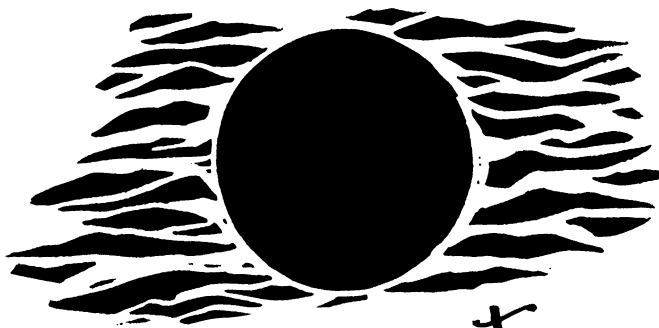


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*I form light
and create darkness. I the
Lord do these things*

I S A I A H 47 : 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Dear God, as You commanded us in the Fourth Commandment, may we honor and respect all those in authority over us--our parents, employers, coaches, teachers, and government officials. But as You commanded in the First Commandment, may we respect and honor You most of all. May Your leadership be the driving force in our lives.

O Leader of all, guide to follow Your will.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting Four, p. 203

HYMNS: 940; 819; 850; 727

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON: *Who's In Charge?* (Isaiah 45:1-7)

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 we 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/Online	Wednesday/ Communion/Online	Education Hour
October 11	62/39	11/10/8	31

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Faith Dueck
 Cantor Mark Kihn

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	\$11,260.50	
Total Offerings Received to Date	310,348.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	335,096.15	-\$24,747.45

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: BC Mission 20.00; LWML 25.00; Organ Fund \$2,408.35.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 18) "What I'm Looking For" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We've all been asked to testify, to give a witness to what it is that we're looking for. We're always sending messages to the people watching us: this is what I value, this is what I'm looking for (Daniel 3). 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
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 (in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes'
	7:00 pm	LifeLight at Foothills
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth at Foothills
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship (in-person; streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “A Weather Wonder” is the theme for this week’s lesson. With the simple command, “Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?” (v. 41). How can your family respond to this question?



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 on 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!



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!



LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – SOUTHERN ALBERTA: The Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 21, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66 – 7 Street N. E. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2021 Budget of the Society.

WHERE ARE THE HANGERS? Among our COVID safety protocols is the need to keep our personal belongings with us. As the weather turns colder, please understand and remember that coats and other items should be kept with you. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your help.

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 and visitors in ways that make the best use of our space. Masks are required.

MISSION PRAYER: **Rev. Mao Saron** is the pastor of Tbong Khmum 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. Saron, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WE HAD OFFERED THE STAFF PARKING SPOTS on Sunday morning, but it seems that no one is taking advantage of this. Therefore, the staff will go back to using those spots as designated.

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.



Caring Conversations

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

1

What symbols or images are on the coins you use? Which is your favourite?

2

Jesus said "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
M	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus pays the temple tax
T	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
W	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
T	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses and the glory of the Lord
F	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Thanksgiving for faith
S	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing to the Lord a new song
S	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbour

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

We praise you Lord, for you are great and mighty, there is no one like you. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you faith, love and hope and keep you strong in following him.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Play a game of Simon Says. Then have a discussion about ways in which we copy others in our lives - both in good and bad ways.

Talk about what it means to imitate Jesus and to be an example of Christian faith, hope and love to others (1 Thess 1:2-7).

Pray for one another in turn, giving thanks to God for the ways he is at work in and through each person in your home.

mealtime prayer

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To him who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.

verse for the week

Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God.

MATTHEW 22:21

Service



An important faith practice is regular giving to the Lord through Sunday offerings.

Discuss together what your household gives to the Lord (this might be by giving your time through service or a financial offering). If you have not already done so, develop a regular pattern for setting aside each week what you will give in Sunday offerings. Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).



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