

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord above, may we take Your call to come and join You seriously. May we prepare ourselves to enter into Your banquet hall rejoicing. May we truly sense how honored and privileged we are to be invited to spend time with You. And may we be ever grateful to You for giving us so much, when we deserve so little.

Heavenly Father, let us enter into Your kingdom, by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS:Forever; The Saving One; Blessed Be Your Name; This I Believe (the Creed); Everyday

FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:6-20

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON: *What Are You Thankful For?*

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 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:.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday/Online	Education Hour
October 4	86/69	14/4	50

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Contemporary Musicians

FLC PHONE DIRECTORY: An updated publication of the phone directory is now available for pick up from the Welcome Desk. We make every effort to be accurate, but if you note any errors or omissions, please advise us at office@foothillslutheran.com.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$8,156.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$299,193.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$326,923.08	-\$27,729.38

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 350.00; BC Mission Boat Society 50.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 100.00; Concordia Seminary 70.00; LWML 100.00; Benevolence 100.00; Organ Fund 61.75.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 11) "Unscaled Heights of Empathy" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ - it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week. (Daniel 2). 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		Thanksgiving - Office Closed
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study via Zoom—contact Deaconess Miriam
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study at Foothills and via Zoom – Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion (in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes'
	7:00 pm	LifeLight at Foothills
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion (in-person; streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
	12:00 pm	Faith at Home " <i>Money and Me</i> "

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Scheurer Family as they mourn the death of Ardella. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week's lesson, "Mountain Message." Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

A BIG THANK YOU from my family and I to all the members and friends at Foothills for your kind words and condolences at the passing of Lois. Your words of sympathy and the hope we have in Christ is so comforting. We appreciate it so much. ~ *walter Zwick and family*



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.*

OUR THURSDAY LIFELIGHT STUDY has begun. We will be looking at Proverbs in the LifeLight series. If you would like to join us, please speak to Deaconess Miriam or Elke Bittmann. We meet here at the church at 7:00 pm.

We will begin a Tuesday morning study again, with a target date of October 27th. We will be doing this "in person", but could also add an online presence. Several members have indicated an interest—can we include you? Let Pastor Bode know!

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.

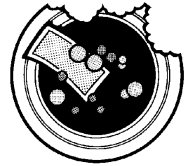
JOIN THE QUEST - FROM THE CONVENIENCE OF HOME! Join Dr. Gimbel for the Quest series on the Body of Christ for four weekly sessions taking place on **October 13 - November 3**, as he interviews a variety of people from LCC about their lives as people of faith. Sessions will include clusters of youth, 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: Boxes and brochures are now available on the table outside Deaconess Miriam's office. See the article in the September/October issue of Foot Print for giving options to OCC. For more information contact Elke Bittmann 403-295-0271.

LET'S IMPROVE OUR LIVE-STREAM! We are looking into equipment and means of providing a better livestream of our service. We believe that this will be both a need for many of our members for the foreseeable future, as well as a way of continuing to reach out to the world around us by providing our services on a regular basis. One of the most important aspects of this is having people who are willing and able to run a system. We would like to have several teams of people to make this possible. People who have an interest in this, along with those who have some comfort with technology such as audio/video and computer software would be a great asset. We are looking into the technology, but the people are our biggest need. Do you have an interest in this? Is this a way you can serve your church, and help us to reach out to the world around us? We would love to make this happen, but we can't do it without you! We know we have some techies and some youth who are likely working on these things. Let Pastor Bode know that we can include you in this effort!

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! Some other thoughts:

- 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.

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

11 October 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God our King invites all to
feast with him.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Can you remember a party you enjoyed attending? What made it special for you?

2

Jesus told a parable about a wedding banquet (read Matthew 22:1-10). Who ended up receiving invitations and attending?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
M	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the great banquet
T	Daniel 5:1-31	The banquet of Belshazzar
W	Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-10	Esther hosts a banquet
T	Exodus 32:1-14	The golden calf
F	Philippians 4:1-9	Closing appeal for unity
S	Psalm 23	The Lord is my shepherd
S	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, we give our worries to you. Please help us and give us peace. Amen.

BLESSING

May God watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

In your home this week, read together Psalm 23. Have each person make a sheep figure, using cardboard, glue, cotton wool etc. Using string or thread, attach a sign to each 'sheep' with the words, "(Name) is Jesus' little lamb". Hang your 'sheep' on your bedroom doors.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.

verse for the week

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Service



Isaiah 25 describes a special feast that God is preparing for his people (read Isaiah 25:6).

Plan a special meal to show your appreciation to significant people in your lives e.g. school teachers, church staff, children's ministry volunteers, mentors. Work together to organise invitations and prepare the meal. Make this an annual event on your household calendar.



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