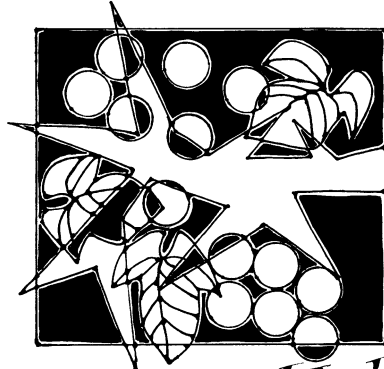


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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The owner
sent his SON

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: On Good Friday, O God above, Your Messenger, Jesus, was killed. But the message was clear: You sent Your Son into the world to save all people from sin. Now may we be bold to proclaim all we know about the message and the Messenger. And may all those who speak the truth about Your Son find hearts that are ready to receive.

Sender of our Savior, may we receive Your Son with joy.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

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FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 5:1-7

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON: *Harvest Ready?* (Matthew 21:33-43)

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! By God's grace we are privileged to worship and grow in Christ through our worship and Bible study opportunities this morning. We are pleased to have you be a part of this. If it is your first time with us, help us to get to know you by signing our guest book, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope that you will join us again as we worship and praise God for His goodness to us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

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:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
September 27	56	11/10	39

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Natalia Bishop
 Cantors Tim and Sarah Knudtson

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$4,200.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$291,111.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$318,750.00	-\$27,638.30

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 2,000.00; Benevolence 100.00; Organ Fund 90.85.

THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Joan Copeland in loving memory of her husband, Tom.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 4) "Victory in Defeat" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel: 1). Hear the inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Monday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Elders
	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 (in-person and at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes'
Friday:		Youth - Virtual
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship (in-person; streamed at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Wine Sign”. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus’ first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, “What wonders does God still work through His people?”

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).

MISSION OF THE MONTH – BC MISSION BOAT

The BC Mission Boat Society takes teams by car, water taxi and ferry to remote communities on the BC coast to share God's love in Jesus Christ. Teams from across Canada participate in this work. *A Listed Service Organization of LCC.*

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.

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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: See the article in the September/October issue of Foot Print for giving options to OCC. Boxes and brochures will be available Sunday, October 11 on the table outside Deaconess Miriam's office. For more information contact Elke Bittmann 403-295-0271.

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!



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!



COVID has given us time to purge and clean many spaces in our home. We came across a collection of non-energy efficient light bulbs left around from changing to energy efficient light bulbs over the years. Calgary recycling recommends asking friends and neighbors if they can use these before placing them in the garbage. So, if anyone would like them please call Belinda Perrin @ 403-616-2671 ASAP I'd like them gone in the next week...we could deliver!

THANK YOU to all those who participated in my "Encore" Garage Sale last weekend. We had a great time. We raised \$\$ for the FLC Organ Fund. Thank you especially to John and Diane Voss who came by on Friday with a huge bag of freshly dug carrots for weekend snacking. Also, thanks to Elianna Voss-Roper who ran "Eli's Rest Stop" table on Saturday serving up lemonade and Wagon Wheels. -*Maxine Abraham*

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.



Growing FAITH at home

4 October 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is a 'stone' we can build
our lives upon.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Of all of your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?

2

How Important is Jesus in your life? Is he the 'cornerstone' that holds your life together?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
M	Ezekiel 19:1,10-14	A lament for Israel the vine
T	Amos 9:11-15	God will restore Israel
W	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
T	Exodus 20:1-20	The ten commandments
F	Philippians 3:4-14	Gains and losses
S	Psalms 80:7-15	Restore us, God Almighty
S	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there is nothing more important than knowing you. Please keep our faith strong. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Gather some river stones. As a home devotional activity, take turns attempting to build a stone 'tower' by placing the stones one on top of another. See who can build the tallest tower. Talk together about the different things that people try to build their lives upon, and Christ's place as the "most important stone of all". Pray together for faith and strength to build your lives upon him.



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us. Amen.

verse for the week

The stone the builders didn't accept has become the most important stone of all. The Lord has done it. It is wonderful in our eyes.

MATTHEW 21:42

Service



The prophet Isaiah compared God's Old Testament people to a vineyard that God planted and cared for.

Volunteer this week to help a sick or elderly person clean up their garden, mow their lawn, wash their car, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.



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