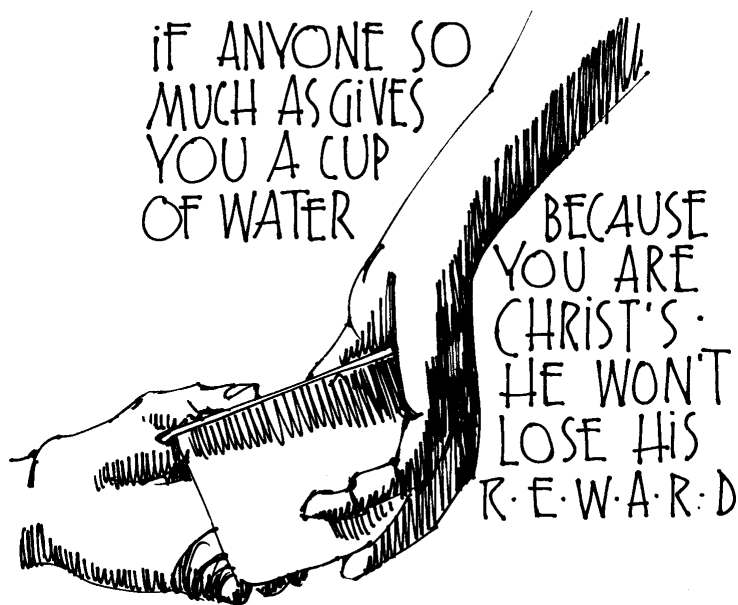


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Keep us from pride, O Lord, that would prevent us from serving You as we should. May we always rejoice in the accomplishments of others as well as our own, and may we be quick to encourage and support one another, as they are quick to encourage and support us.

Christ, our humble King, help us to live as Your humble servants.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 347; 613; 611; 616

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 11:18-20

EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:13:-4:10

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37

SERMON: Confession *Is* Good for the Soul – Psalm 32:3-5

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 HAVE POSTPONED OUR CELEBRATE OF HOLY COMMUNION TODAY, but we will offer it both Wednesday of this week, and next Sunday. We rejoice that 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:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Robert Kubke; Heather Sommers



THE FLOWERS WHICH GRACE OUR ALTAR this month are from the Heumann family in loving memory of Christine's mother, Dorothy Graham, who is missed and fondly remembered.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	12:00 pm	Voters' Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Scrapped Gifts" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility (James 1). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance	Wednesday
September 12	82	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	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,235.00	\$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$261,653.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$302,403.85	-\$40,750.85

Miscellaneous Offerings: Visitor 100.00; Parking Revenue 400.00; FLSR 2,000.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 40.00; Mustard Seed 50.00; Organ Fund 900.00.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October – December are available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

The Gospel is for all people in all sorts of circumstances. The Concordia Lutheran Mission society, formed by mission minded LCC individuals, seeks to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present.



In Sympathy

IT HAS PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD to call to Himself the souls of two of our sisters in Christ: Helen Duholke, who entered into glory on Tuesday, September 14th, and Louise Meyers, who went to be with her Saviour Wednesday, September 15th. We pray that God would comfort this family with the assurance of the resurrection to eternal life through faith in the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”** (Psalm 116:15, ESV)

VOTERS’ MEETING TODAY: We will meet following today’s worship service. In consideration of the struggles during COVID, we will set a strict 1 ½ hour limit for the meeting, which will run from 12 noon – 1:30 pm. Voters’ packets are available on the Welcome Desk.

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. Our Sunday School has opportunities to serve through this ministry to children. God has given each and every one of us a gift to be used—how is God calling you to serve?

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Pich Chandeth is the pastor of Garuna Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as the coordinator of education for Garuna Christian School.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples of all nations, we lift up before You Rev. Chandeth 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.**



THE PRESENT COVID SITUATION IN ALBERTA has resulted in a return to restrictions (100 people) and distancing in worship. We have reestablished our registration page at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ> and ask that our members register so that we can be sure that we don’t have to turn people away from worship. We do pray that God will deliver us from this pandemic; that He will give us patience and strength to endure; that we will do all we can to show our love and care for one another as we go through these frustrating days.



THERE IS NO DENYING THAT THESE COVID DAYS MAKE IT HARDER for us to be regularly in Bible study. We know that many of our members have been taking extra time reading and studying on their own, but there is something special about sharing in that Word together. Some studies have been on hold and may continue to be on hold for the near future, but we also want to start

others again. Pastor Bode is planning to begin a Tuesday morning bible study here at the church, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. We can return to a LifeLight study, if there is a desire for that, or we can continue with the format he had been using online last spring, following the *Longer Look at the Lessons* studies.

He also hopes to resume his *Front to Back* study. This has traditionally met at his home but could be moved to the church. It would also be possible to have this study become another LifeLight opportunity.

At present, due to the city masking bylaw, all our gatherings do require us to be masked. We look for the day when God does deliver us from this pandemic and from the constant frustration of changes and regulations. Even so, we do hope that we will find the ways of sharing together in God's Word.

If you are interested in either a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening study, please contact Pastor Bode at the church office (403-284-1342) or via email at flcpastor@foothillslutehran.com

HOSPITAL VISITOR TRAINING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Would you like to learn about becoming a Trained Visitor in a hospital or care facility setting and at the same time enhance your communication skills? Join us for an initial Visitor Training Session, sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta Society. The class will be held on Saturday, October 16th, from 10 am - 2 pm. We meet in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66-7th St. NE Calgary (D.V.). Bring a bag lunch. We will have room to social distance. Please wear a mask. The class provides opportunity to learn and to practice visitation skills. There is no charge. If this initial class piques your interest, we will have two more classes on October 23rd and 30th.

Contact Pastor Rekken at 780-718-4472 or email pastor@princeofpeace.ca for more information.

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: Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS: It was recently noted by our treasurer that the weekly bulletin report of the gifts given each week may not be a true picture of our giving and goals. While the numbers reported are accurate, the totals needed to date did not reflect the budgeted goal of our envelope contributions of \$425,000.00, but were in contrast with the total budget of \$456,800.00.

Our budgeted income for the year does have several categories that are not included in the bulletin report each week. Our budgeted operating receipts includes several different categories:

- envelope offerings – these are the gifts given by our members through their offering envelopes, or through direct deposit and e-transfer.
- plate offerings - monies that are given without an envelope, often from visitors
- Visitor offerings – these are the offerings that come from visitors which are placed in an envelope and which are eligible for a receipt from the congregation.
- facility rentals
- parking revenue
- parsonage rental – the income from the student residence
- rental from the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church
- interest and other income.

Many of these categories have been impacted by COVID. We have not had the revenue from parking or the student residence throughout the past year. With fewer visitors, those gifts have also been less. Yet it is the gifts that God has first given to us that we use to support the mission and ministry of this congregation and the greater work of the church through the Synod.

We have amended the bulletin to reflect only our envelope offerings, but we pray that we may continue to be good and faithful stewards of His blessings to us, as we serve Him in the joy of our lives as His children through Jesus Christ.



WHAT DO I SEE? IS IT, IS IT SNOW? No, not yet but it will be coming sooner than we expect and so will **Operation Christmas Child**. This is an outreach ministry of Samaritans Purse where shoeboxes are given to children living in poverty, war & natural disasters. Shoeboxes and labels will be available in October. Please call me if you want to talk or any questions.

Elke Bittmann (403)830-2143



Growing **FAITH** at home

19 September 2021

SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

Talk about a time when you wanted to be first in something.

2

What does it mean to you when Jesus said that following him involves putting the needs of others ahead of our own wants?

3

In what ways do you serve others in Jesus' name? How has serving others made a difference in your life?

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Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest
M	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
T	James 3:13-4:8a	Wisdom from above
W	2 Kings 5:1-14	A girl saves her master
T	Luke 14:7-14	Humility and hospitality
F	Isaiah 42:1-9	A servant song
S	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
S	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please teach us to put others before ourselves and to know the joy of serving you. Amen

BLESSING

May the Lord give you a pure heart; may God make you peaceful, gentle, and willing to care for others with mercy.

Following Jesus involves serving others

Creative Response

Jesus said 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me' (Mark 9:36).

In your home this week, make a special point of praying by name for children in your church, school and neighbourhood. Ask for God's help to welcome them with the heart and spirit of Jesus.



mealtime prayer

You nourish us with food, O God, for body and for soul. May love and kindness be our thanks and service be our goal. Amen.

verse for the week

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Service



Jesus said to his disciples 'whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else'.

Make a list of ways you can be servants to one another in your home this week or as a family how you can serve together another family who could use your help.