

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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M A T T H E W 1 4 : 1 3

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We are Your plantings, Lord. Help us to bloom wherever we are planted--even if we are surrounded by the devil's "weeds" of sin and evil. May we continue to bear the fruits of Your Spirit, and may we continue to stay deeply rooted in Your Word.

God, our Planter and Preserver, keep us growing by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:763; 642; 712

FIRST LESSON:.....Isaiah 55:1-5

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON:

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: Since FLC Preschool will not re-open in fall, please pray that God will work through virtual preschool during the upcoming year.

Family Focus

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts		
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$3,740.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$228,044.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$245,192.31	-\$17,147.61*

**Correction:* Due to a formula error in the stewardship spreadsheet, the amount of our shortfall was incorrectly reported last week. The correct number is published this week. We apologize for the error.

NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS: 50.00 LWML; Organ Fund; 49.35.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (Aug 2) "**Christ's Resurrection Makes Everything New**" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness can't compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In a classic radio message, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death. It's "Archives August". 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.

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Zoom, contact Deaconess Miriam)
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (in-person and streamed)
	6:30 pm	Online Midweek Worship (go to Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back at Bodes'
Sunday	10:15 am	Morning Worship (in-person / streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

OUR FORMAL SUNDAY SCHOOL is on hiatus 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!

MISSION OF THE MONTH – MUSTARD SEED

It is always a strange paradox: there are so many, who have so much, but there are also those who don't even have a warm and dry place to sleep. Through the work of the Mustard Seed, the hungry are fed and the homeless are given shelter. There is also vocational training, to help people make a new start. Your gift to this Mission of the Month reaches out, as Jesus would have us do, to the least of these, my brothers. (Matt. 25:40)

FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL: Thanks to the many who supported sharing God's love with 580 children and their families in our community over the past 18 years through the missionary & ministry work of FLC Preschool. Thirty-three of these children were FLC members and others came to us from 5 continents, largely because of our proximity to the university. Mrs. Chandler was blessed to teach here for the past 17 years and Ms. Amy for the past 7. With FLC Preschool not re-opening in September, Betty Ann will be offering a virtual, interactive, one-to-one preschool/pre-kindergarten opportunity on her own. Christian content and tutoring for kindergarten/grade 1 will also be available on request. Watch for her new website, mrschandlerteaches@wiksite.com/abcs, which should be up in about a week. In the meantime, you can reach her at her new email address: mrs.chandler.teaches@gmail.com if there is someone you know that may be interested in virtual education for the fall.

PASTOR ERIC AND KAYLA will be on vacation this coming week. We pray for a safe and restful time. Pastor Bode and Deaconess Miriam will still be available during this time.

CANDIDATE MARK REKKEN will be ordained and installed as pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Calgary, at 4:00 pm today. Prince of Peace will hold their service here at Foothills, with Pastor Bode leading the service, and Pastor Robert Mohns, regional pastor as officiant. Pastor David Dressler will be the guest preacher. We pray God's blessings on Pastor Rekken and the members of Prince of Peace as they begin this time together as pastor and people.

AN UPDATE ON OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP: One of the realities of the whole COVID-19 pandemic is that everything we know has changed, and everything we plan is always subject to change. That is true for our plans here at the church as well.

The Elders have re-evaluated our present service routine and have adopted the following schedule:

- As of today, August 2nd, we will have one Sunday service at 10:15 am. Along with the in-person service, we will stream the service. We will no longer have congregants register, which will mean we have to work to make the best use of available space, which we believe can be done on Sunday morning.

- All members will sign in at the Reception station.
- Ushers will seat members.
- **In accordance with the new city bylaw, masks will be required for all worshippers.**
- We hope to have a cantor or small cohort of cantors singing our hymns and songs. The hymns will still be projected, but people will be asked not to sing.

The one part of the service that will not be streamed is the distribution of Holy Communion. This will be held as part of the in-person services according to our regular Communion schedule. Private / individual communion appointments will still be available as requested.

We are eager to have members back together. God calls us to be a *communion of saints*. Yet we remind you that we are called to care for one another body and soul. Our screening will remind you that you should not attend if you have returned from travel outside Canada within the last 14 days; if you have had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days; if you have been in close contact with anyone who has travelled outside Canada within the last 14 days; or if you have experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (to include fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing) If the answer is “yes” to any of the questions, access to worship cannot be granted at this time.

We continue to pray that God, in His grace, would allow us to return to the joy of worship together and fellowship together as His people, through Jesus Christ!



Caring Conversations



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

1

Matthew 14:14 tells us that Jesus had 'compassion' on the crowds. What is compassion?

2

Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand
M	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	God feeds the Israelites
T	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred men
W	Genesis 32:22-31	Jacob wrestles with God
T	Isalah 55:1-5	Invitation to the thirsty
F	Romans 9:1-5	Paul's anguish over Israel
S	Psalm 145	Every day I will praise you
S	Matthew 14:22-23	Jesus walks on water

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we set out to follow you. Please be kind to us and care for us.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord feed you in body and in spirit, and meet all of your needs.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Have you ever made bread as a household? Set aside time this week to work on this together.

Invite friends or neighbours to enjoy with you the fruits of your labour!



mealtime prayer

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.

verse for the week

Come, everyone
who is thirsty.
Come and drink
the water
I offer to you.
Listen and
come to me.

ISAIAH 55:1

Service



God calls those
who have been
materially blessed
to share with those
who have less.
Make a special
monetary donation
this week to an
aid organisation
working with the
poor, or a donation-
in-kind to a local
charity assisting
those in need.

