

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



The Holy Trinity

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Send us, O God the Father, to share Your good news to all of creation. Save us, O God the Son, so that we may live with You forever. Lead us, O God the Spirit, so that we may be uplifted and inspired in our faith.

O Triune God, send us, save us, lead us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 907; 940; 507; 802

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 6:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

SERMON: *Your God Is Too Small* – Isaiah 6:1-8

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Cantors Mark Kihn; Ellen Wagner

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	Wednesday
May 23	57	15

LOOKING AT OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES? It is hard to record accurate numbers, but we will be combining those in person with those online during the live stream of the service. This does not reflect those who view the service at a different time. May we continue to be faithful in our worship together as God's people, as best we can in these days!

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Mon	1:00 pm	LWMLC
	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tues	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
Wed	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship w / Communion
Fri		Youth
Sat	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School Opening (Zoom)
	10:15 am	Worship w/Communion

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,255.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$146,344.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$184,476.92	-\$38,132.92

Miscellaneous Offerings: The Lutheran Hour 50.00; Organ Fund 40.25

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "A Dreamer Rises", students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh's baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in land and, Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Before Kings" The person who excels in their work will be noticed by kings. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the King who took note of us before we did any work. (Proverbs 22:29). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

Through Lutheran Hospital Ministries of Southern Alberta, trained visitors give support to Lutheran patients in Calgary hospitals and care centres through compassionate listening, prayer and Scripture. Visitors are always needed, and regular training is scheduled. Your gift helps provide the resources and staffing that makes this ministry a blessing to those in the hospital and care centres of our area.

VOTERS MEETING: We have scheduled a Voter's Meeting for **Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 1:30 pm**. We will, Lord willing, be able to gather to receive the Annual Report and to elect officers. COVID protocols will have to be determined as we look to this meeting. We are looking into the ways of sharing this via Zoom as well. There are unique challenges for us in these days, but we do need to work to provide for the congregation, its leadership and its work. Please set aside the date and join us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom.



SUMMER VBS "JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD": Thank you for your patience as we have watched and waited to see how VBS will look this year. We have made the decision, in the interest of both children and volunteers, that for this year again VBS will be offered online only. **Beginning July 19th families with children age 4 to 11 are invited to join us for our online VBS this summer to learn how Jesus, our Good shepherd, leads us, guides us, and cares so much for his sheep (us!) that He even lays down his life for us.**

For more information or to register, pick up a paper registration form at the information desk or go to our website at www.foothillslutheran.com. Register by June 15th to receive a craft pack to go with the program. We hope that your children and their friends will be able to join us!

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Doris Melendez currently serves as an instructor of the faith in the Lutheran Church Jesus the Good Shepherd Community of Potosí, Nicaragua under head Pastor Angel Salazar.

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 Melendez 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 forever. **C: Amen**





HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED on the regular schedule of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. As we return to in-person worship, we will offer the Lord's Supper as part of our service, but we will still provide opportunities for private registrations at the end of service.

To register for the Sacrament, please contact the office any morning of the week (after 9:30 am, please). You can also send an email to Pastor Bode at flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com. We will schedule 15 minute "mini services" at 11:45 am; 12:00 am and 12:15 pm. Other opportunities will be provided as requested.

SIMPLE GIFTS. That may be the way that we see our offerings. Yet they are great gifts when entrusted to the God who first has given us all that we need to support this body and life.

We truly are grateful for the stewardship of God's people. We are blessed through those simple gifts. Yet it does seem that another reality of COVID is that we are facing some "offering fatigue". After doing fairly well in terms of our stewardship last year, our offerings are falling off and the deficit has continued to grow. We continue to do all we can to keep costs down. It is true that many of our expenses are less because of COVID. Yet there are still needs that are to be met as we carry out the work of God's church in this place.

There are several ways you can support your church.

- *By Direct Deposit:* forms are available from the office. This does require bank account details to authorize auto debit; presently processed the 20th of every month; more frequent dates may be made available. Contact the church office and a copy of the form can be emailed to you, you can fill it in, scan it and send it back or drop by the church and fill in the information.
- *E-transfers:* transfer funds directly from your bank account much like any other electronic payment. Our recipient email address is: financials@foothillslutheran.com. As we are set up for auto deposit, no security question is required. This should be a visible option on your online banking screen.
- Mail or drop off your offering at the church office.

God has called us to be good stewards of all that He has given us. It is very important that we continue to practice this good stewardship during these difficult times. May we be faithful, in using God's gifts to us for our good as He intended, but also to His glory in Jesus Christ.

BABY SHOWER: Pastor Eric and Kayla are pleased to announce the birth of Wesley and Wren. We would like to have a baby shower for the new little ones. Respecting the health of all and the current gathering restrictions, we look forward to planning something for July. Watch the bulletin and Foot Print for further details. For those interested in getting a gift, the Moffetts are registered at Babies R Us and babylist.com/eandkmoffett. If you would like to contribute to a larger gift, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, June 5th, and we will look at Matthew, the former tax collector. We meet at 9:00 am – sorry that we cannot serve you breakfast, but we do invite you to join us in the Word. We meet at church, observing COVID protocols, and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.

TRINITY SUNDAY: As the Scriptures declare: “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness”. (1 Timothy 3:16, ESV) Yet, during the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast in honour of this mystery since every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honour and praise of the Triune God. However, in response to the Arian heresy (320-380), which denied the full divinity of the Son, a special Mass in honour of the Holy Trinity was introduced into Roman liturgical books. This Mass was not assigned a definite day but could be used on certain Sundays according to the discretion of the parish priest. Beginning in the ninth century bishops of several dioceses in northern Europe promoted a special feast of the Holy Trinity on the Sunday after Pentecost, though Popes Alexander II in the eleventh century and Alexander III in the twelfth century, regarded this unnecessary and discouraged the observance. Finally, in 1334, Pope John XXII accepted the festival into the official calendar of the Western Church and directed that it should be celebrated everywhere on the Sunday after Pentecost. Today, the feast of the Holy Trinity is among the great festivals of Christianity.

Apart from reciting the Athanasian Creed, there is no special liturgical observance associated with the feast. We do celebrate through the our use of the sign of the cross and the singing of the Doxology (the Gloria Patri).

Trinity Sunday is one of the few festivals on the calendar that celebrates a doctrine rather than an event. Thus, Trinity Sunday has a central position on the calendar, concluding the half year of our Lord and beginning the half year of the Church. The vestments are white in honour of the holiness, mystery, and glory of the Triune God.

One of the great Trinitarian hymns is St. Patrick's Breastsplate (LW172) written by Patrick c. 400, in which we sing:

I bind unto myself today The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same The Three in One and One in Three.



Growing FAITH at home

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TRINITY SUNDAY

Caring Conversations

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

1

What details do you know about your birth?

2

Jesus said that to come into God's kingdom people must be "born again" (John 3:3). What did he mean?

3

When and how did you become a Christian?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit
M	Isaiah 6:1-8	A vision of God
T	Romans 8:12-17	Life in the Spirit
W	Galatians 3:29-4:7	Heirs of promise
T	Isaiah 44:1-8	God pours out the Spirit
F	Titus 3:1-7	God saved us
S	Psalms 29	The voice of God
S	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Spirit of God,
please blow into
our lives and
make us new.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God lead
you by his
Spirit and help
you to live as
his child.

We are children of God and heirs with Christ.

Creative Response

Begin all your household meals and devotion times this week by marking yourself with the sign of the cross and saying in the name of the Father and of the son, and of the Holy spirit.

You may also wish to light three candles, one for each person of the Trinity.



mealtime prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, you heavenly hosts; praise Father, son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

verse for the week

Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and spirit, they cannot enter the kingdom of God.

JOHN 3:5

Service



In Isaiah 6:8 We read of the prophet Isaiah's response to God's question "Whom shall I send?"

Today God specifically calls and sends many different people out into the world to tell others about him - including missionaries, pastors, teachers and mentors. Pray this week for people who serve God in these ways. Write a note of encouragement to one such person whom you know.



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