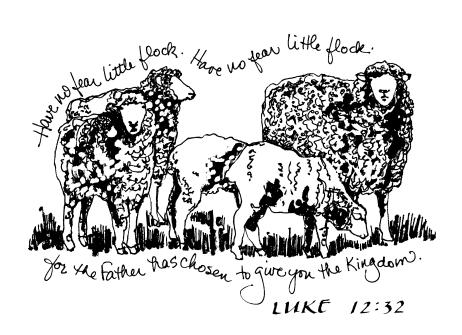
# Foothills Lutheran Church

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# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, we, like Martha, are indeed worried and upset about many things. Calm our troubled hearts and minds. Soothe us with Your words of hope and promise. And give to us a spirit that is willing to set all that is bothering us at Your feet, so that we may find rest.

Lord of comfort, grant us Your peace.

#### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

ORDER OF SERVICE:	Divine Service Setting 1, p. 151
HYMNS:	554; 737; 711; 736; 625; 750
FIRST LESSON:	Genesis 15:1-6
EPISTLE LESSON:	Hebrews 11:1-16
GOSPEL LESSON:	Luke 12:22-34
SERMON: A Story of Trust – Hebrews 11:1	

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We are so glad that you have joined us on this special day, as we rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour. May this good news give you new and living hope for your life in Him. If it is your first time with us, help us to get to know you by signing our guest book, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope that you will join us again as we worship and praise God for His goodness to us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

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:

Organist	Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
8	Robert Kubke; Brian Vincent

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "These Are Not Our Kind of People" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffman. Prejudice says, "These are not our kind of people." Charity says, "These are all people for whom Christ died." (Matthew 5:43-48). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at <a href="https://www.lutheranhour.ca">www.lutheranhour.ca</a>

**FOUND:** Are you missing a pair of eye glasses? To claim them, check with the office.

THIS WEEK AT FLC			
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship	
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study	
Sunday	10:15 am	Worship	

#### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital: Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

#### **OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,290.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$252,176.68	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$256,942.31	-\$4,765.63

*Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 5.00; Visitor 230.00; Parking 200.00; LWML 75.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ Fund 50.00; Other 216.34.

#### LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/	Wednesday/	Education
	Communion	Communion	Hour
July 31	90/73	13/13	7

<sup>\*</sup> Attendance numbers include online participants



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Nelson Meyers, in loving memory of his wife, Louise.

**PASTOR ERIC HAS DECLNED THE CALL** to serve as the pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Thunder Bay, Ontario. We ask that you keep the congregation of Calvary, Thunder Bay in your prayers, that God may provide them with a faithful shepherd.

**BEGINNING IN AUGUST, PASTOR BODE WILL BE ASSISTING** as vacancy pastor for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury. With the approval of the Elders, he will be going to Didsbury on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month to lead Communion services. The Didsbury congregation will join us online once a month and have a lay service with a video sermon on the other Sunday. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we seek to be supportive of the needs of the church at large in these days.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES are focusing on the books of the minor prophets during these summer months. We did a similar look at the prison epistles and other epistles of Paul during the early days of COVID. We have just begun to look at Malachi. Come and join us as we continue this journey through God's Word. You can also join us online, and the previous studies are available on our Facebook page.

**TRAVELLING ON THE WEEKENDS?** Remember the importance of time in God's house, gathered around His Word. Our midweek service is a great way of being fed with God's life-giving Word.

We also hope you will remember that our bills and ministry costs continue in these days. When you are away, please set aside your regular gift for the Lord's Work. Let's stay on top of our budget needs! We've been falling behind this year; let's get back on track, remembering God's faithfulness in first giving to us.



**KEY CONTROL:** We are presently seeking to complete an audit of all church keys. We have had requests for keys, but we also seem to be missing a few. These are the keys for the main doors. This audit will ensure that our church records reflect the proper key holders. If

you have a key, please confirm that with the church office. Each key should be numbered, and we need to have that number, too. If you have a key, but no longer need it, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the charity garage sale by purchasing and assisting. We have enough inventory to hold a final sale in mid-September. No more donations please. Everything has to go.  $\sim$  Maxine Abraham

**PLANS FOR OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** are underway, as we think of the students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the catechism, to know the blessings God gives us as His people. Our normal routine is to begin as students enter Grade Six. We'll soon be sending out letters of information, but you can also speak to the pastors or deaconess to enroll your child. Watch for the letter, and for a meeting for parents and students, as we look to the ways we can make this a blessing to the students and their families.

**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. 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?

**SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE ASKED** about the ways of giving through electronic or online donations. Many of our members have switched their giving to electronic contributions, which is one reason we are not "passing the plate" at this time. The offering plates are available at the doors as you enter or exit the church.

Your support in the Lord's work is highly treasured. We are blessed through your faithful stewardship. You can give by e-transfer through your bank. For the recipient, simply enter <a href="maintails@foothillslutheran.com">financials@foothillslutheran.com</a>. This is a direct deposit account, so no password is required.

We also have direct deposit through pre-authorized giving. For this option, please contact the church office: <a href="mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com">office@foothillslutheran.com</a>. We will provide you with an agreement from the Bank of Montreal where you will be asked to provide your identification and financial institution details. A 'void' cheque is helpful as well. Once this form has been completed, return it to the church office.

AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY it is a good time to remind you of our Parking Policy for Student Parking. Using some of our spaces for student parking has always been a benefit to students but cannot impede the work we do as a church. We have established the following guidelines:

- A Priority Qualified Student ("PQS") is allowed a parking space at no charge. A PQS is a student attending the University of Calgary who is an active, communicant member of the church. (They attend and commune regularly.)
- A Qualified Student ("QS") is a student that is a member of Foothills Lutheran Church who is not active; however, their parents or grandparents are active as described above. A qualified student will be granted parking privileges at half the public rate (\$200.00 per semester).
- Remaining spaces (there is a limit of 32 available in total) will be rented to those who apply, at a cost of \$400.00 per semester.

Parking issues and concerns consume a great deal of time and energy. We have to police the lot, and that is also why we ask you to let us know if you are going to be here, even for a short time. Without controls, we cannot provide safety for everyone or even guarantee we have the parking we need for our programs and activities. If you are a student looking for parking in the fall, please contact the office in the very near future.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH CARPENTRY SKILLS who would be willing to build a new display board for our confirmation pictures. This is a long, long overdue project that was started at the beginning of COVID, but fell between the cracks. We have an idea of how to do this, so if you can help, please speak to Pastor Bode.

PASTOR ERIC IS LEADING A TEAM at the West Region Slo-pitch Tournament in Revelstoke this weekend. We pray that those involved have an enjoyable time of fellowship, and that God will grant safe travel to all participants.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in five cities across Alberta and British Columbia, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. They have been an agent of change for more than three decades, thanks to our donors, volunteers, and support from the community. The consequences of homelessness and poverty are far-reaching for health. The life expectancy of a person experiencing homelessness can be up to 30 years less than the general population. Programs and services include:

- Basic needs emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and hygiene items
- Health and Wellness,
- Employment
- Community Engagement
- Housing
- Spiritual Care
- Neighbour Centres

If you have a heart and willingness to help make a difference in our community, please either talk to me or email to: info@theseed.ca for volunteer opportunities. ~ Respectully submitted - Christine Heumann, Chair, Board of Human Care

Ministry

OUR THANKS TO PAM GOEBEL for her work in arranging the painting of the sanctuary, narthex and parish hall. The work was still in progress as we printed the bulletin, but we know you will appreciate the fresh and clean look around the building. We give thanks to God for this place where He comes to us with His Word and forgiveness. May we continue to keep it beautiful to His glory!

### LEARNING FROM THE CATECHISM: The Seventh Commandment You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

(Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (p. 85). © 2017 CPH).



#### 7th August 2022

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 14

Are you ready?



Caring Conversations

#### SHARE

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



Share about a time when you had to wait for something.



Jesus tells us to be always ready for him to return (Luke 12:35-40). What can we do to be ready for



him?

How do you feel about Jesus returning? How has God made you ready?



# Devotions -





READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
М	Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	Great examples of faith
Т	Matthew 6:19-24	Store up heavenly treasures
W	Genesis 15: 1-6	The Lord's covenant
Т	Matthew 13:44-46	A parable about treasure
F	Ecclesiastes 9:7-12	Wisdom for living
S	Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23	Bring my faithful people to me
s	Luke 12:49-56	Jesus the cause of division



Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

# Rituals and Traditions



#### PRAY

Lord Jesus, you are our true treasure. Help us to put you first in our hearts today.

Amen.



BLESS

May you be ready to receive God's treasure.

## sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

Jesus told his followers to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party.

This week, choose a night when everyone is home and have a special meal. Choose the menu, the decorations and what you will wear.

At the beginning of the meal, light a candle for each member of your household and say these words (from Luke 12:35):

"Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning. For Jesus, our master, is coming".



## mealtime prayer

Food on our table. Grace in our lives. Praise in our hearts. Thank you, Godl Amen.



verse for the week
Wherever
your treasure
is, there the
desires of
your heart
will also be.

LUKE 12: 34



Hebrews II lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God.

who have been examples of faith to members of your household?

write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.



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