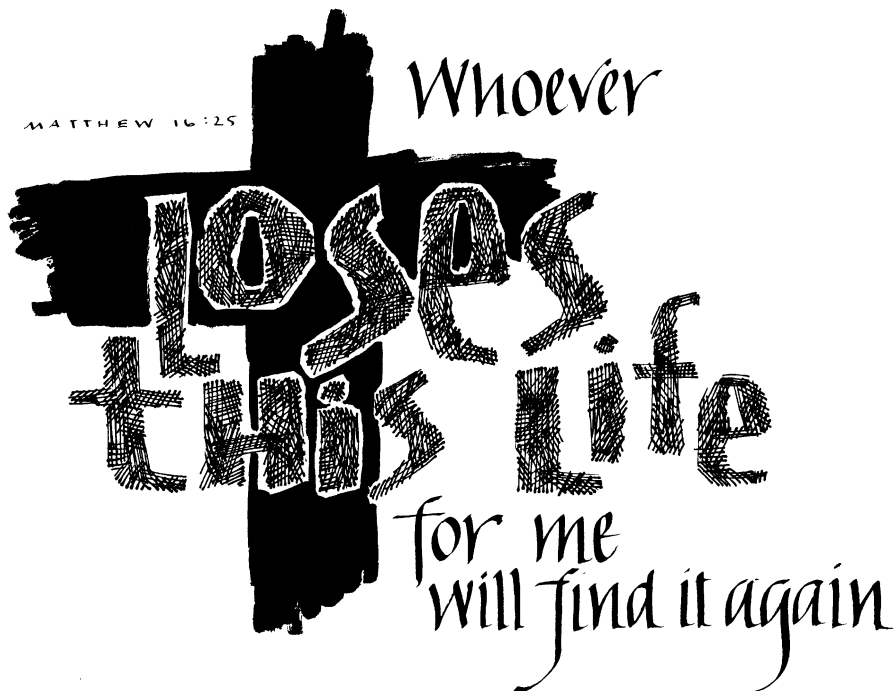


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 30, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Saviour from sin, forgive us for often putting our plans ahead of Your plans, and for often wanting You to follow our wills instead of Your own. Help us to trust in You wholeheartedly, and to have the faith that Your way is best.

*O Christ crucified for us, we cling to Your promises.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service 1 .....p. 151  
**HYMNS:** .....425; 688; 701  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 15:15-21  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Romans 12:9-21  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 16:21-28  
**SERMON:** Losing is Everything! – Matthew 16:21-28

**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:*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 30) "Fear and Faith"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Are you living in fear or living by faith? We present a classic message from Pastor Ken Klaus. It's "Archives August" (Hebrews 11:1). Hear the inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

<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	\$3,325.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$258,829.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$277,884.62</b>	<b>-\$19,054.92</b>

**NON-BUDGET AND MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:** LWML 40.00; Mustard Seed 140.00; Organ Fund 246.25.

### THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Education
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

**LOOKING AHEAD:** We are planning to hold our **Men's Bible Study** on Saturday, **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. We are not able to provide breakfast, but you're invited to bring a brown bag breakfast or to stop at Timmies on your way to the church. We will still be practicing all physical distancing protocols, including the public rules regarding masks. You will need to bring your own bible, too!

### 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.

**THE OPENING SERVICE** of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton will be on Wednesday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ConcordiaLutheranSem> for the live-stream of the service.

**WE'VE ADDED A PLEXIGLASS SHIELD** in front of the pulpit. This allows the pastors to preach without a mask, although they will be wearing masks for the rest of the service. We hope this will help people hear the sermon, especially those joining us online.

**A CONFIRMATION MEETING** for new and returning students and their parents will be held Tuesday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Letters were mailed to the families we know should be enrolled. If you did not receive a letter or an email, or think your child should be in Confirmation, please speak to the pastor.

**THANK YOU** to all those who helped me with my charity garage sale. We managed to raise some money for the church organ fund and also for Samaritan's Purse. We had a great time. -- *Maxine Abraham*

**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/abc>. 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.

**WHAT WILL THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER LOOK LIKE?** Bible studies, Sunday School, Confirmation and more are part of our normal opportunities for growth and encouragement. We are still trying to determine how best to offer these things so that our members feel secure; so that we can safely follow proper protocols; so that we can be together safely. As we find the best approach to our ministry efforts, we will share it with you.

We do remind you that we have in-person services on Sunday at 10:15 am and Wednesday at 6:30 pm. These services are both live-streamed, too.

- 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 a 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.

Holy Communion 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.

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) please do not attend 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!

**PASTOR BODE** will be taking a few days vacation Thursday – Saturday of this coming week. In spiritual need, please contact Pastor Eric.



**FACE MASKS ARE 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!



**Caring Conversations**



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

**1**

What is something you find difficult to do? What makes it so?

**2**

Jesus says "if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it" (Matthew 16:25). What do you think he means by this?



**Devotions**



Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	<b>Matthew 16:21-28</b>	<b>Take up your cross and follow</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-39</b>	<b>Losing life to find it</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Matthew 20:17-28</b>	<b>Jesus again predicts his death</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>Luke 9:57-62</b>	<b>The cost of following Jesus</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Exodus 3:1-15</b>	<b>Moses and the burning bush</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 12:9-21</b>	<b>Love in action</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 26:1-8</b>	<b>Vindicate me, Lord</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Matthew 18:15-20</b>	<b>Seeking reconciliation</b>

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 never give up on you. Keep us excited about serving God. Amen.

**BLESSING**

May God keep your faith in Jesus alive and strong.

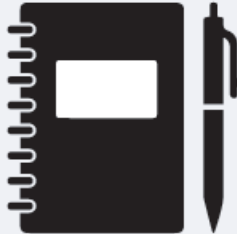
## Sundays after Pentecost

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

### Creative Response

Look together at Romans 12:9-21. Brainstorm a list of all the things these verses encourage Christians to do (e.g. love others, honour others, be joyful, pray, bless).

Record these in your personal or family journal and ask God to show you how you can live these things this week.



### mealtime prayer

Thank you for all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and nightly care. Amen.

verse for the week

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24

### Service



Work together as a household to make small crosses out of card or popsicle sticks.

Write the words 'Take up your cross and follow me' on each cross. Commit to carrying your crosses with you this week as a reminder of Jesus' call to follow him in all things.