

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** You have given us so much, O Lord. Help us to be faithful with all that we have. May we use our talents and gifts to Your glory. May we spend money in ways that are pleasing to You. And may we start to see ways in which all that we possess can be used to express all our love for You.

*Good and gracious Giver of all, may we give as You have given to us.*

## **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... 908; 770; 779; 923; 570; 644  
**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Amos 8:4-7  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Timothy 2:1-15  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 16:1-15  
**SERMON:** *Don't Just Sit There – Pray!* (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

**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.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS:** We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

Offering plates are at the door, both before and after service, for those who want to give their offerings in God's house. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord first bestows upon us. Thanks be to Him for every good and perfect gift!

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

Organist.....Walt Evans  
 Acolyte .....Eva Kraft  
 Ushers.....Heather Sommers; Brian Vincent  
 Coffee Team.....Michelle Funke; Kim Lautermilch; John Voss



**THE FLOWERS** this month are given in memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, and grandmother, Helen who both died in September.

### **THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	1:00 pm	FLC Family Slo-Pitch
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir Practise
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	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	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$431,000.00 <b>+/- YTD</b> -\$13,581.40
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$9,470.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$293,091.68	
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$306,673.08</b>	

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 10.00; Visitor 300.00; Sunday School 106.25; Parking 1,000.00; Student Residence 2,000.00; Benevolence 50.00; CLMS 100.00; Mustard Seed 1,000.00; Ukraine 25.00; Organ Fund 66.50; Confirmation Recovery 56.00; Fellowship 5.00.

### **LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
Sep 11	169	14/11	37

\* Attendance numbers include online participants

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today, we studied “Silence before a Son.” Doubting the angel’s announcement of his coming son, Zechariah finds himself silenced until the boy’s birth. Upon writing “His name is John,” Zechariah regains his voice and prophesies concerning his son’s work.

**CHILDREN’S BULLETINS:** Crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship. We ask that Visitor envelopes and Communion cards be used only for their intended purpose.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Fresh Start" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager, this week on The Lutheran Hour (Luke 16:9). 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)

***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!

**JOIN US FOR OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES**, especially when you are unable to be in worship on Sunday. You can also join us online. If you want to see previous services, including those on the minor prophets, they are available on our Facebook page.

**THANK YOU** to Walt Evans, our organist this morning. Deaconess Miriam is on vacation, returning to the office on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FOOTHILLS SLO-PITCH GAME TODAY** at 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.





**OUR CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** once again includes the use of the common cup, along with tables at the altar rail. We are blessed in this precious gift that our God gives us for our good and for our soul's relief. We hope and pray that we all trust in God's goodness as we come, at His invitation, to receive what

He gives us from His loving hand. If you have any questions, please speak to the pastors.

**LAST CALL FOR LECTORS!** We are preparing to finalize our lector schedule and will plan a training session in the near future. 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. If you would like to be included, please speak to one of the pastors.

**AS WE RETURN TO PRE-COVID PRACTICES**, it is important to review our ushering procedures. We had hoped to do that today, but will delay it until **October 2<sup>nd</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.

**WE ARE AGAIN LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL STEWARDS** to attend to the recording of Sunday offerings. We have been blessed through the service of members to help with this in the past. Let Carol know that you are willing to serve in this way.

**MISSION PRAYERS:** Deaconess Ek Samean [Sam-e-ahn] currently serves as bible teacher for the youth and Sunday school in the church in Prey Vey Province, Cambodia. Currently Deaconess Samean is studying at the Luther Institute for Southeast Asia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Samean 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**



**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE ON FELLOWSHIP:** I have been in conversation with the covid committee on health precautions going forward for the fall. The decision has been made to follow the general guidelines of the government and schools and begin our return to a pre-COVID procedure with coffee after service. You will now be able to help yourselves to goodies and condiments after the service. It also means that we will again be accepting donations of baked items! If you would like to donate something, please make sure that it is labelled so we know its intended purpose. Thank you in advance!

Sarah Knudtson ([knudtson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:knudtson.sarah@gmail.com))

**FROM YOUR BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with the CMI event that is being held on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Help will be needed for the set-up, handing out surveys to those in attendance as they arrive, tending the resource table and assistance with serving coffee. Any homemade treats to serve for that evening would also be appreciated. Volunteers for set up would be needed at 5:30 pm while others could arrive at 6 pm. Please email [education@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:education@foothillslutheran.com) or contact the office if you are able to help out in any way.

**CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION:** Foothills Lutheran Church along with the Board of Christian Education invite you to join us on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** for an evening with Creation Ministries. Gus Olsthoorn from CMI will be speaking to us on “Amazing Evidences for a Young Universe” and “Noah’s Flood: The Catastrophe that Changed the World”. The evening will begin **at 6:30 pm** and the presentation will be livestreamed on the Foothills Lutheran Church Facebook page. There will be a question and answer session, a free will offering to support the work of CMI, along with an opportunity to chat over coffee while viewing some of the Creation resources available for purchase. Credit card, debit, cheque or cash are accepted. Attendance is free and all are welcome. We hope to see you there.

**WE HAVE SOME ITEMS AVAILABLE** from the office, the library and from the preschool equipment that we are no longer using. Among those items are 2 metal cabinets that were designed for paper sorting, but could be used for other purposes; and bookcases in various sizes and various weights. We have 6 CD/DVD cases that came from Ikea, and we have a desk that is no longer used. If you are interested in any of these, or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

**ALSO AVAILABLE:** Classic upright piano -- tried, tested and true. Used by Lutheran church organist. Other estate items also available. Contact Maxine Abraham 403-274-5696.

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER** are now available on the Welcome Desk.



# Growing FAITH at home

18th September 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- PROPER 20

set your heart on God

## Caring Conversations



### SHARE

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

1

Share about something you saved for and bought. How did you feel buying it?

2

Money is a good gift from God. How do you think God wants us to use it? How can money cause problems in our relationship with God?

3

In what different ways can you use your money to serve God?



## Devotions



### READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
M	Mark 12:38-44	A widow's offering
T	Matthew 19:16-23	The rich young man
W	Psalm 62	Don't set your heart on riches
T	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Instructions on worship
F	1 Timothy 6:6-10	The dangers of loving money
S	Psalm 79:1-9	Help us, God our Saviour
S	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man



### TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAY

Lord, please bless all rulers and leaders today. Guide them to do what pleases you.  
Amen.



### BLESS

May you love God and enjoy him forever.

sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

The apostle Paul encourages us to offer 'requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving' for rulers and all those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2: 1-2).

In your household devotion times this week pray for leaders in your nation and community, using the prayer suggestions below.

Find out the names of the those you don't know.

Monday – national leaders

Tuesday – state leaders

Wednesday – community leaders

Thursday – school leaders

Friday – church leaders

Saturday - parents

verse for the week

You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

LUKE 16:13

## Service



We serve God by serving others; think about a way you can use your money to serve him. Below are some ideas:

- Make a household shopping expedition to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.
- Support the work of ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au)
- Buy a chocolate frog and put it in your pastor's pigeon hole or on your teacher's desk.

### mealtime prayer

Thank you Lord for our food, and for the people who have prepared it. Amen.