

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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ALL WHO
HUMBLE
THEMSELVES
WILL BE
exalted

All Saints Day/Confirmation Sunday

November 1, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: From generation to generation, You are God, O Lord. Today we celebrate the lives of those who lived in generations now past, and who now live in heaven with You. By their witness, many came to faith. And by their example, we learned what it means to serve You with our heart, soul, and mind. May looking at the ways You worked through the lives of all the saints give us confidence in our day as we seek to follow Your will and put our trust in You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS: 677; 686; 725; 687; 677

FIRST LESSON:..... Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON: That's Who We Are! - 1 John 3:1-3

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:

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING TOMORROW: All ladies are welcome! We will meet at 1:00 by ZOOM. We begin with Bible Study followed by a short business meeting. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone her at (403) 851-2049.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/ Online	Wednesday/Communion/ Online	Education Hour
October 25	74/57/47	11 /10/8	39

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Eliza Voss
 Cantors Tim and Sarah Knudtson

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$9,290.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$327,408.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$351,442.31	-\$24,033.61

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 20.00; Facility Rental 75.00; Organ Fund 5.05.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 1) "Some People Never Change?" – Daniel 4 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear this 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	LWML-C via Zoom - contact Cheryl Lemke
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study at Foothills
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	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
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Morning Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The Fish-and-Bread Sign" is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, "How does God provide food for His people today?"

FOOT PRINT: There will be no Foot Print at this time; however, please help yourself to a copy of the November/December calendar and a listing of birthdays and anniversaries for the same time period.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – INN FROM THE COLD

Homelessness is a problem in Calgary, and like the Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold seeks to help. The needs have grown, as COVID creates additional problems. Your gift helps in a time of great need.

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.

Pastor Bode will lead a Bible study on Tuesdays, beginning at 10:00 am. We'll start with a look at "The Saint in My Pajamas". We are also looking to complete the LifeLight study on Luke, which was interrupted by our COVID isolation. Come and join us!



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 to the church in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. Brochures are available online (<https://bit.ly/2G13UYB>) 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 the order form found in the brochure (add GST, but shipping is free for fundraising orders!), 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 at the church on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your support!

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.

THANK YOU to Rick and Pamela Goebel for their kind donation of candy for treat bags received by our children last Sunday after service. We were not able to have our annual All Hallows' Eve pumpkin carving event this year, however we were able to provide bags with a bit of candy and some items to encourage our children to show the light of Christ to others.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. We remember, with thankful hearts, the faithful departed, who behold the glory of God in His kingdom. We also rejoice that we, through God's grace, share with that host in that *communion of saints*. May our remembrance assure us once again of the victory and life we have in the resurrected Jesus Christ.

Those who have gone before, since the last All Saints' Day:

Joyce Kee

Lois Zwick

Ardella Scheuer

Otto Dusterhofs

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

Who is the most important person you have ever met? What made (or makes) them important?

2

Jesus put all his followers on the same level (see Matthew 23:8). What difference should this make to how we see and treat one another?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves
M	Matthew 18:1-4	Become like little children
T	1 Kings 21:1-28	King Ahab humbles himself
W	2 Chronicles 34:14-28	King Josiah humbles himself
T	Joshua 3:7-17	The crossing of the Jordan
F	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	You are witnesses
S	Psalms 43	Why are you downcast?
S	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of wise and foolish girls

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, send out your light and your truth, let them lead us today. Amen.

BLESSING

May God give you a servant's heart.
May he bring you joy through serving others.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Psalm 43:3 says, "send me your light and truth to guide me". For a fun household activity this week, go on a night walk by candlelight.

If it is windy, you may need to place your candles in clear containers to shield them from the breeze.

If one person's flame is extinguished, another person should help them relight their candle.

Talk about what comparisons you see with your journeys of faith.



mealtime prayer

Lord, by your grace we eat and drink, by your grace we live. May we say thanks to you this day by how we serve and give. Amen.

verse for the week
Whoever is
your servant
is the greatest
among you.

MATTHEW 23:11

Service



The first of November is All Saints Day. It is an occasion to show love and care to those who are grieving loved ones who have died.

Send a letter and/or card to someone you know who has recently lost a relative or friend. Make a point of praying for them this week.

