

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We thank You this day, O Lord, for those who have welcomed us into their homes, for those who have shared their lives with us, and for those who have made us feel accepted, loved, and cared for. Through their acts of kindness, You have made Yourself known to us, and we are grateful.

Welcoming Lord, we welcome You into our lives.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS: Cornerstone; In Christ Alone; Ancient Words; Forever; How Can I Keep From Singing

FIRST LESSON:.....Isaiah 55:10-13

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON: *Thank Heavens! God Is At Work* (Isaiah 55:10-13)

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Thank God that 62% of the children participating in our virtual VBS this summer have a preschool connection (i.e., alumni, sibling of alumni)!

Family Focus:

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,785.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$210,314.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$220,673.08	-\$10,358.38

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: 50.00 Canadian Lutheran World Relief; Concordia Seminary 50.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 40.00; LWML 50.00; Benevolence 40.00; Organ 310.45; Other 50.00.

FOOTHILLS FAMILIES: Our formal Sunday School is on hiatus now until September, but watch for your weekly e-mails, which will contain the children's bulletin, an activity, and other forms of encouragement. God's blessings to you, and we pray that you will continue to join us in worship this summer, either online or in person!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Perfection Welcomes Failure" (Matthew 6:19-34). Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's perfect standards are exceeded only by His perfect patience and forgiveness. 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.

Mon-Fri		Foothills Virtual VBS!
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	In-person Midweek Worship (must pre-register)
	6:30 pm	Online Midweek Worship (go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bodes'
Sunday	9:00 am	In-person Worship (must pre-register)
	10:15 am	Online Worship (go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)



"GOD'S PROMISES FOR US" VBS: Beginning tomorrow, July 13th, 75 children and their families will be participating in our online summer VBS. Through last week families have picked up their children's craft packs, and our opening, lesson, application, and craft videos will be accessible to them beginning tomorrow morning. Thanks to volunteers who have designed and prepared our crafts and recorded video instructions, to those who have packed craft bags for families to pick up, and to our staff, who have planned and recorded their sessions. We have 75 children registered, but this VBS is part of a larger LCC initiative and will be available for families to access from anywhere across Canada throughout the summer. Please pray that God would bless families as they gather around His Word and learn that "all the promises of God find their yes in Him (Jesus!)" 1 Corinthians 1:20.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS (CLBT)

Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole programme.



SCAVENGER HUNT: The fifth annual photo scavenger hunt is on! This year it will take place over two weeks in late July, and, as always, everyone from Foothills is invited to participate. To participate, you need to register your team with Pastor Eric, and for bonus points, you should pick up a scavenger hunt package from the church between 7 and 8 pm on Friday, July 10, or between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm on Sunday, July 12. The hunt will begin at 7 pm on Friday, July 10, and end at noon on Sunday, July 26. Look for more info in the Foot Print and at: www.foothillslutheran.com/blog/2020/06/28/scavenger-hunt/

FLC PRESCHOOL graduation parade photos are on a private YouTube channel. If church members would like the link, please contact Betty Ann.

WITH OUR ONLINE SERVICES, you don't have to miss worship, even if you are travelling. But we do hope that you will always remember the importance of time in God's house, gathered around His Word.

We also hope you will remember that our bills and ministry costs continue in these days. God blesses us to be a blessing, as we return to Him from the gifts He gives to us. May we continue to be faithful stewards of all His goodness.

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. A full outline of the plans and procedure is available at: <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.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Maura Lourdes Juares serves at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Chichigalpa, 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 Maura 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.**





Growing FAITH at home

12 July 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hearing God's word brings
new life and growth.

Caring Conversations

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

1

How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)? What things have helped you to grow?

2

In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
M	Genesis 25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
T	Mark 4:26-32	Two parables of seeds
W	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
T	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
F	Romans 8:1-11	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalms 65:1-13	Praise awaits you, our God
S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Parable of the weeds

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us to think about and do things that please God. Help us to welcome, hear and understand your message, and do what it asks. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's Word take root in your heart and may you grow as his child.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Gather four small pots or containers.

Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil.

Place these in your home devotional area. As part of your household devotional times this week, say the following prayer:

Lord God, please keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path.
Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground.
Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns.
Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it. Amen.

mealttime prayer

From soil and seed you give us food to chew.
Show us the work you want us to do. Amen.

verse for the week

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

MATTHEW 13:23

Service



Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week.

Place in a sunny window and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.

