

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE PLENTY  
AND CAN HELP; AT ANOTHER  
TIME THEY CAN SHARE WITH YOU



WHEN YOU NEED IT. <sup>2</sup> COR. 8:14

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 27, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Healing Savior, as we and the people around us encounter illnesses and injuries, may Your words of comfort come to mind: "Do not fear, only believe." May our trust in You to help us in our time of need carry us through every difficulty of body and soul.

*O Great Physician, uplift and restore Your people, according to Your will.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....Office at Prime

**HYMNS:** .....702; 10,000 Reasons; 782; One Thing Remains

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Lamentations 3:22-33

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 5:21-43

**SERMON:** *Our Compassionate God* – Lamentations 3:22-23

**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:**

Cantors ..... Contemporary Musicians

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Clearly Christian: Judgmental"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some say Christians are too judgmental. But is the world at large any less critical? Dr. Michael Zeigler, with a clearly Christian view of judgment. (Matthew 7:1-5) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

## LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday
June 20	102/71	15

### **SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY—YOU CAN WORSHIP IN GOD’S HOUSE!**

We come together to worship and praise our God and to be fed through His Word. Register for worship at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>. Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm or Sundays at 10:15 am—or both! You will also find us online at: [www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran](http://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran)

### **THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS**

<b>Tues</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
<b>Wed</b>	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Sun</b>	10:15 am	Worship

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,230.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$176,039.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$219,615.38</b>	<b>-\$43,576.38</b>

*Miscellaneous Offerings:* Plate Offering 210.00; CLWR 300.00; LWML 30.00.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

#### **CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (“CLWR”)**

CLWR meets the needs of those in crisis round the world. From providing food and physical support, to offering training in life-skills for third world countries, they help in some of the worst disasters and needs in the world. They are also involved in refugee resettlement and sponsorship. Your gift helps reach out in those needs.



### **“JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD” – ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

Preparations are under way, with crafts being assembled, video lessons, openings and music being planned and recorded, and registrations being received. Children who were registered as of June 15<sup>th</sup> will pick up craft packs the week of

July 12<sup>th</sup>, and videos will be available to anyone beginning July 19<sup>th</sup> on YouTube. Let your family and friends know about this amazing opportunity to learn about their Good Shepherd, Jesus!

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Elected to serve us for 2021-22 are:

**President:** Tim Roth

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer:** Robert Heumann

**Board of Education:** Kayla Moffett/Tobi Stene

**Board of Evangelism:** Mark Kihn

**Board of Fellowship:** Sarah Knudtson

**Board of Whole Life Stewardship:** Dale Dusterhoft

**Board of Church Properties:** Brad Otke

**Board of Human Care Ministries:** Christine Heumann

**Board of Elders:** Gary Anderson, Colin Bablitz, Thomas Benz, Austin Voss

We thank God for these servants. We do have vacancies. May God grant us the faithful workers we need for our work together!



**FLC WELCOMES WESLEY AND WREN MOFFETT WITH A BABY SHOWER:** Timing for the event is still unclear due to COVID restrictions. Watch the bulletin for further details. For those interested in getting a gift, the

Moffetts are registered at Babies R Us and [babylist.com/eandkmoffett](http://babylist.com/eandkmoffett). If you would like to contribute to a larger gift and/or have any questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-2366.

Additionally, if you are interested in preparing some meals or ordering a meal for delivery to Kayla and Pastor Eric while they care for their beautiful twins, please contact Heather as per above.

**THE COVID COMMITTEE OF OUR CONGREGATION** met this week, as we look forward in anticipation of the stage 3 opening for the province of Alberta. We know that the coming days are being met with excitement by many. We also know that there are those who are wary and uncertain of what will happen as we “open for summer”.

Throughout the days of COVID there have always been more questions than answers. We have tried faithfully and lovingly to navigate these things for the good of our members. We know that we have not been able to satisfy each and every member of the congregation. We are a diverse family, and as such we have a multitude of different feelings and ideas on many things. Yet, as St. Paul says: **“so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”** (Romans 12:5, ESV)

Most of our work focuses on how we care for this one body in Christ. We are well aware that our congregation is comprised of many who are among the most vulnerable and susceptible to COVID. Our love and concern for them is a key factor for our considerations.

Looking ahead, as we begin in stage 3, we will observe the following protocols for our Foothills Lutheran family:

1. Beginning with the service on July 4, 2021 we will no longer require registration for worship. As the restriction on numbers is lifted, this is no longer a concern for us. We will not be asking people to go through a screening, although we will continue good sanitization practices. The tables creating traffic flow will be removed; we will have hand sanitizer available throughout the building, at various places in the narthex. Please remember to self-monitor and stay home if you are not feeling well.
2. Seating will no longer need to be assigned, and distancing will not be necessary. We do encourage people to maintain cohorts as much as possible.
3. Masks have been a concern for many—both those who see no benefit in them, and those who feel strongly about being masked. We discussed this at great length, as we do want to make everyone feel safe and welcome in God’s house. We must continue to follow the city of Calgary bylaw on masking, which means that masks will be required for the immediate future. Even if that bylaw is rescinded, **we will continue to require masks for the month of July.**

We see this as an act of love and care for those who, again, are more vulnerable, including unvaccinated children. We do know that this is an inconvenience for some, but we are moved by the words of Holy Scripture: *“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* (Philippians 2:1–4, ESV)

4. We do not know at this time what the expectations will be regarding congregational singing. We do believe that we will be free to resume singing as part of our worship, but masks will be required for our singing.
5. Activities such as sharing the peace, handshaking and hugging are “on hold” as we come back together. Since the weather at this time of the year makes gathering outside permissible, we ask that people not remain in the narthex or the parish hall, but visit outside instead. We will not have chairs and tables available in the parish hall for this reason.
6. We will not be resuming our coffee fellowship following the service until

September. This provides both an extra time of safety as well as a time to ‘gear up’ again for this activity.

7. Due to the struggles with the sanitizing of books, we will not replace the hymnals and bibles in the pew racks until September.
8. Once the mask bylaw in Calgary is lifted, the pastors will not wear masks when directly involved in leading worship, provided that they are maintaining a 2 metre distance from the congregation. This is a common concern that is expressed, that the masks have made it harder for people to hear and understand the pastors. They will wear masks when seated, for hymns and at any point where they are not involved in the liturgy.
9. Holy Communion will continue to be done “pilgrim style”, with no kneeling at the altar. The pastors will continue to be masked for the distribution of Holy Communion.

We know that there is a great deal of information here. In some ways we are getting back to normal, and yet we still have some restrictions. Our practices are not intended to show any disrespect or disagreement with the government regulations, but to respond to the needs of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our love for one another that leads us as we look to the coming days. There may be some discomfort for all of us, but how blessed we are to be able to gather, to share in the Word, to provide that mutual consolation and to do it as we make every effort to love and care for one another as the people precious to the Saviour who died and rose for us all. May His name be glorified among us!

Some other brief thoughts:

- we will continue to stream our services. We are thankful that the equipment we have been planning to install for months has finally arrived and should be in use very soon.
- We are planning to hold our July 18<sup>th</sup> service outside, in a small effort to remind ourselves of the ways we have traditionally observed the time during the Stampede. We will not be holding a breakfast this year.

May God truly bless us as we look to the days ahead under His grace.

*In His service to our congregation, Foothills COVID committee.*



# Growing FAITH at home

27 June 2021

FIFTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## Caring Conversations

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

1

How has Jesus helped you when you have felt worried, sad or afraid?

2

Have you ever felt "stuck"? Have you ever thought "I don't know how I'm going to do this, or get through this"? Share about those times.

3

A life of faith does not always experience happy, joyous times. How does your faith keep you going when things aren't going well?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
<b>M</b>	Lamentations 3:22-33	There is still hope
<b>T</b>	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Generous giving
<b>W</b>	Galatians 5:1-15	Christ gives freedom
<b>T</b>	John 16:16-24	Sorrow will turn to joy
<b>F</b>	Jeremiah 31:10-14	The Lord offers hope
<b>S</b>	Psalm 30	God turns mourning into dancing
<b>S</b>	Mark 8:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord God, thank you that your mercy is new every day. Your endless love is amazing. Amen

### BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus give you faith when you are afraid and peace when you are suffering.

Jesus has power over  
sickness and death.

## Creative Response

Touch is a very important  
God-given way of expressing  
love and care for others.

In fact, science has shown that as humans  
we need the touch of others to stay healthy  
in body, mind and spirit.

In your household prayer times this week,  
hold hands as you pray.

Talk together about how you might use other  
forms of healthy and positive touch in your  
home e.g. hugs, "high fives", or blessings.



## mealt ime prayer

With this food you make us strong. To you our life  
and love belong. Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

verse for the week

"Don't be  
afraid; just  
believe."

MARK 6:36

## Service



The woman who  
touched Jesus' cloak  
and was healed was an  
"outsider" amongst her  
own people: her illness  
meant that others saw  
her as "unclean" and  
avoided her.

### Discuss together:

"Who are the 'outsiders'  
in our society and in our  
community, that is, the  
people that are often looked  
down upon or left out?  
Are there any people in our  
church who might feel this  
way sometimes?"

Decide on one act of  
kindness that you, as a  
household, can do for  
someone who may be  
feeling left out in  
some way.

