

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *September 20, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day.

*Lord of the Church, bless the work we do in Your name.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** ..... 869; 606; 827; 680; 623

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 55:6-9

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 20:1-16

**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 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 the 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 Walter Zwick and family as they mourn the death of Lois. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
September 13	69	18/16	34

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Offerings Received Last Week	\$5,310.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$280,236.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$302,403.85	-\$22,167.15

*Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:* LWML 25.00; Organ Fund 20.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 20) "I Stand at the Door"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Guest who will become the Host for all who trust in Him. New Series "Households of Faith" (Luke 24:13-35). 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**

<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors meet @ Foothills
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes'
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation Class / Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This week in our Sunday School time, our lesson was entitled "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father spoke: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus went from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faced a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resisted each one as He spoke the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

**PASTOR ERIC'S 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN THE MINISTRY:** As we noted at the end of our worship last week, Pastor Eric has celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Foothills Lutheran Church. We don't have the luxury of observing this during a coffee hour, but we thank God for his service to us, and pray for God's continued blessings for Pastor Eric and Kayla.

**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 MONTHS*** 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 CONTINUE TODAY*** as we gather in the study of God's Word. Adult Bible Study will begin next Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

***BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:*** We are looking at the beginning of our LifeLight studies, or another form of Tuesday morning study. If you are interested in studies like these, please let the pastors or Deaconess Miriam know.

***AS WE SEEK TO RETURN TO SOME "NORMAL",*** we remind you of some of the things we do for everyone's well-being:

- Extra time should be given to enter the building, to go through screening and sanitizing. For worship, please use the main entry doors. We do realize that this will mean some extra outside steps for some members. To provide extra parking space in the upper lot, the staff will park in the bottom lot at the back. You may use these spaces on Sunday.
- If you are entering through the lower level, please use the west (preschool) doors. The lower north (glass) doors will not be open. Every door must have sanitization stations and a screening person. We do not have the space nor the personnel for this at those doors.
- We have marked directions for travel. We hope that you will be conscious of the direction - think of driving, and keep to the right!. Please observe spacing, too. On that note, please remember that if you stop somewhere to chat, you are going to hold up the line for many people. Please be considerate of this.
- Please do not wander in the building. Contact areas will have to be sanitized after use. Help us keep those areas to a minimum.
- As hard--even unLutheran--as it may seem we won't be having coffee hours or other social activities. Conversations are best outdoors, still observing physical distancing.
- Please follow the directions of the volunteers. They are working for your safety, too.

Worship 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: Rev. Hei Va** is the pastor of Prey Vey Lutheran Church and serves on the Board Directors of Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Va, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless their labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

***INFODIGEST IS LUTHERAN CHURCH–CANADA'S OFFICIAL WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER!***

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***WE NEED YOUR HELP!*** It takes volunteers to welcome people at the screening desk; to seat people in an organized fashion, an even to determine how to make the best use of our space. We have been blessed through some very faithful servants. Yet many of these people are also working with the Sunday School. Now, with an extra door open (the preschool entrance for Sunday School and Confirmation), we need more help. We don't want to tire out any of our members, and we always know that many hands make light work. Please consider the ways that you can assist us. To sign up, please contact Deaconess Miriam ([deaconess@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:deaconess@foothillslutheran.com)).

***JOIN THE QUEST - FROM THE CONVENIENCE OF HOME!*** Join Dr. Gimbel for the Quest series on the Body of Christ for four weekly sessions taking place on October 13 - November 3, as he interviews a variety of people from LCC about their lives as people of faith. Sessions will include clusters of youth, families, LCC board members, cross-cultural pastors, students, leaders, and ordinary people of faith who, like you, want to live for Christ and serve him.



Caring Conversations



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

1

Share about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly.

2

Jesus told a parable about some vineyard workers (read Matthew 20:1-16). How do you think you would have felt if you were one of those hired first? How would you have felt if you were one of those hired last?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers
M	Titus 3:3-7	The generosity of God
T	1 Timothy 6:17-19	God provides richly
W	Ephesians 1:3-8	The riches of God's grace
T	Exodus 16:2-15	Manna from heaven
F	Philippians 1:21-30	Life worthy of the Gospel
S	Psalms 145:1-8	Every day I will praise you
S	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord you are so generous to us. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you with a generous heart.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

### Creative Response

Blessing one another at the beginning and/or the end of the day can be a very powerful and significant daily faith ritual.

Use the blessing for this week to bless one another. Mark the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms as you say the words.



### mealtime prayer

God so generous, God so good, we thank you for our daily food. Bless our meal and with us stay, guide and keep us through this day. Amen.

verse for the week

You are  
merciful, Lord!  
You are kind  
and patient  
and always  
loving.

PSALM 145:8

### Service



Psalm 145:4 says:  
"Each generation  
will announce to  
the next your  
wonderful deeds."

Talk about people from older or younger generations who have shared Christ with you. Draw them a picture, make them a card or write them a note to say thanks. If possible, invite them to your home to share a meal with you.



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