

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019

Education Hour:.....9:00 am
Morning Worship with Communion: (1st, 3rd and 5th)10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm

A Prayer Upon Entering: Kindle in us the fire of faith. May it burn through any doubts or worries we may have, so that they may be obliterated. May it keep us warm in the midst of the coldness of this world.

Light of our lives, keep shining in and around us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS:..... As projected

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20p. 219

EPISTLE LESSON: Philemon 1-21p. 1273

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-35p. 1110

SERMON: Ready. Willing. Able. (1 Peter 3:15-16)

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! Guests and visitors are asked to sign our guest book at the back of the church, or to fill out one of the cards in the pew rack. Please come and join us again.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEDNESDAY, 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 the Elders will know how to respond.

THE NURSERY is available for times that children are restless and is equipped with a sound system to enable parents to continue worshipping. Because some of our children and parents have severe nut allergies, **please keep the nursery a nut-free zone.**

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND SERVICE are available for your use. Please pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the sanctuary or ask an usher for a copy.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS, crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 15th) **“The Dream Is Alive” (Genesis 3)** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The fall of man... and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to relate to you and to me with grace and truth. Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.

NEW ISSUES OF PORTALS OF PRAYER AND FOOT PRINT are available on the Welcome Desk.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday Worship/ Communion	Wednesday Worship	Education Hour
September 1	157/130	15	18

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Narthex Greeters Gary & Laurel Anderson; Carl & Shirley Berdahl
 Sanctuary Greeters Carl & Shirley Berdahl; Eldon & Marian Ohlinger
 Acolyte Griffin Voss
 Lector Brian Vincent
 Coffee Team Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke
 Counter Gary Ring

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

For Our Missions: . Please pray that separation anxiety would quickly dissipate for children (& parents) in our preschool as they begin attending class unaccompanied by a member of their family.

Family Focus:

THE FLOWERS WHICH BEAUTIFY GOD'S ALTAR IN SEPTEMBER are given to the glory of God by Christine Heumann in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Graham.

THANK YOU to Brenda Bode, who rescued two cases of copy paper, which have been given to the church. This gift is being used for our weekly bulletins, thus explaining the larger page size and various colors. We thank Brian Chandler and Mountain View Printing for a similar donation to the preschool.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – Concordia Lutheran Mission Society

There are many missions which cannot be included in the regular budget of LCC for a lack of funds. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society is an auxiliary agency within LCC working to support various missionary, educational, and social ministry projects in Canada and around the world. They are an independent mission society, but work in partnership with Lutheran Church—Canada, seeking to enhance our efforts to reach out with the Gospel. Your gift helps with this wonderful work!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, the Sunday School lesson focused on Acts 9:36–43, the story of Dorcas. Discuss how Dorcas used her gifts and talents to support the mission of the Early Church. Who would you consider a Dorcas in your congregation?

This Week at Foothills

Today: Faith @ Home Bible Presentations
 4:00 pm Choir BBQ @ Maxine Abraham's

Monday: 9:30 am Staff Study

	7:00 pm	PPC
Tuesday:	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ Deaconess Miriam's
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	6:30 pm	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday:	5:00 pm	Ring/Goods Wedding Rehearsal - CHGC
	7:00 pm	Front to Back @ Bode's
Friday:	7:00 pm	Youth Kick Off
Saturday:	11:00 am	Ring/Goods Wedding - CHGC
Sunday:	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
	12:00 pm	Voters Meeting

YOUTH AND PARENTS: We'll be having a parents' meeting during the first youth event on September 13! Parents are invited to come ask questions and get some info about upcoming youth events and fundraisers. Please let Pastor Eric know if you'll be coming. If you aren't able to make it but would still like to talk with the youth leaders, just let us know!

On September 13th we'll be kicking off the new school year with games at the church from 7 to 10 pm. Bring a snack to share and a friend! We might play games outside so be prepared for the weather!



FAITH AT HOME BIBLE PRESENTATION AND LEARNING SESSION: Today, September 8th, parents of children turning 7 this year will have an opportunity to fulfill one of the promises they made at their child's baptism. During the service they will place in their child's hands a Bible. Following the service, those families are invited to the Fireside Room for lunch and a session designed to help them make good use of this special gift.

AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We'll try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving to Calgary, let him know that, too, so we can reach out to them and invite them to join us.

OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE IS FULL, and we welcome the students living among us this year. We hope that you will get to know them, and we pray that God would bless them in their studies. Our residents are: Hannah Edel (Medicine Hat), Rachel Glessing (Vernon, BC), Sydney Regehr (Red Deer) and Celeste Olson (Medicine Hat).



VOTERS' MEETING: Please mark **September 15th** in your calendars and plan to attend our next Voters' meeting. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

RALLY SUNDAY – TODAY! Today is the day we celebrate the various opportunities for growth in the Word of God in Sunday School, Bible class, Confirmation and so on. We are blessed to have so many various studies, and we hope that you will be part of one of them. Perhaps you would like to start your own neighbourhood bible study. We can help! God’s Word is our strength. It is our guide, our comfort, our shelter, and our life. Here God makes His love known to us in Jesus Christ. Here He helps us live as His people in this world. We can never say it enough—be in the Word! Read, mark, learn and take it to heart, for it is a treasure beyond anything this world can give.



We also ask that you keep our teachers in your prayers, that God may equip them to share that good news with students of all ages.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY--TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM: Starting September 24th, Pastor Eldon and Marian Ohlinger will lead another 9 week in-depth LifeLight Bible Study on Luke. If you plan to attend, we will provide you with the necessary study materials. We welcome back all previous members, plus any other interested members, to join us. We meet in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. and class ends at 11:30 a.m. **The Thursday evening session** will begin September 19th and will be studying Ezra / Nehemiah. Contact Deaconess Miriam for more information.

SILVER SAINTS will be meeting at 1:30 pm **September 11th**. Presentations will include “*Advanced Care Planning for Seniors*” by Mark Atiyeh and a presentation by Jocelyne Svensson, a Philips Lifeline community representative. Please bring some snacks to share for coffee after the talks.



A special **THANK YOU** to those FLC members who contributed to the success of the baby bottle campaign. Foothills contributed almost \$1,800 of the over \$144,000 raised in this year's campaign. You have assisted in reducing the challenges women and families face during an unexpected pregnancy.

The Care Center has designed a series of materials designed to help families navigate today's digital culture. Some of the themes are social media, online bullying, healthy relationships & communication and accountability and grace. If you are interested, please contact Heather Sommers or visit www.pregcare.com/community-education.

WE SEE LIFE AS A PRECIOUS GIFT OF GOD, but that view is very different in a society where abortion is condoned and life can be ended with the help of a doctor. We invite you to hear **Dr. Joe Askin** speak on the topic ***A Lutheran Perspective on Medical Aid in Dying (Euthanasia) in Canada***. Join us on **Monday, September 30th at 7:30 pm** at Foothills Lutheran Church (3104 – 34 Avenue NW) for this timely and important presentation. Please see the poster on the Christian Education bulletin board for more information.

THE KURIAKOS LUTHERAN CAMP at Sylvan Lake needs your support. This summer 3 generations of the Adams-Wetter family had a wonderful week at Family Camp. After summer, the programs continue in the fall. Camp Kuriakos which means “set apart to be together” is an inspirational getaway. For info contact www.kuriakos.ab.ca or Anni Adams.

Sep 13-15 - Dad+Kids camping and a “Retreat of our Own”	Oct 4-6 - Thanksgiving at the Lake
Oct 25-27 - Men’s Retreat	Nov 8-10 - Family Advent Retreat



HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED THE SUBTLE CEREMONY of receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? The offerings are collected in plates or baskets, and they are brought forward and given to the pastor. The pastor turns toward the altar, and, as he slightly bows his head, the offerings are raised slightly to the Lord and placed on the altar.

Why do we have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does—it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3). Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward with the offerings. The offerings and elements were lifted toward the Lord and placed upon the altar. The altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord’s Supper.

Gifts brought to the altar come from the sweat of His people’s brow. They are the bread and wine, the fruits of His people’s labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people are to bring a generous proportion for the Lord’s work. Gifts set upon the altar are offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into service for His gracious work.

What is offered to the Lord from the sweat of His people’s brow – the bread of anxious toil – comes back to us as the bread of life. The bread comes down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup will receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows. He receives this from us in the first-fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise, and He turns these into spiritual bread. He gives this heavenly bread – the bread of eternal life – back to us so we might have joy.

So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder. The offerings we have given to Him, the Lord gives back to us in His supper so that we may rejoice in the salvation He won for us upon the cross.

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