

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 28, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We lift up our hearts in praise to You, O Lord. Raise our spirits by continuing to declare Your love to us, and heighten our joy as we wait for all Your promises to be fulfilled.

*O Lord lifted up, we keep our eyes on You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** .....As projected  
**HYMNS:** .....902; The Saving One; 842; Offering; Cornerstone  
**FIRST LESSON:**.....Proverbs 25:2-10  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Hebrews 13:1-17  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Luke 14:1-14  
**SERMON:**

**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 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.

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

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam  
Ushers.....Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene  
Lector .....Mark Kihn  
Coffee Team.....Michelle Funke; Kim Lautermilch; John Voss



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by Walt Evans in loving memory of his wife, Lorna.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Berdahl family at the death of Shirley's brother. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

***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	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,115.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$272,996.68	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$281,807.69	<b>-\$8,811.01</b>

***Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Visitor 445.00; LWML 25.00; Preschool Donations 594.56; Mustard Seed 195.00; Organ Fund 1155.10.

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
August 21	105/72	15	8

*\* Attendance numbers include online participants*

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Vision We Need"*** Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. God grants us the vision to see what lies ahead, with hope, through faith in Christ. (Romans 8:18-23). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

***OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES*** are focussing on the books of the minor prophets. ***This week we will be looking at the prophet Obadiah.*** 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.



***MANY JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR!*** Come and rejoice with us as we start a new season on Wednesday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 sharp in the choir loft. We'd love to hear your voice join us in praise and worship through song. Think you can't sing well or have never sung in a choir?? Join us!!! Do you have a favorite song that the choir has sung in the past and want to hear it again or a song you can't remember the choir singing? Send me a note! Don't be shy – we have a spot and a cushion saved just for you!! For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or christineheumanncg@gmail.com.

***FROM YOUR BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:*** Most of us are still enjoying the summer sunshine and having fun outdoors. However, plans for our fall programs are underway. Rally Day is scheduled for **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Preparation for Sunday School, confirmation and Bible studies are in the works. Watch your bulletin and e-mails for information about Christian education opportunities for you and your family!

***SERVE IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL!*** Sunday School resumes in person on Sunday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. God has blessed us with skilled and enthusiastic Sunday School workers, but we are in need of one or two more teachers to round out our team. Our teachers share classes, so they don't teach every Sunday. We meet monthly for Bible Study, training and encouragement. If you are interested, or want to know more, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

***WE ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A LECTOR SCHEDULE.*** The public reading of God's Word is a vital part of the worship and faith life of His people. The Word was meant to be read—and to be heard! Good reading brings that Word to life. It helps those who hear—to understand it. As God appointed those who should be responsible for this task, so He gives the pastors of His church the responsibility to see that this is done, and that the public reading of the Word is done well. We will offer a training session for those who are interested. If you would like to be included, please speak to one of the pastors.

***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?

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:*** December 31, 2021 financial statements are available on the Welcome Desk. If you prefer a pdf copy please request one at the church office. Please forward any questions to your treasurer.

**FOOTHILLS SLO-PITCH GAME:** September 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Foothills slo-pitch game! Let's get together as a church family and have some fun and play some ball. Time and place to be updated next week! Mark your calendar now.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** The Mustard Seed 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](mailto:info@theseed.ca) for volunteer opportunities. Christine Heumann, Chair, Board of Human Care Ministry.



**THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY!** Before we know it, we will be back to our regular fall schedule.

Various Bible studies will begin, as will Sunday School.

Our Tuesday morning LifeLight study will begin 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 11<sup>th</sup>! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am with opening being held downstairs. 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:

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| • Aug 30  | 6:45 pm  | Confirmation Families meet |
| • Sep 06  | 6:30 pm  | Elders meet                |
| • Sept 07 | 7:30 pm  | Choir begins               |
| • Sep 10  | 9:00 am  | Men's Bible Study          |
| • Sep 13  | 10:00 am | LifeLight Study            |

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** There are still good values to be had for your shoeboxes in school supplies and summer clothing. There is a limited time when these are available. Consider preparing for the days, which are fast approaching!

**FOUND:** Are you missing some keys? A set of 3 keys on a ring has been turned into the office.



**AS WE LOOK AT CHANGES IN OUR PRACTICES**, especially as we return to things such as gathering at the rail to commune in tables, it is important for us to review our ushering procedures. We are planning to do this after service, either on September 11<sup>th</sup> or September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is for all our present ushers, as well as anyone who would like to know more about ushering, or who would be willing to serve the church in this way. It should be about 30-45 minutes of your time. Come and join us, so that all that we do may be done decently, in order, and to the glory of God.



**ONE OF THE AFTER EFFECTS OF OUR COVID DAYS** is that we are “out of routine”, including our own personal customs of using our gifts and abilities in serving others in the church. Like so many things, making the effort to be involved in the day to day or simple needs of the church is a habit. When we are doing it, it isn’t burdensome, and we just see it as part of our time with God’s family. Let’s get back in the habit! We’ve already mentioned in the bulletin many of the areas where we need you and the help you provide. God bless us all, as we use our gifts to serve one another in love.

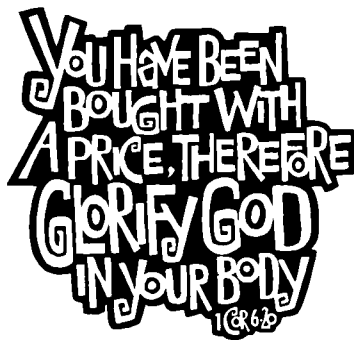
**LEARNING FROM THE CATECHISM: *The Tenth Commandment***

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Concordia Publishing House. (Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation (p. 115). © 2017 CPH).





# Growing FAITH at home

28th August 2022

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -  
PROPER 17

Being humble

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What does it mean to be humble?

2

Jesus says that if we put ourselves above others, we will be humbled; but if we humble ourselves, we will be honoured. What did Jesus mean?

3

What are some ways we can show humble service to others?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Luke 14:1,7-14	Humility and hospitality
<b>M</b>	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
<b>T</b>	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
<b>W</b>	Hebrews 13: 1-8,15-16	Show hospitality to strangers
<b>T</b>	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honour
<b>F</b>	1 Peter 4:7-11	Be hospitable to one another
<b>S</b>	Proverbs 25: 6-7	Do not exalt yourself
<b>S</b>	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple



TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble just like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. Amen.



BLESS

God be with you today, in all that you do and all that you say.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: *When you host a lunch or banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives and rich neighbours for they will invite you back and that will be your only reward.*

Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home.

Think together about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.



### mealtime prayer

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble.  
Amen.

verse for the week

"If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured."

LUKE 14:11

## Service



Allocate days during this week when different household members will be honoured by others.

Set a special place at your table for the honoured person and talk about acts of service that can be done on their special day (e.g. make their bed, tidy their room, do chores on their behalf).

At the end of the week share what it was like to be served by others and to serve them.