

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Jesus, our Lord, when You sent Your disciples out into the world, You told them to be wise as serpents. Give us the wisdom to know when to speak and what to say. You said to be innocent as doves. Help us to be gentle and kind in our approach as we share the Gospel.

Ever-leading Lord, guide us in our quest to spread your Good News.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS: 861; I Will Follow; 411; Great is Thy Faithfulness; Forever

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 7:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:34-42

SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Please pray that the Children’s Bibles received this past week at our graduation parade by our preschool students going to kindergarten next year, and the Arch books received by our students who have another year of preschool ahead of them be used and treasured.

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God’s Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$6,720.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$197,209.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$204,326.92	-\$7,117.22

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: 150.00 Visitor Offering; Benevolence 25.00; Youth Gathering Refund (bus charter) 5,880.00; Organ Fund 150.00.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Last week was our last week of Sunday School in the Enduring Faith One-Room curriculum until September. 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: “Practice Makes Perfect!” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When we want something to be perfect, we practice it over and over until it becomes part of us. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages His followers to practice being perfect, because God already sees them that way, through faith in Christ. (Matthew 5)

We are pleased to announce our special Canadian Lutheran Hour program on June 28th. **“O Canada, Canada: A Love/Hate Relationship”**. Special guest speaker Pastor Scott Gamble from Grace Lutheran Church, Drumheller. In the message based on Matthew 23:37- 39, Pastor Scott points out that generation after generation, the Lord provides for his people and watches over them with loving care, despite constant rejection. 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.

Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Education
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		Canada Day (Office Closed)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bodes’
Sunday	10:15 am	Morning Worship - go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran

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.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Al Engel and his family at the death of his sister, Clara Bogner. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

REJOICE!


WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD today as we remember and celebrate the 10th anniversary of the consecration of Deaconess Miriam Winstanley as our Director of Parish Services. We have been blessed through her service to our congregation over the years, and how that service has helped strengthen our

ministry to families. We truly do appreciate all you have done, Deaconess, and pray that God will continue to bless your ministry and service to His people here at Foothills. We wish we could gather to share this celebration with you, but our prayers go with you, as we thank God for you.

On behalf of the congregation, a gift will be presented to Deaconess Miriam.

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 next Sunday, 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.



JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY for a special Canada Day focus in our worship. We stream live on Wednesday at 6:30 pm on Facebook: [facebook.com/foothillslutheran](https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran). You can register to join us in person, too.

MISSION PRAYERS: **Rev. Pich Chandeth** is the pastor of Garuna Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as the education coordinator for Garuna Christian School. **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 Rev. Chandeth by Your Spirit and richly bless his 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**



Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.

2

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
M	Luke 9:46-48	Welcoming the little ones
T	Matthew 25:31-40	Receiving Christ in others
W	1 Kings 17:7-16	A widow receives Elijah
T	Genesis 22:1-14	Abraham tested
F	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves to Righteousness
S	Psalm 89:1-18	Who is like you?
S	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Rest for the weary

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart. May you know the full joy of serving others. Amen

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

This week the first half of 2020 comes to an end. Have a household 'half year' celebration.

Share half a cake or half a pizza, eat halves of fruit! Use your time together to share memories from the last six months and talk about your hopes and expectations for the next six months. Give thanks for God's gifts to you so far this year and pray for his blessings for the rest of 2020.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.

verse for the week

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

MATTHEW 10:42

Service



Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father (Matthew 10:40).

Extend a welcome to a person or family from your church or another church to join you for a meal in your home (preferably people you don't know very well).

Discuss how best to make them feel welcome and divide tasks among your family (e.g. preparing your home, serving drinks or snacks, entertaining, cleaning up). Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!