Horm, asking You to sustain her by Your Spirit and bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**



Growing
FAITH
at home

24 May 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God invites us to give our
worries and cares to him.

Caring Conversations



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

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?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 17:1-11	Jesus prays for his disciples
M	Acts 1:6-14	Matthias replaces Judas
T	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	Suffering for being a Christian
W	Ephesians 4:8-10	Ascended on high
T	Hebrews 1:1-4	At the right hand of majesty
F	Hebrews 12:1-3	Let us fix our eyes on Jesus
S	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	God has ascended
S	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit comes

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

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

BLESSING

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

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. WHITE or GOLD are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

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.

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

verse for the week

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

1 PETER 5:7

Service



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.



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