

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *The Holy Trinity*

*June 7, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Father all-creating, O Son all-forgiving, O Spirit all-inspiring, we praise You for being All-in-All for us. Nothing is beyond Your dominion. No one exists without You, O Triune God. May we always declare You to be the Three-in-One, the only One who leads us to salvation.

*Holy Trinity, may we sense Your presence in every place.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Service Of Prayer And Preaching, p. 260

**HYMNS:** ..... 506; 500; 801; 504

**FIRST LESSON:**.....Genesis 1:1-2:4a

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Acts 2:14a, 22-36

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 28:16-20

**SERMON:** *In the Beginning – And Even Now – He Is God* (Genesis 1:1-2)

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**For Our Missions:** For the preschool families who will be affected by our decision regarding our preschool ministry.

**Family Focus:**

<b>Our Stewardship of God's Gifts</b>		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$9,770.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$174,024.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$179,807.69</b>	<b>-\$5,782.99</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** Benevolence \$50.00; Organ Fund \$80.00; Mission of the Month (VBS Sponsorship) \$100.00; Miscellaneous \$204.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (June 7) "An Undeserved Salute"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. "Blessing is a condition that's true even if you're not completely conscious of it or even if you don't fully appreciate it. Only God can bless in this sense. Jesus, sitting in God's spot on the mountain, speaks for God as the Son of God and He blesses." (Matthew 5:1-16) Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

## THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

The meetings and studies, such as those below, are available as online gatherings. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam for more information.

<b>Monday:</b>	9:30 am	Staff Professional Development
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:15 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship: Colossians 1 – 2: go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Front to Back (Skype, contact Pastor Bode)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Morning Worship - go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran
	11:15 am	Youth Family Meeting



**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.

In this week’s Sunday School lesson children are given a glimpse of our heavenly home. John describes the indescribable—the Lamb of God in His glory with His people in their eternal home. In the new heaven and earth, there will be no fear, sorrow, tears, mourning, or pain. Because Jesus died and rose again to wipe away our sin, God promises to take all who believe in Him as their Savior to be with Himself for all eternity. We will live in perfect joy and peace with Him forever!

## MISSION OF THE MONTH CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (“CLWR”)

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. CLWR works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality. They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. They partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. They break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. CLWR’s goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after the projects end.

**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 1:24—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.

## ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL MINISTRY:***

It has been said over and over again that we are living in some very different days. In so many ways, we have had to adapt to circumstances beyond our control that have affected our homes, our jobs, and yes, even our church. These unprecedented times have also required us to make hard decisions that are designed to show our faithful stewardship of all God has given to us as a congregation here at Foothills. Your leaders in the congregation have continued to watch and to work for the good of our congregation and for its people.

We all are aware that there has been an economic and social impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we are hopeful that the relaunch of certain activities in our society will bring better days, we do know that there are still things that are unknown, and may have some impact on our own “relaunch” plans.

The present crisis has had an impact on our ministry through our preschool. As a result of the uncertainty that we will be able to operate in the fall and as a result of loss of income from the past month, as well as a lower expectation of income due to the restrictions we have been told will be in place, we have made the painful decision to close our preschool to students in the fall of 2020.

This decision was not taken lightly. It was discussed by the Elders, and then again by the Parish Planning Council. As we note, there are so many unknowns. Teachers are still not sure what their classes will look like in the fall. While there is a great hope that everything will return, we do know that the complexity of restrictions leave us uncertain of what we will be able to do.

The decision does involve terminating Betty Ann Chandler’s contract as principal / teacher. The school will not resume in the fall. We will revisit this decision as we look to the fall of 2021.

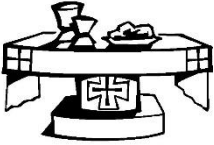
It is disappointing to us that we must make this decision. We know that the preschool has been a source of encouragement and blessing to the congregation and to the families who have been part of this programme. We also know that it has given us an opportunity to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with the children who came to us. Many have been students in our VBS, and more than a few have also served as VBS helpers.

We have also been richly blessed through the faithful, loving and devoted service of our principal and teacher, Betty Ann Chandler. We thank God for the work she has done, along with her daughter Amy, and others who have worked with the preschool over the years.

We do trust that God, who holds all things in His loving hands, does indeed know what will be in the days to come. It is our hope that, by His grace, we may see this programme resume. We trust that He will help us through this time of transition. We ask for your prayers for the families who will be negatively impacted by this: those students who would have been returning or enrolling, and for Betty Ann, whose heart goes out to those in need. Pray that we may know God’s will for us, and that, boldly and confidently, we will undertake any and every opportunity He provides to share His love with those around us.

May He bless our church and our preschool families through these days.

**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.

**MISSION PRAYERS:** **Rev. Asefa Aredo** serves as pastor of Saloam Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Aredo, 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.**



**CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER:** Have you missed filling your baby bottle with coins for the Calgary Pregnancy Care Center? The campaign started on Mother's Day and will end on Father's Day. Unfortunately, like so many things in our usual routine, baby bottles cannot be distributed this year. But 26 babies have already been born during this time of isolation and their mothers and families still need our help. The Care Center provides support to young families who may be new to Calgary and have little support or resources. One counselor was recently paired up with a young family that were expecting twins. She was so glad to help as she remembered how it felt when her and her husband moved from BC with young twins and no support. Even though I won't be able to hand out bottles, you can still donate. You can send a cheque to the address below, give the center a call **(403) 269-3110** to donate or donate online at **pregcare.com**. Anything over \$25 will receive a tax receipt. Thank you so much for sharing God's blessings with these Mothers and Babies. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

Calgary Pregnancy Care Center  
927 - 7 Avenue SW  
Calgary, AB T2P 1A5

***YOUR PASTORS, ALONG WITH THE BOARD OF ELDERS*** have discussed various scenarios for our relaunch of worship here at Foothills. Places of worship are now permitted to open, following guidelines, to a maximum of 50 people.

As this is not expected to change for the next 6 months, we also want to be sure that we are providing our members with the best spiritual encouragement and the best opportunities for them to worship their God.

After much discussion, we are going to offer the following relaunch efforts:

1. We will offer in-house worship on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>. We would continue to stream these services as well. This will mean that we cannot have sung hymns or sung liturgy, but would look to the best way we could provide God's Word and the sharing together in worship. The live-streamed Sunday service would continue as it is at this time.
2. Holy Communion would be scheduled according to our normal routine. This part of the worship would take place after signing off from the streamed service.
3. Once we have gauged the effectiveness of this, we will offer an in-house Sunday service at 9:00 am. This service, too, would be without music. However, it would provide an opportunity for Holy Communion, based on our regular schedule. We would continue to stream our 10:15 am service, with music, during this time. The 10:15 service will only include the staff required to provide this service. We plan to start this schedule on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. As we see the desire for this, we will expand our Sunday worship to 2 services, with one service at 9:00 am, at the other at **10:30 am**. The change in time is to allow for the sanitizing and preparation for a new group of congregants at the second service. We propose beginning this on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please understand that with every service or expansion of services we will be following the guidelines on numbers (50 max), distancing, and sanitation. As the guidelines restrict singing, there would be no sung hymns or liturgy. People would have to register for the service. We do ask that you not attend if you are having any symptoms; have been anywhere where you might be compromised, or if you are at high risk yourself. Do not feel obligated, but we also hope that you will know that we are trying to give you the opportunity to again gather with your brothers and sisters in person.

Many things will seem different: we will not be able to shake hands or have a coffee hour. We will use only the main doors, and directions will be marked. Seating will be assigned, and spacing observed. By Alberta Health Guidelines, children are required to stay with their parents at all times, and the nursery will be closed. We ask that you not go through the building (even the kitchen or the parish hall), as we are required to sanitize all these areas if they are open to people.

We will continue to stream services at this time, to provide for those who cannot or who do not feel able to be here, and to insure that the majority of the congregation is still able to be in God's Word. We will likely stream the 10:30 service once it is open to congregants, too.

If you have any question or thoughts to share, you may direct them to the pastors or to your elder. May God bless us as we seek to provide for His people in our worship life together.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

7 June 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY

The TRINE God is our creator  
and he cares for us.

Caring Conversations

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

1

What part of God's amazing creation do you enjoy most? Why?

2

God has asked us to take care of all he has created. How do you help to do this?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 28:16-20	Trine God
M	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	The Beginning
T	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Final Greetings
W	Job 38:12-38	God speaks of creation
T	Nehemiah 9:5-6	God gives life to everything
F	Acts 14:8-20	The testimony of creation
S	Psalms 8	How majestic is His name
S	Matthew 9:35-10:23	The sending of the twelve

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

God of creation,  
what you have  
done is amazing!  
How great is  
your name in all  
the earth! Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of  
the Lord Jesus  
Christ, the love of  
God the Father,  
and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

## Trinity

White is used in all festivals of our Lord (The Baptism of Jesus, Epiphany, Trinity etc). This represents the purity, majesty and splendour of God.

## Creative Response

Plan a household outing to a nature park, zoo, the beach or the mountains.

Take time to reflect on what you see and experience. Talk about what amazed or surprised you most.



### mealtIME prayer

TrINE God, thank you for all you make and all you give. May we praise your great name as long as we live! Amen.

verse for the week

Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

## Service



Plan a household act of care for God's creation.

- Pick up litter in an area of your neighbourhood.
- Reduce your energy consumption by making an effort to turn off lights or household appliances when not in use.
- Review your home recycling practices. Consider how you could do more.
- Make your voice known on an environmental issue of concern. Write to or email a government official about the issue.

