

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: O Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, swoop down from above and soar through the world with Your wisdom, strength, and inspiration. Find a resting place, we pray, in our hearts, souls, and minds. And be for us a source of peace.

Spirit of God, take us to new heights.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 498; 489; 496; 821; 686; 763
FIRST LESSON:.....Numbers 11:24-30
EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21
GOSPEL LESSON:John 7:37-39
SERMON: *Where's the Fire?* Act 2:1-12

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:


For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: For grace to know God's will

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$6,180.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$164,254.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$171,634.62	-\$7,379.92

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: Organ Fund \$240.80; Mission of the Month (VBS Sponsorship) \$100.00.

 **WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Tory and Kelsey Cook and family at the passing of Kelsey's father, Larry Forrest. We pray that God would comfort the family and loved ones with His everlasting love and comfort.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (May 31) "Jesus Doesn't Babble" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. Jesus brings the Word of peace to those who have grown weary of all the babble. (John 14). Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

AT THE SACRED CONVOCATION OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY, held this past Friday, seven new candidates received their first calls into the ministry. Our own Adam Chandler was placed at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Victoria, BC. In our circuit, Prince of Peace received Mark

Rekken as a candidate. The full list of placements can be found at the seminary's website: <http://www.concordiasem.ab.ca/>.

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)
	6:30 pm	Board of Elders
	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: Colossians 1 – 2: 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



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, "A Soldier Believes", is based on Acts 16:16-40. Children will see how God can take bad situations and work good through them, as Paul and Silas share the love of God through their singing and praising Him, even while in jail. In the end, their Philippian jailer comes to faith and is baptized. He works good for us also during the difficult times of our lives.

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.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY as we continue our look at St. Paul's Prison Epistles. This week we start our look at Colossians 1 and 2. Our present situation can give us a new appreciation for the experiences of Paul, who was also isolated through his captivity. We stream live on Wednesday at 6:30 pm on Facebook: facebook.com\foothillslutheran. We would encourage you to read Colossians 1-2 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 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.



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 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 concerns, feel free to contact either one of the pastors.

MISSION PRAYERS: Deaconess Sonia Salome Urey serves St. Patricia Lutheran Church in Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Sonia by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

TODAY WE RECALL THE FEAST OF PENTECOST, fifty days after our Lord's resurrection. In God's wisdom, this was one of the feasts all were required to attend in Jerusalem. In this way God provided for the largest gathering from the farthest reaches where His people lived in order to discover what Pentecost was really all about. Today the blessings of that day continue through the lavish outpouring of God Himself, the Holy Spirit, "the Lord and giver of life," who works through His Church to proclaim the glory of salvation and eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God.



Growing
FAITH
at home

31 May 2020

PENTECOST

The Holy spirit has come to
live and work in us.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share an experience you have had with wind or with fire.

2

When God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first Christians on the day of Pentecost, a strong wind came from heaven and tongues of fire came to rest on them (Acts 2:1-21). How were the believers changed?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit comes
M	Joel 2:18-29	God will pour out his Spirit
T	Ezekiel 39:7-8,21-29	The Spirit is promised
W	Acts 4:5-21	Peter and John give witness
T	Acts 4:23-31	The believers pray for boldness
F	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Unity and Diversity in the body
S	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Wonder at God's creation
S	Matthew 28:18-20	Baptism in the Triune name

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Spirit of God,
please work in
us today. Please
use our gifts to
bless others.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord
Jesus give you
the Spirit of
peace and joy.

Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday closes the season of Easter. It is the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and has the colour of RED, symbolising the fire associated with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Creative Response

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives special gifts to all believers to use in serving him.

For each member of your household, draw a large dove figure on white card and cut it out. In your home devotion times this week, take a few minutes to talk about the gifts you see in each other.

Write these gifts onto the doves.

Display them on your bedroom doors.

Say prayers of thanks to God for the gifts he has given to each member of your household. As an additional activity, decorate your home with flames cut from red, yellow and orange paper, or with streamers of these colours.

mealtime prayer

Come, spirit of God and be our guest, our table to grace and our food to bless. Amen.

verse for the week

But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

ACTS 2:21

Service



In 1 Corinthians 12:7 we learn that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to use to help all people.

Have a discussion about how members of your household are using their God-given gifts for the sake of others.