

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord of Word and action, You follow through with Your promises perfectly. Forgive us when we don't do the same. Give us the power to keep the promises we make, to mean what we say, and to do the work You have called us to perform. May Your faithfulness be our guide in all we commit ourselves to.

O God of promises fulfilled, bless all we say and do.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 704; 696; Lord, Have Mercy; How Can I Keep From Singing

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

SERMON: *The Buck Stops Here* (Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32)

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 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 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:

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING TOMORROW: All ladies are welcome! We will meet at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We begin with Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. Masks are mandatory and please bring your own Bibles. You may also participate by Zoom; to register, contact Cheryl Lemke (403-660-3887).

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
September 20	73/59	13	25

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$6,675.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$286,911.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$310,576.92	-\$23,665.22

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 100.00; Canadian Lutheran Mission Society 190.00; Organ Fund 40.15.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 27) "Room at the Table" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Open doors and loud tables—places where God does His quiet work of changing lives, one dinner invitation at a time. God made room at His table for us so that we can make room at our tables for others. New Series "Households of Faith"(1 Peter 4). 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	1:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study via Zoom—contact Deaconess Miriam
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Foothills and on-line – Deaconess Miriam
	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	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person and streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In Sunday School this week, we learn how “Fishers Follow”. Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter’s boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing Jesus as Lord, and knowing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, “How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?”

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY as we gather in the study of God’s Word. Adult Bible Study began today. 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.

LIFELIGHT: We are looking to begin our LifeLight studies again, but we're also trying to determine your comfort level in being in-person or to do something like this through on-line studies. Pastor Bode is also ready to begin a Tuesday morning study for those who are interested (we were looking at "A Longer View of the Lessons"). Help us help you: contact the pastors or deaconess if you are interested in being in a study again in the fall!

HOSPITAL VISITOR TRAINING: Would you like to learn about becoming a Trained Visitor in a hospital or care facility setting? Join in an initial Visitor Training Session, sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta. The class will be held on Saturday, **October 17**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66-7th St. NE Calgary. Bring a bag lunch. Social distancing and have a mask. This will be Pastor Mark Lobitz's final time at presenting the Visitor Training. There is no charge. Please contact Pastor Lobitz at 403-637-2650 or mclobitz@gmail.com for more information. Copies of the Fall 2020 newsletter are available on the Welcome Desk.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Srey Muay serves as a Bible teacher at the Garuna Christian School in the Tbong Khmounum Province. Muay is also now studying at the Luther Institute for Southeast Asia (LISA). **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 Srey 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**

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.

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, October 3rd and we will look at another hero of the faith from the Old Testament. We meet at 9:00 am, but you will need to bring your own breakfast (or eat at home) and please bring your own bible. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us and registration is helpful.



MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE ENCORE at Maxine Abraham's place again this weekend, September 26 and 27; Saturday 8-5 and Sunday 12-4, 640 Hunterfield Place NW. Proceeds towards FLC Organ Fund and to Samaritan's Purse. Come out to assess the "assorted treasures" and for a visit.

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).

IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SEE PEOPLE IN WORSHIP, and we hope that you are finding joy in being in God's house, seeing and sharing with the family in a personal way. We also are thankful for those who join on-line! We pray that God may bless the ministry of the Word and our fellowship in that Word.

We are still seeking the best way to bring people together, and so we remind you once again that we have **two** opportunities to be in God's house: Sunday at 10:15 am and Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We've seen a small increase in our Wednesday attendance, and maybe that will be a good fit for you. The numbers are typically smaller on Wednesday. We still have Communion on a regular basis. You would still have the luxury of viewing one service on-line while coming into His house. It's just a reminder—whether Wednesday or Sunday, we can be in worship together. God bless our shared worship and the life we have together as His people!

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 WE ENTER THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, we remember that we are called to be good stewards of God's resources to us. We have been blessed in many ways, and we respond in faithful stewardship. Please continue this joyous service, as we give from God's gifts to us. We always seem to have some catching up to do in this quarter. God has given so much to us; may we use His gifts to His glory in Jesus Christ!

OUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

Many of our members have used the cards in the pew racks to help them with their preparation for Holy Communion. We removed the cards and the pencils because of the difficulty of proper sanitization in these days of COVID-19. To help you, we have the questions from the card below, along with the prayers before and after Communion that were in the hymnal. We pray that this will help you prepare your heart as you come to the Lord's Table.

By celebrating Holy Communion I give witness that:

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord.
- I have examined my life in the light of God's Word and have confessed my sinfulness to God.
- I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.
- I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins.
- I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life.
- I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways.

A Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



God wants us to turn back to him and obey him.

Caring Conversations



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

1

Jesus told a parable about two sons (read Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?

2

What is God's response when we change our minds and turn back to him?

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Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
M	Hosea 14:1-8	Return to the Lord
T	Acts 3:18-26	Repent then, and turn to God
W	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
T	Philippians 2:1-13	Imitating Christ's humility
F	James 1:19-25	Do what the word says!
S	Psalm 25:1-9	In you, I put my trust
S	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, show us your ways, teach us your paths. Amen.

BLESSING

May God free you from sin and make your heart new.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

St. Paul writes: "Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the Spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose" (Philippians 2:1-2).

Play a game that requires you to work together to achieve the desired outcome.



mealtime prayer

Lord, once again we are well fed; thank you for our daily bread. Help us not to moan or grumble; give us hearts both kind and humble. Amen.

verse for the week

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Think the same way that Christ Jesus thought.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, 5

Service



Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves".

Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.