

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Lord, our Provider, we thank You for nourishing our bodies with good food and drink. And we praise You for providing food for our souls. May Your Word, the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and our daily prayers continue to sustain us and fulfil our every spiritual need.

*O Giving Saviour, we give You thanks and praise.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... King of Heaven; Lord, I Need You; Christ Be My Leader; My Redeemer Lives

**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 15:21-28

**SERMON:**

**WELCOME!** It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

**WE WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY** in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and the Elders will know how to respond.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*



**WE ANNOUNCE THE FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE** of Dallas Kleinsasser and Karen Langill, who will be united as husband and wife next Sunday afternoon here at Foothills. We pray that God would bless this couple with His love and grace, as they begin their life together as husband and wife.

<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	\$5,265.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$244,254.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$261,538.46	<b>-\$17,283.76</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** 50.00 Mustard Seed; 61.20 Organ Fund; 374.00 Other Miscellaneous Funds.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 16) "Seeing Is Believing"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Believing in Jesus Christ, we truly see things the way they are. 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](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>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Morning Worship (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
	3:30 pm	Kleinsasser/Langill Wedding

**DEACONESS MIRIAM** is on vacation until August 22. We pray she and Bruce enjoy a safe and restful time.

**GARAGE SALE:** You are invited to a multifamily garage sale **August 15-16**. Sat. 10 am to 4 p.m. and Sun. 12 noon to 4 p.m. at 640 Hunterfield Place NW. Watch for signs to back alley. Percentage of sales to be donated to Foothills Organ Fund. ~ Maxine Abraham.

Please bring your empties for an Organ Fund bottle drive.

### 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 do not 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)



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** The summer months are an excellent time to stock up on some items for your shoebox(es). T-shirts, balls, skipping ropes and small toys are all available and school supplies are often on sale in August. Boxes will be available in the fall.

**VIRTUAL PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN:** With FLC Preschool not re-opening in September, Betty Ann Chandler will be offering a virtual, interactive, one-to-one preschool and kindergarten opportunity at home. Christian content and tutoring for grade 1 is available on request. Find out more at <https://mrschandlerteaches.wixsite.com/abcs>. The website is now up. You can also email her at [mrs.chandler.teaches@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.chandler.teaches@gmail.com) or phone her at home if there is someone you know that may be interested in virtual education for the fall.

**AN UPDATE ON OUR IN-PERSON WORSHIP:** We're ready to invite you back! Here's what's happening in our new 'normal':

- Our service at 10:15 am will be both an in-person service, as well as live-streamed. We do not require congregants to register, but we will be observing physical distancing protocols. In order to make the best use of our available space, please be aware that you may be seated in different place than normal.
- 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.

We will not stream 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. 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!

**THANK YOU:** "We have been incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing group of people dedicate their time to our clients and the community. From all of us at Calgary Meals on Wheels, thank you for your kind contributions and, most of all, the precious gift of your time. 34 years is an incredible achievement!"



**FACE MASKS ARE BECOMING NECESSARY IN MANY PLACES.** Amy Chandler has designed a face mask for Lutheran worship - and Sunday school, meetings, in-person calls, Winkels - which features a Luther rose. They can be ordered online at [https://www.zazzle.ca/aechandler\\*](https://www.zazzle.ca/aechandler*). You can share this link with others, too!



Faith in Jesus is  
always rewarded.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you trusted someone to help you. Was your trust rewarded?

2

Jesus said that the Canaanite woman who came to him had "great faith" (read Matthew 15:21-28). How did she show her faith? How was her faith rewarded?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith
M	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph makes himself known
T	Matthew 8:1-13	Jesus heals many people
W	Acts 14:19-28	God opens the door to Gentiles
T	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Maintain justice
F	Romans 11:1-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
S	Psalm 67	May God bless us still
S	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to hold on to what is fair and to do what is right and good. Amen.

BLESSING

May God show loving kindness towards you and make his face shine upon you.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make his house a "house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

Use this creative prayer idea to make your home a 'house of prayer' for others. Pass around a bag or bowl of M&Ms (or equivalent sweet) when your household gathers for prayer. Let each person take a handful, but don't let anyone eat them yet. Explain that the colour of the M&Ms will indicate the direction of your prayers. Lead your household in prayer using this guide:

- For every **red** M&M, pray for a member of your family by name.
- For every **green** M&M, pray for a friend or neighbour.
- For every **orange** M&M, pray for a teacher in your life.
- For every **yellow** M&M, pray for someone in need.
- For every **dark brown** M&M, pray for a leader in your life.
- For every **blue** M&M, pray for Christians in other places.
- For any other colour, offer a prayer of your choice!

### mealtime prayer

Lord, we give you praise and gratitude, for food and drink and family too. And also for a roof above, but most of all for your great love. Amen.

verse for the week

The Lord says,  
"Hold on to what  
is right and fair.  
Do what is right  
and good. My  
saving power will  
soon come."

ISAIAH 56:1

## Service



The Canaanite woman who came to Jesus for help wasn't made very welcome by his disciples (Matt 15:23).

Are newcomers welcomed at your church? What part do you play in welcoming others? Plan a way to make someone who is relatively new to your church feel more at home, or offer to serve as part of your church's greeting/welcoming ministry.

