

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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Reformation Day

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Sin made us enemies of God, O Jesus. But you made us friends. We thank you for your grace, by which we are reconciled to God. We thank you for your love, which sees us in our distress and rescues us from condemnation. And we thank you for the faith which you have placed into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to see you as our perfect Saviour.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 644; Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts); 656; My Lighthouse

FIRST LESSON:..... Revelation 14:6-7

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 3: 19-28

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31–36

SERMON: “*Our Refuge and Strength*” (Psalm 46)

WELCOME TO ALL, especially our visitors this morning! We are happy to have you with us to praise the Lord together. Visitors, please honour us by signing our Guest Register before you leave, and, if you do not have a regular church home, please consider joining us here at Foothills.

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:.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Vi Dusterhoft and the whole Dusterhoft family at the death of our brother in Christ, Otto. We pray that God comfort them with His everlasting love and comfort.



LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/ Online	Wednesday/Online	Education Hour
October 18	68/62/43	7/10	34

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Paxton Knudtson
 Cantors Contemporary Musicians

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,770.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$318,118.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$343,269.23	-\$25,150.53

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Organ Fund 28.00; Other 682.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 25) No Boasting, Just Belonging "The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." Dr. Michael Zeigler (Romans 3: 19-31) 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

Tuesday	11:00 am	Otto Dusterhoft Funeral (streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
	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
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Confirmation/Communion (in-person; streamed at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)

SUNDAY SCHOOL In our Christian education time this week, we study "A Life Restored." Jairus, a synagogue ruler, comes to Jesus, begging Him to heal his critically ill daughter. Along the way, servants come with news of his daughter's death. Taking along Peter, James, and John, Jesus ignores the mourners, takes the young girl by the hand, and tells her, "Arise." And rise she does, demonstrating Jesus' power over death itself.

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.

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 are 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.

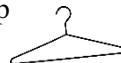
We will begin a Tuesday morning study; the date has been changed to November 3rd. We are doing this "in person" but could also add an online presence. Several members have indicated an interest—can we include you? Let Pastor Bode know!

SEMINARY QUEST COURSE: The Fall 2020 CLS Quest series focuses on who we are as a Holy Christian Church. Featuring the Churches diversity of persons, who gather as one church body by sharing a common unity and concord of belief within Lutheran Church-Canada. The October 27 session focuses on two different "parts of the body." The first segment spotlights seven fascinating LCC youth, and the second segment features four laypersons who serve God in their vocations: in farming, the hospital emergency room, and on a corporate legal team. Find out more when you tune in to these interviews with President Gimbel of CLS. On October 13, 2020 Dr. Gimbel explored with families of LCC how they are growing the Body of Christ and Communion of Saints. If you are interested in the past Quest session(s) they are streamed on the CLS YouTube channel and are available to all so please come and join us: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ConcordiaLutheranSem>



PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. Brochures are available online (shorturl.at/ouzW2) or on the Information Centre. If you wish to pay for your orders with a cheque, please make it payable to Foothills Lutheran Youth, attach it to your paper order form, and leave it in Michelle Heumann's mailbox. Or you can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/814849-78753> to pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is November 23. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your support!

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 convenience and appreciate your help.



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, November 7th 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.



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: Deaconess Thy da serves the Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh. **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 Thy 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**



OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation, as five of our young people move from "childhood membership" into the blessing of "adulthood" in the faith through the rite of Confirmation. Today we rejoice with:

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

25 October 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We show our love for God by
loving others.

Caring Conversations

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

1

Read Matthew 22:37-39. How can you love God with your heart? With your mind? With your soul?

2

What does it mean to "love others as much as you love yourself"?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbour
M	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Love the Lord your God
T	Luke 10:25-37	Who is my neighbour?
W	Romans 13:8-14	Love your neighbour as yourself
T	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	The death of Moses
F	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Paul's ministry in Thessalonica
S	Psalm 1	Blessed is the one
S	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
help us to
love our
neighbours
today. Amen.

BLESSING

May God keep you
strong and healthy.
May he help you
to love him and
others with all
your heart.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Sometimes people asked Jesus difficult questions, and sometimes he posed hard questions to them (Matthew 22:34-36, 41).

Give each household member an opportunity to write down any 'hard questions' they have related to the Bible or the Christian faith.

In your home devotional times this week, discuss each question in turn. If you struggle to find answers, make a plan to find out more e.g. borrow some books, explore the internet, ask your pastor or a church friend for help.



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Heavenly Father, good and great, thanks for all that's on our plates. Amen.

verse for the week

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."

This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

MATTHEW 22:37-39

Service



In 1 Thessalonians, Paul writes about the ministry of the apostles in Thessalonica.

Though many people were against them, they shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with boldness.

This week pray by name for the pastors and other church workers in your local community. Ask God to give them courage and to help them live good and faithful lives. Plan an act of encouragement for one of them.



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