

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



SHOULDN'T YOU
HAVE MERCY ON
OTHERS. JUST AS I
HAD MERCY ON
YOU?

MATTHEW 18:33

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost *September 13, 2020*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Your forgiveness, O Lord, knows no bounds. May we be just as generous in our forgiving of one another. In all things, may Your love and mercy be the force that moves us to act and respond to those who have sinned against us.

Ever-loving Lord, may we love others as You have loved us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Hope of the Nations; Ancient Words; You Are My King; In Christ Alone

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON: *Pass It On* - Psalm 78:1-7

WELCOME! We are glad to rejoice with you this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with his love as you go through this coming week! Guests and visitors are asked to sign our guest book at the back of the church, or to fill out one of the cards in the pew rack. Please come and join us again.

WE WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY 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 EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Wong family as they mourn the death of Jean's father, Rev. Bob Bauer. Pastor Bauer served many years in deaf ministry in the Edmonton area. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$8,997.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	274,926.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$294,230.77	-\$19,304.07

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor Offering 480.00; Student Residence Rental 2,000.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; LWML 50.00; Organ Fund 156.10.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 13) “Fireplace Spirituality” - Acts 2:37-47. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Our relationship with God is not something to “set and forget” like a thermostat. 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

Monday	7:00 pm	PPC
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes’
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation Class / Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

HELPING HANDS KITCHEN: We had planned on doing this in October, but with all the restrictions on being safe, we will not be able to meet in the kitchen to make meals. BUT, there is an alternative – would you be willing to make a few meals and put them in the kitchen freezer? If you would consider doing this, please let me know and I will provide the containers for you. Also let me know what you would like to make so as to keep track of what is coming to the church. We have so many people now in need of everyday things like meals, and I would ask that you prayerfully consider helping people who need our assistance. I thank you for your past contributions and let’s make this a successful ministry. There is no time limit to this and can be brought to the church at any time. Please call me with any questions. In God’s grace we all go forward. ~ Christine Heumann (403) 710-8347 or christineheumanncg@gmail.com

MISSION OF THE MONTH – CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society is a group of volunteers who give their time, talents and money to raise financial support for Christian mission activities around the world. CLMS is an auxiliary of Lutheran Church Canada.

AS OFTEN HAPPENS IN THE SUMMER MONTH our stewardship has dropped off from a rather positive beginning under COVID. We continue to seek to be good stewards of God’s gifts to us and pray that we all may be faithful in using what He has first given to us, to the glory of His name.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY as we gather in the study of God's Word. As we seek to adapt to all the ebb and flow of our new normal, we have decided to postpone the beginning of Adult Bible Study until Sunday, September 26th.

- Sunday School families and Confirmation families have been contacted about class location and access to the building. We will be observing physical distancing protocols; masks will be required; sanitizing stations will be available. We ask you to bring your own bible, as we will not be distributing books for general use at this time.
- After reviewing flow and our need for screening, we will **not** be opening the lower north (glass) doors.
- Please do not 'wander' in the building. Contact areas will have to be sanitized after use. Help us keep those areas to a minimum.
- Meetings are considered small, private gatherings and fall under different guidelines. As they are not open to everyone, masks for these meetings will be optional.

Worship service continues as it has; we will still be doing screening and designating seating; we will seat our members in ways that make the best use of our space. Masks are required.

We are working hard to provide the opportunities for our growth and fellowship while still recognizing the needs for safety and caution, especially so we care for all our members. As we have noted in the past, please do not attend if you have any symptoms, have travelled, etc. (you know the routine!) Let us continue to pray that God, in His grace, would deliver His people from this pandemic and bring us together in the joy of our lives as His children in Jesus Christ!

AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We will try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving to Calgary, let him know that, too, so we can reach out to them and invite them to join us.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Rosalina Alvares serves as instructor of the faith at the Lutheran Church El Redentor in the community of El Bonete. **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 Rosalina 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.**

THANK YOU to those choir members and others who attended the jazz concert in my backyard on Labour Day afternoon. We had close to 20 people come out, plus my son John's jazz band of 7 more. It was cold and threatened rain (or should I say snow), but our warm, happy hearts made up for that. The concert was free, but we received about \$250 in \$\$ contributions for the Foothills Lutheran Church Organ Fund. --
Maxine Abraham

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Growing FAITH at home

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God calls us to show mercy and
not judge others.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Have you ever felt judged by somebody?
How did you feel?

2

Why should we be careful about judging others?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
M	Genesis 18:20-33	Abraham pleads for Sodom
T	Genesis 33:1-16	Jacob meets Esau
W	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph forgives his brothers
T	Exodus 14:19-31	Parting of the Red Sea
F	Romans 14:1-12	The weak and the strong
S	Psalms 103:1-13	Praise the Lord
S	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, help us not to judge others. Help us to accept them and be kind to them. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord forgive you all your sins, and help you to forgive others.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Act out the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) or read it together, with household members speaking as the different characters in the Parable.

Then talk about each character.

What are they like?

Which of the characters are you most like?

Take turns praying for each other, that God may help you to be kind and forgiving towards others.

mealtime prayer

Lord, as we eat the food you give, make us ready to forgive. We're so glad we have your love, thank you, Father, up above. Amen.

verse for the week

so why do you judge your brothers or sisters in Christ?

And why do you think you are better than they are? We will all stand before God to be judged.

ROMANS 14:10

Service



Joseph was badly treated by his brothers, but God used what happened to bring about good (Genesis 50:20).

Through his work as a leader in Egypt, God used Joseph to take care of many people in a time of great famine. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work and let them know that you are praying for them.