

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



M A T T H E W 1 0 : 2 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Great Physician, we are sick--sick with sin, and only You have the cure. By Your life, death, and resurrection, You assured us that the sin within us has been taken away and destroyed. Free from sin, we are now free to live a new life, thanks to You. Help us to live the life You want us to live.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Office at Prime

HYMNS: 814; 696; 659; 725

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 20:7-13

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

SERMON: *To Be or Not to Be: There is No Question* – Jeremiah 20:7-13

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God that individual weekly skype tutorials are going well and that a new student, who had not attended our preschool previously, joined us for June.

Family Focus

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$3,775.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$190,489.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$196,153.85	-\$5,664.15

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: \$525.00 Visitor Offering; \$120.00 Preschool Tuition; \$40.00 Mission of the Month (CLWR); Concordia Seminary \$100.00; Organ Fund \$8.30.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (June 21) "Powered by Touch" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The human body can produce enough energy to power a tiny light bulb. Christ gives His followers power to light the entire world. Dr. Michael Zeigler reflects on the nature of that light and the power behind it. (Matthew 5:21-32). Hear the inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at 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.

Sunday	3:30 pm	Ordination of Candidate Adam Chandler
Monday	9:30 am	Staff Professional Development
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
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	10:00 am	Circuit Winkel
	1:15 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study: - (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship - Philemon
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bodes’
Sunday	10:15 am	Morning Worship - go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran



SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week’s Sunday School lesson, “A Tree View”, we meet Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Zacchaeus is short, so he climbs a tree to see the Savior. Zacchaeus might have been small in stature, but his sins were large. Jesus calls him down, and his call to faith and offer of forgiveness changes Zacchaeus’ heart. Jesus offers the same forgiveness and new life to us!

This is our last week of Sunday School in the Enduring Faith One-Room curriculum until September. Today, students met on Zoom for a short closing to the Sunday School year. Families who are interested in a summer Sunday School resource may contact Deaconess Miriam. We will keep in touch through the summer and let you know our plans for the fall as they are firmed up. God’s blessings to you, dear Sunday School students and parents.

GOD’S PROMISES FOR US – SUMMER VBS: Although we cannot have an onsite VBS this year, we will provide VBS online this year, with pre-recorded openings, lessons and application sessions presented by our staff, and boxed crafts prepared by some very dedicated volunteers. Our recorded sessions and craft instructions will be made available, along with those of other LCC congregations, for the use of LCC members and their friends throughout the summer as part of a broader outreach initiative. Please pray that God would bless families as they gather around His Word this summer.

**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.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE HAVE BEGUN IN-PERSON WORSHIP. Wednesday evenings we are offering an opportunity for up to 50 people to gather in worship. Sunday worship will begin on July 5th. A full outline of the plans and procedure is available on the website:

<https://www.foothillslutheran.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Our-Worship-Relaunch-Guidelines-1.pdf>.

We do ask that you review this document thoroughly and carefully. As a quick recap:

- We now offer in-person worship on Wednesday evenings. We will continue to stream these services as well.
- We will offer an in-person Sunday service at 9:00 am, beginning July 5th. We will continue to stream our 10:15 am service during this time. The 10:15 service will not include in-person worship.
- Lord willing, we will add a second in-house service at 10:30 am, beginning August 9th. The change in time is to allow for the sanitizing and preparation for a new group of congregants at the second service.

Please understand that with every service or expansion of services, we will be following the guidelines on numbers (50 max), physical distancing, and sanitation. As health guidelines discourage congregational singing, there will be no sung hymns or liturgy. People must register for the service and go through a health screening questionnaire. 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.

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.



WE REJOICE TODAY with a son of our congregation, Adam Chandler, as he is ordained into the Holy Ministry. The service of ordination is at 3:30 pm, and will be streamed on our Facebook page, as we are still not having in-person attendance for this, except for the family and pastors attending. The congregation has given a gift to Adam to assist him in his ministry. We pray for God's richest blessings for Adam, as he takes up service in Hope Lutheran Church, Victoria at the beginning of July.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY as we conclude our look at St. Paul's Prison Epistles with the epistle to Philemon. We stream live on Wednesday at 6:30 pm on Facebook: facebook.com\foothillslutheran. We would encourage you to read Philemon 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.

MISSION PRAYERS: Rev. Bun Sopeab is the Chairman of Cambodia Lutheran Church and the pastor of Preach Lutheran Church in Kampot. He is also a part time teacher in Garuna Christian School. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Sopeab, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless their labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRESCHOOL MINISTRY:

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 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.

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

*Happy
Father's
Day!*



Growing
FAITH
at home

21 June 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Telling others what we believe.

Caring Conversations



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

1

Is telling others about Jesus easy or hard for you? Why?

2

Jesus tells us that we are very, very valuable to God and that he watches over us. What encouragement does that give to you?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 10:24-39	The cost of following Jesus
M	Matthew 16:21-28	Taking up your cross
T	Luke 14:25-35	Counting the cost
W	John 15:1-8	Bearing fruit as disciples
T	Genesis 21:8-21	Hagar sent away
F	Romans 6:1-11	Dead to sin, alive in Christ
S	Psalms 69:7-18	Deliver me from my foes
S	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
thank you for
dying for me
and help me to
believe. Amen.

BLESSING

May you
always know
how valuable
you are to God.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

In your home devotion times this week, pray by name for people you know who don't follow Jesus.

Ask God to give you opportunities to share about him with them, and the courage to do so.



mealtime prayer

You are so good, O God, your blessings overflow.
Forever may your name be praised, in heaven and below. Amen.

verse for the week

All those who stand before others and say they believe in me, I will say before my Father in heaven that they belong to me.

MATTHEW 10:32

Service



As you pray by name for people who don't know Jesus, think of acts of kindness and love you can show to them this week.

Ideas might include
- write a letter or card, send flowers, ask them over to your home, provide for their needs.

