

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

you  
alone  
have the  
Words  
of eternal  
life *John 6:28*

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 22, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Give us insight into who You truly are, O Savior, and help us to listen more closely to what You came to tell us. May Your words of eternal life, Your messages of forgiveness, and Your good news of grace deepen our faith and enliven our spirits.

*O Son of God and Son of Man, reveal Your salvation to us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** 644; Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me; 861; Cornerstone; Jesus, Messiah

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 29:11-19

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Ephesians 5:22-33

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 7:1-13

**SERMON:**

**WELCOME:** We gather to rejoice 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!

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION 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.

**To help us with registration, please sign the list on the table and the stand in the narthex. One family member and the number of attending is helpful.**

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

Music..... Contemporary Musicians

Ushers..... Jaxson Stene; Carter Stene

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Ephesians 5"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. The New Testament book of Ephesians instructs wives to obey their husbands—but what does it say to husbands? 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)

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship w/Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Morning Worship w/Communion

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
August 15	100/70	17

*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	\$8,784.62	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,420.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$234,487.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$289,892.31	<b>-\$55,405.31</b>

**Miscellaneous Offerings:** Visitor 1,220.00; Facility Rent 135.00; Mustard Seed 50.00; Organ Fund 5.00.

**MISSION PRAYER:** Deaconess Neak Mav serves as the director of the Deaconesses ministry of Cambodia Lutheran Church and locally serves Preach Lutheran Church in Kampot province. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Mav 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**



**WE ARE AGAIN PRODUCING LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and orders of service for those who desire them. They are available from the ushers or on the tables at the entrances.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**THE MUSTARD SEED**

The Mustard Seed mission is to build hope and well-being for the most vulnerable citizens through Jesus' love. Lives are changed every day because of people like you. Donate today to provide food, shelter, health and wellness support, and so much more.

**DEACONESS MIRIAM** is on vacation until August 29<sup>th</sup>. We pray for a safe and restful time.

**“JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD”**, our online VBS is still available at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVYh5wd3h74IHCHWVcHfIHA/playlists>  
Thank you to all who taught, planned, edited, and prepared crafts this year – we couldn't have done it without you! We are grateful for the opportunity to share with our participants the love of our Good Shepherd and pray that their faith has been strengthened as they learned from the Bible, sang, created, and prayed together with their families at home.

**SEEKING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** We are planning for in-person Sunday School and are looking to round out our teaching team with a few more faithful people who love God's Word, love His children, and have an interest in teaching. We provide materials, training and ongoing support, and our teachers generally team-teach, which means that they are able to work out a schedule that suits their needs. Please contact Deaconess Miriam to discuss how you can help!

**FROM YOUR BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Planning for our fall programs is under way. Rally Day is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch your bulletin and e-mails for information over the next several weeks about Christian education opportunities for you and your family!

**IT HAS BEEN QUITE SOME TIME** since we have been able to have a hymn sing Sunday, but by the grace of God we will plan to use your favourites on August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have a suggestion, please get it to Pastor Bode by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. You can email him at [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com) or call the church office.



**O SING TO THE LORD!** The choir has been on hiatus due to COVID, but we are hoping to resume rehearsal, and we always look for new voices to join us in praising our God. The choir rehearses following the Wednesday evening service, at 7:30 pm. There is great joy in sharing in song and proclaiming God's goodness in His gift of music. All voices are welcome! We begin again on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



***THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY!*** With the restrictions of the past year, many things had been put on hold, but we are hopeful, Lord willing, to see many things begin again.

Various Bible studies will begin, although we are still looking at what we will be able to do with our Sunday morning study. We will offer a Tuesday morning study in person, and Pastor Bode is hoping to resume the Thursday *Front to Back* that meets in his home. Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, and Confirmation begin Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am in the sanctuary; Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information on classes, meetings and the ‘regular’ activities of our congregation. Other things that begin early in September:

- Sept. 7: 6:30 pm Elders meet
- Sept. 7: 7:00 pm Confirmation Families meet
- Sept. 8: 7:30 pm Choir begins
- Sept. 11: 9:00 am Men’s Bible Study

***SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:*** From ushering to hosting coffee; serving as greeters or as counters/financial stewards, there are many ways of serving the Lord and His people as we use our gifts together. **The altar guild** is looking for helpers for the set-up and clean-up of Holy Communion. Sunday School will soon begin again, and there are opportunities to serve through this ministry to children. God has given each and every one of us a gift to be used, as St. Paul says, “for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, ESV) How is God calling you to serve?

***A CONFIRMATION MEETING*** for all new and returning students and their parents will be held Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Letters should arrive soon for the families we know should be enrolled. If you did not receive a letter, or think your child should be in Confirmation, please speak to the pastors.

***THE OPENING SERVICE OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY*** will be held on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The service will take place in the seminary chapel but will also be streamed online. Join the seminary family as they ask for God’s blessings on a new year of preparing servants for Jesus’ sake.

***NOTICE OF LC-C AGM BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.*** Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm CDT. **Location: Go to Webinar.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal period ending January 31, 2021 and accompanying independent auditors report and to receive an Annual Report from the Board of Directors.

**WHEN MOSES REVIEWED** with the people of Israel the covenant God had made with them and commandments God had given to them, he told them:

*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.* (Deut. 6:6-9)

The people of Israel took these words very literally through their use of phylacteries. But they also took the words to heart as they learned them through memorization. In this way, they kept the covenant commands of God before their eyes and in their hearts as they memorized them.

We know the value and importance of simply committing to memory the words of Scripture. We memorize to hold these words in our hearts so that they may be a vital part of our life.

We never know when persecution may come, when technology or even access to Bibles and churches may go away. Christians throughout the centuries and in bible times found themselves in need of the comfort of God's Word, but that Word was not accessible, except that which was memorized. So, it drives home the point that we need to have Scripture ... on our hearts and our minds."

### ***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. One of the great advantages of our liturgy is that it leads us to memorize many verses of Scripture. We want to add to that list.

Hymns also help us to know and take to heart the Scriptures. When we sing, the words are reinforced in our minds. May those hymns help us take God's Word to heart!

If you don't have the bulletin, you can access the memory verse challenge at <https://www.lcms.org/memoryverse> at <https://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS>.

This week's verse: **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



## Growing FAITH at home

22 August 2021

THIRTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

### Caring Conversations

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

1

What is something in life you find difficult or struggle with?

2

Some of the people who were following Jesus couldn't accept his teachings and went away (John 6:60). In what ways is following Jesus hard for you?

3

The apostle Paul writes 'be strong in the Lord and his mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). What strengthens your faith or helps you to keep on following Jesus?

### Devotions



#### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus
<b>M</b>	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
<b>T</b>	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armour of God
<b>W</b>	Exodus 32:1-20	The golden calf
<b>T</b>	Matthew 19:16-22	A young man goes away sad
<b>F</b>	John 2:18-28	The departure of some
<b>S</b>	Psalms 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
<b>S</b>	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith

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

### Rituals and Traditions



#### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, no one else can give what you give. Help us to listen to your words and trust in you today and always. Amen.

#### BLESSING

May the eyes of the Lord be on you and God's ears be attentive to your cry.

Jesus is the Holy  
One of God

## Creative Response

Draw or make a suit of armour out of heavy paper or cardboard and include the following pieces: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet and sword.

(With younger children you can use these items to play a game of "dress-up").

Throughout the week, read the description of the "armour of God" in Ephesians 6:13-17. Note that this armor is not promoting violence but the "gospel of peace" (v.15).

Be aware of how the Holy One of God protects you with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit and word of God. Take time to discuss what each part of the armour of God means to you.

## mealttime prayer

You give us bread for living, O God. Save us  
from living for bread. Amen.

verse for the week

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

JOHN 6:68-69

## Service



Ephesians 6:18 states, **"At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all of God's people".**

One of the most important ways we serve others is by praying for them. Make up a list of members of your congregation or people in your social media circles and other relationships to pray for by name this week. Place the list in a prominent place in your home or carry the list with you throughout the week.

