

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



KEEP
US
Steadfast
IN
THY
WORD

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: You alone, O Lord, are the one true God. And You alone give us the capacity to love as You have loved us. May You continue to be our one true love all throughout our lives, and may our love for You only increase the love we have for one another.

Lord of love, may Your kindness and compassion be abundant in us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 578; Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me; 656;
..... Be Thou My Vision; 582; 566; In Christ Alone

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

SERMON: *Keep on Going—Keep on Believing* (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the godness 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!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Heather Sommers
Acolyte..... Paxton Knudtson

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Not How, but Who" The story of David and Goliath is often treated as a how-to guide to overcoming obstacles, but Dr. Michael Zeigler says that misses the point. (1 Samuel 17:37). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Friday		Youth – Laser Tag
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday		Daylight Savings Time Ends
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance	Wednesday/Communion
October 24	93	20/16

Attendance numbers include online participants

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,196.00	\$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$305,344.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$351,442.31	-\$46,098.31

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate 10.00; BC Mission Boat 25.00; LWML 6.00; Organ 4.35.

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 am at the church, observing COVID protocols, and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study “A Tent for God.” Moses begins the process of building a portable house (called a tabernacle) for the Lord by gathering offerings from the Israelites. God provides detailed instruction for the creation of the ark of the covenant as well as the other fixtures of the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is finally assembled, the glory of the Lord descends on the tabernacle in the form of a cloud. As long as the presence remains, the people remain in that place.

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. We know the needs are great, and we are blessed through their efforts. Your support helps them bring the Gospel, especially to those isolated indigenous communities.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE CONTINUES THIS WEEK: Join us as we continue our look at the first part of the Gospel of John in our LifeLight study. We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

MISSION PRAYER: **Deaconess Ek Samean** serves as a bible teacher for the youth and Sunday school in the church in Prey Vey Province, Cambodia. She is now studying at the Luther Institute for Southeast Asia. **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 Samean 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**



YOUR PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED! We continue to make every effort to bring people into worship, while observing all our COVID protocols. It is a challenge to seat everyone, making the best use of our space while still observing social distancing, We all may have reasons why we like a particular pew (and we do try to make you comfortable) but please accept the guidance of registrars and our ushers. You can also help by registering early Saturday evening. May we all look to the ways we can be together in God’s house while caring for one another in these COVID days.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD content suggestions: stuffy, colouring books, notepads, small picture book, Kleenex packets, comb, brush, hair ties, barrettes, pencil cases, crayons, pens, pencils, facecloth, toothbrush, bar of soap (in sandwich bag), skipping ropes, foam ball, tennis ball, toys (puppets, trucks, cars), doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), musical instruments, shoes, outfit (t-shirt, pants), underwear, socks, hat.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES—SOUTH ALBERTA SOCIETYS is looking for an office administrator. Responsibilities include handling telephone calls and emails; organizing our annual fundraiser, Walk for Love, as well as 2 luncheons per year; recording Walk pledges and deposits; recording visitor activities; ensuring contact information for churches and care facilities is up-to-date, attending Board meetings and taking minutes. Other duties would include issuing 2 newsletters and ensuring that our website is current. This position would require 2 – 3 days per week, 3 – 4 hours per day. Please note this is a contract position and would begin January 3, 2022. For further information, please call Margrit at (403) 264-4045 or email lhmsac@gmail.com

SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA GRATIA, SOLA FIDE. SOLUS CHRISTUS



Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the Bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus. That is the wonderful message that

Reformation Day brings to us. May we ever cherish the good news of grace through faith in Jesus Christ!

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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

31 October 2021

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

Who loves you?
How do they show you their love? How do you show others that you love them?

2

God wants each of us to love him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. What does this look like?

3

Mark 12:30-31 links the worship of God with love of neighbour. How does this influence how you understand a worship service and how you experience the rest of your week?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S Mark 12:28-34	Love God and neighbour
M Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Reciting God's word
T Hebrews 9:11-14	Jesus frees us to worship God
W Leviticus 19:1-18	Love your neighbour as yourself
T Romans 13:8-14	Love fulfills the law
F James 2:1-13	Warning against having favorites
S Psalm 119:1-8	The glory of God's law
S Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, help us to love you today with our heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen.

BLESSING

May God grant you faith to love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

The most important commandment

Creative Response

Cut out heart-shaped pieces of paper.

As part of your home devotion time this week, share ways in which you have been led to show love for God and your neighbour (others) during the day and ways in which you have experienced God's love from others.

Write responses onto the paper hearts.

Post them on the doorframes in your home.

Write out the words from Deuteronomy to learn and recite this week too.



mealt ime prayer

Bless this meal, O God, we pray, and bless us too all through the day. Keep us safe and close to you, and kind in all we say and do. Amen.

verse for the week

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself."

MARK 12:30-31

Service



Loving your neighbour is a central way to live out your faith and to love God.

Christian love is not simply an emotion. It is a commitment to act on behalf of the needs of others. In both the Old and New Testaments, loving your neighbour includes loving those who could be considered your enemy (Leviticus 19:34; Matthew 5:44; Luke 10:29-37). Choose someone who you would not consider your friend and yet needs God's love and your love. Find a way to love that person with a smile, a kind word or message, or some other act that conveys care and concern.