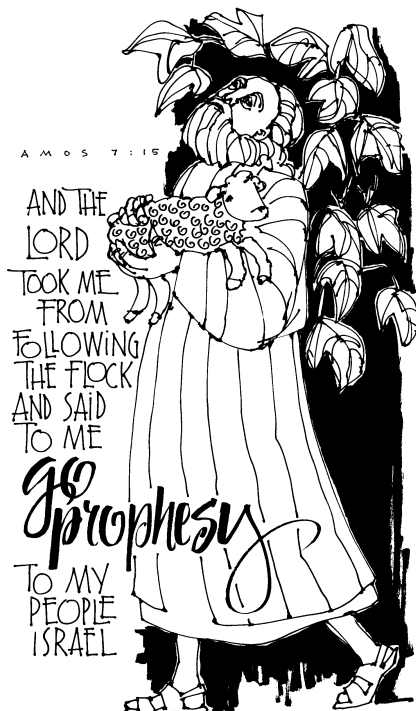


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### *July 11, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Lord Jesus, may Your words be fulfilled in us, just as the prophets' words were fulfilled in You. Keep speaking to us through Your holy Scriptures and keep reminding us how powerful Your words can be in our lives.

*O Word Made Flesh, may Your words give us life.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Morning Prayer, p. 235

**HYMNS:** ..... 545; 686; 805; 917

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Amos 7:7-15

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Ephesians 1:3-14

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 6:14-29

**SERMON:** *Blessed in Christ—and Loving It!* – Ephesians 1:3-14

**WELCOME:** We are glad to rejoice with you this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week! Please come and join us again.

**WE WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION** this coming Wednesday, as 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.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Organist..... Walt Evans

Ushers..... Jaxson Stene; Carter Stene

**THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS**

<b>Mon-Fri</b>		VBS Craft Pack Pick-up
<b>Tues</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study – contact Deaconess Miriam
<b>Wed</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship w/ Communion.
<b>Sun</b>	10:15 am	Outdoor Service

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
July 4	99/63	13

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$456,800.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$12,920.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$192,454.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$237,184.62</b>	<b>-\$44,730.62</b>

**Miscellaneous Offerings:** Plate Offering 10.00; Visitor Offering 500.00; Parsonage Rental 600.00; CLBT 60.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 2,550.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 100.00; LWML 75.00; Organ Fund 120.00.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**In Hospital:**

**Homebound:**

**For Special Intercession:**

**Family Focus:**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Inheritance as Intended"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people. (Ephesians 1) 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)

**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. 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](https://www.facebook.com/foothillslutheran)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS ("CLBT")**

CLBT is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole program.



**“JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD” – ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be up and running July 19<sup>th</sup>, with opening, lesson, craft and music videos available on the Foothills Lutheran Church YouTube channel. Thank you to everyone who planned and prepared crafts and videos. We look forward to hearing from our participants! If you have a family member, friend or

neighbour who did not register, they can still access the videos, and a supply list for crafts will be available on our website.

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER** are available on the welcome desk. Please help yourself.

### **JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL OUTDOOR SERVICE**

on July 18, as we remind ourselves of the ways we have traditionally observed the time during the Stampede, even though we will not be holding a breakfast this year. Please dress appropriately and feel free to bring a lawn chair! If you can help with some set-up before service, please contact Pastor Eric.



Although this would normally be a Communion service, we will postpone our celebration of the Sacrament until the fourth Sunday of the month. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Wesley and Wren Moffett.

**AS WE ENTER INTO THE SUMMER MONTHS** some of our Bible studies will recess for the next two months. Our Tuesday morning study is one of them, as is our Men’s study. Others may be changing from week to week and may also be affected by vacation times, so please watch the bulletin for details. We can always look to other studies if there is interest among the members. Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam if you want a study that is not available.

**NEW AND IMPROVED STREAMED SERVICES!** We have been working for some time to get better equipment for our streaming, and thanks to the efforts of Trevor Heumann and the financial gifts of our members, that equipment has been installed. We appreciate his efforts in getting the system installed and running. We’ll have some training for the operators in the near future and will put it into service for the days ahead.

While it is our hope that most of our members will be able to join us once again in person, we will continue to stream services for the sake of those who are unable to attend. We will also be posting these services to our website, as we have for the last few years. This is another way of our sharing the Word of life while also giving our members opportunities to join in worship. May God bless the work of sharing His Word!

**DEACONESS MIRIAM** is on vacation this weekend. We pray that she enjoys the time away and with family.

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we remember **Reverend Un Songim**, serves Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh. He also serves as an instructor at the Luther Institute of Southeast Asia in Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before you Rev.Un Songim, 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.**



**THANKS BE TO GOD THAT WE ARE ‘OPEN’ AGAIN!** We no longer have restrictions on numbers and no longer require registration. We are able to sing again, and we are looking forward to being together in the worship of our God.

As we come back together, the COVID committee has provided guidance for us. We know that 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)

We want to care for family in Christ. 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.

1. 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 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. The city of Calgary has lifted the mask requirement, but out of love **we will continue to require masks for the month of July.**

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. Activities such as sharing the peace, handshaking and hugging are “on hold”. 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. We hope that we will be able to resume coffee fellowship in the near future.
5. Our 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.
6. 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.

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!

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



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

11 July 2021

SEVENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## Caring Conversations

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

1

Share about a time when you were especially chosen for something. How did you respond?

2

The apostle Paul tells us that God had decided to make you his child even before the world was made (Ephesians 1:4). How does this make you feel? Why?



## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b> Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
<b>M</b> Amos 7:7-15	Vision of the plumb line
<b>T</b> Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
<b>W</b> Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
<b>T</b> Romans 3:9-26	God's judgment and mercy
<b>F</b> Proverbs 11:23-30	A generous person
<b>S</b> Psalm 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
<b>S</b> Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals the people

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for choosing to save us. Continue to give us the Holy Spirit, so that the way we live praises you. Amen.

### BLESSING

Child of God, may the Lord, who has chosen you, bless you generously through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chosen

## Creative Response

Place a small bowl of water on your home altar or mealtable. Each morning or evening this week, invite each household member to make the sign of the cross on someone else's forehead in remembrance of their baptism – the day they were sealed with the cross of Christ, given the Holy Spirit, and made part of God's "forever family".

Join in saying the following prayer:

**Dear God, thank you for loving us and choosing us to be part of your "forever family". Help us to shine with your love in all we say and do today. Amen.**



### mealtime prayer

*Receive our thanks for night and day, for food and shelter, rest and play. Lord, be our guest and with us stay. Amen.*

verse for the week

*We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Through his blood our sins have been forgiven.*

EPHESIANS 1:7

## Service



The Gospel reading for Sunday tells how John the Baptist was put in prison and later killed.

Pray this week for people who are unjustly imprisoned.

Visit the website of Amnesty International to learn more about situations of injustice across the world ([www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)). Find out how you can personally support the work of Amnesty International through letter writing or with a donation.

