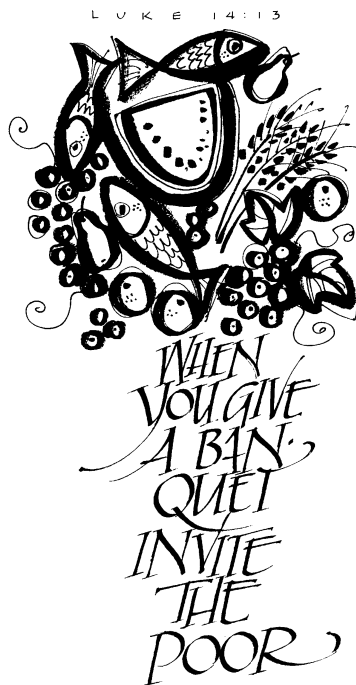


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 4, 2022*

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**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:** ..... 834; 818; 573; 853; 696; 756; 791  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Philemon 1-21  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 14:25-35  
**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 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  
Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Bruce Winstanley  
Lector ..... Brian Vincent  
Coffee Team..... Tim and Sarah Knudtson



**THE FLOWERS** that grace our altar this month are in memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, and grandmother, Helen who both died in the month of September."

**WE REJOICE** with Kellen and Kristy Rosenau at the birth of their first child, Addison Marie, born August 22, 2022. We pray that God would surround this young family with His love and grace always.

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>		Labour Day - <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Rally Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
		Faith at Home Bible Presentation

***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	\$1,790.00	\$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$274,786.68	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$290,096.15	<b>-\$15,309.47</b>

***Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Visitor 335.00; Organ Fund 30.00.

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
August 28	105	17/13	7

\* *Attendance numbers include online participants*

***SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY!*** We are blessed to have Jeremy Ho, accomplished pianist studying for his PhD in music for playing the postlude this morning. Jeremy has played around the world, and we are grateful for his participation this morning, as he uses God's gift of music to bring praise and glory to our great God.

***PASTOR AND BRENDA BODE*** are on vacation this weekend. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Count the Cost"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him (Luke 14:25-35). 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 Habakkuk.* 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](mailto: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?

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

#### **Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (“CLMS”)**

There are so many opportunities for mission outreach that God has provided for us. We have various agencies within Lutheran Church—Canada who focus on different areas of mission, such as the LWML. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society was by mission minded LCC individuals to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present. While some of their efforts dove-tail with existing projects, they also look for the needs of the church. Your support helps in these efforts!

**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>,** 1:00 pm at the ball diamond on the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Charleswood Drive. Let’s get together as a church family and have some fun and play some ball.



**WE’RE BACK!** After the summer days we are again back into our fall schedule. While things are quiet this long weekend, Sunday School and various Bible studies begin next week. Our Men’s Bible Study will be held next Saturday, beginning at 9:00 am. Our Tuesday morning LifeLight study will begin September 13<sup>th</sup>, and our ladies’ studies continue. We can also look at other studies, if that will be of benefit to our members. Of course, 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.

**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!

**FOOT PRINT NEWSLETTERS** for September/October are now available on the Welcome Desk. Please help yourself.



**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.

**MISSION PRAYERS:** **Rev. Bun Sopeab** [Boon Sop-eeb] is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Pastor Songim is also an instructor at the Luther Institute of Southeast Asia in Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Sopeab, 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.**



**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.

**BE DEVOTED TO  
ONE ANOTHER  
IN  
BROTHERLY LOVE  
BROTHERLY LOVE  
ROMANS 12:10**



# Growing FAITH at home

4th September 2022  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – PROPER 18

Choose life

## Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus?

2

What is the most difficult thing?

3

Jesus said that we must "give up everything" to be his disciples. How do you understand his words? What has Jesus given up for you?



## Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
<b>M</b>	Matthew 10:34-42	The cost of discipleship
<b>T</b>	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up our cross
<b>W</b>	Deut 30: 15-20	Choose life
<b>T</b>	Philemon 1: 1-21	Paul's plea for Onesimus
<b>F</b>	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as Christians
<b>S</b>	Psalm 101	Choosing God's law
<b>S</b>	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin



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 put you ahead of everything else. Please give us the real life that only you can give. Amen.



BLESS

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

Jesus said : *Anyone who does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*  
(Luke 14:27)

This means that we sometimes have to do things that we don't want to do or that are hard. Think of one 'hard thing' you could attempt this week as a follower of Jesus. For example: be friendly to someone who has no friends, make peace with someone you may not get along with very well, work on a bad habit.

Make a small cross out of wire (or some other type of material) and carry it in your pocket as a reminder of Jesus' words.



### mealtime prayer

For the food we share, for loved ones who care,  
and for days so fair - we thank you, God.  
Amen.

verse for the week

Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

DEUTERONOMY 30: 19B-20A

## Service



St Paul gave his love, care and support to a young man called Onesimus whom he met in prison.

Who in your community is experiencing hard times due to illness, loss of work or separation from family? Choose people who will be for you the 'ONES I MUST serve' this week. Make them a meal, do an act of service for them (e.g. mow the lawn, clean their home) or offer friendship to them.