# **Foothills Lutheran Church**

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## Second Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023

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A **Prayer Upon Entering:** O Christ Jesus, You are a firm foundation upon which to build. May we continue to build our lives solely on You. May we never be tempted to build upon those things which are temporary and those things which would make us tumble and fall. And help us to hold on tightly to the Scriptures so that we may stand tall in the midst of life's storms.

O Rock upon which we build, keep us strong and sure.

#### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

| ORDER OF SERVICE:                                | As projected                |
|--|-----------------------------|
| HYMNS: Better is One Day; Lord Have M            | Mercy; Hope of the Nations; |
| Build Your Kin                                   | gdom Here; Mighty to Save   |
| FIRST LESSON:                                    | Hosea 5:15-6:6              |
| EPISTLE LESSON:                                  | Romans 4:13-25              |
| GOSPEL LESSON:                                   | Matthew 9:9-13              |
| SERMON: Lip Service or Life Service? - Hosea 6:6 |                             |

**WELCOME:** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. If you are a member of this congregation, please be sure to extend a warm greeting and a friendly welcome to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Speak to someone you don't know before you speak to someone you know.

**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.

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: <u>financials@foothillslutheran.com</u>.

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

| Music        | Contemporary Musicians      |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Ushers       |                             |
| Lector       | Faith Dueck                 |
| AV Operators | Brenda Bode; Michelle Funke |
| Coffee Team  | Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke  |

#### THIS WEEK AT FLC

| Today     | 11:45 am | Faith at Home - Catechism Session |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm  | Midweek Worship/Communion         |
| Sunday    | 9:00 am  | Education Hour                    |
|           | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship/Communion          |
|           |          | Graduation Blessing               |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: In Hospital: Homebound: For Special Intercession: Family Focus:



**THE FLOWERS** that grace the altar this morning are given by Fred and Sharon Kahut in loving memory of Sharon's parents, Albert and Elsie Weisenburger.

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Leni George and family, at the death of her husband, Ron. His Christian funeral service was here this past Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

ARE YOU TRAVELLING ON THE WEEKENDS? Don't let that keep you from worshipping each week. Our midweek services each Wednesday at 6:30 pm are an excellent opportunity to worship if you are travelling or working weekends – and a great mid-week lift for our lives as God's people! The sermons are different from Sunday; Communion is offered on the Wednesdays where there is no Sunday Communion. We hope you will join us, as we share together in the Word of forgiveness and life.

*THE NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER* are now available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE ACTIVITY: On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, as a Sunday School season wrap-up activity, students will be putting together backpacks with school supplies for students in need this fall. Everyone can help with supplies! A box is available on a table in the narthex to collect donations, including children's backpacks, HB pencils, white erasers, 30cm rulers, Crayola wax crayons, blunt scissors, 8/pkg. felt markers, pencil cases, duotangs, glue sticks, and interlined notebooks. Thank you in advance for helping the children to serve in this way.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Sunday/Communion | Wednesday | <b>Education Hour</b> |
|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| June 4   | 107/88           | 8         | 19                    |

\* Attendance includes online participants.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

| Weekly Offering Needs             | \$8,288.46   | Our Budget Goal |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$8,865.00   | \$431,000.00    |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date   | \$155,661.00 | +/- YTD         |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date    | \$190,634.62 | -\$34,973.62    |

*Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 30.00; Visitor 529.00; Sunday School 47.00; FLSR 500.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Mission Society 100.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Lutheran Hour 20.00; LWML 50.00; Ukraine Mission 25.00; IMPACT Youth Gathering 450.00.

#### MISSION OF THE MONTH: UKRAINE MISSION

Lutheran Church–Canada began its mission work in Ukraine in 1993 by sending a pastor and his wife to Lviv in northern Ukraine and another pastor to Dnipropetrovsk in southeast to work with a student Christian group, Alpha and Omega (A&O).

God has blessed the work, so that today there are 14 congregations, 5 mission stations, 3 humanitarian foundations and a seminary to train workers. Care ministry to refugees, the homeless, orphans and orphanages, and mentally and physically challenged individuals remain an important service opportunity. LCC fully supports one missionary in Nikolaev; the Seminary program in Osatovo, Odessa; the prison ministry in Nikolaev; orphan ministry; hospitalized children; summer Bible camps, Days of Faith seminars, vacation Bible schools, and several other projects. Your gifts will help with this work in a nation experiencing great turmoil as a result of the war at the present time. For more information, go to: https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/missions/ukraine/

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** "Strength Out of Weakness". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them (Judges 6:14-16). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM

at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at <u>www.lutheranhour.ca</u>

*STAFF VACATIONS:* Pastor Eric returns from vacation June 12. We pray for safe travel and rest for he and Kayla and family as they enjoy this time away.

Deaconess Miriam will be on vacation June 12-18. In the same way, we pray for safe travel and a restful time with family.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "A Centurion Converts" is the title for this week's lesson. A faithful and generous centurion named Cornelius has a vision of God's angel telling him to bring Peter to Caesarea. In Joppa, Peter sees a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, filled with all kinds of animals. The instruction to "kill and eat" confuses Peter, since many of the animals on the sheet are coonsidered unclean. The Spirit tells Peter to go to Caesarea. At Cornelius's home, the Holy Spirit descends on the Gentiles as Peter preaches the Gosepel to them. Peter commands the Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**FROM THE VOTER'S MEETING:** Along with receiving the reports of the congregation's work over the past year, we also elected new officers to the Parish Planning Council and to our Board of Elders. We are trying to return to the proper pattern of elections, which was disrupted by COVID. Our officers for the coming year will be:

| President                  | vacant   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Vice President             | Hans Dueck (1 year)  |
| Treasurer                  | Robert Heumann   |
| Elders                     | Ralf Hinterleitner; Rob Kaut; Brian Kehler;<br>Tim Knudtson; Robert Kubke; Rick Nelson;<br>Austin Voss |
| Board of Evangelism        | vacant   |
| Board of Fellowship        | Co-Chairs: Sarah Knudtson, Heather Sommers   |
| Board of Stewardship       | Dale Dusterhoft  |
| Human Care Ministries      | vacant   |
| Board of Education         | Trevor Heumann (1 year)  |
| Board of Church Properties | Pam Goebel   |
| Recording Secretary        | Barb Vincent   |
| Financial Secretary        | Gary Ring  |

We thank all those who have served us, especially through the burdens of the COVID years. We pray that God will continue to raise up among us willing workers, to help us in our mutual service to one another.

*SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:* We've had an excellent response for our **July 24-28** summer VBS, "*Loved by God*". We are still taking registrations; however, as most classes are nearly full, we have begun a wait list. Go to <u>https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2023/</u> to

register. We are still looking for some volunteer helpers and particularly a crafts leader to round out our team. Contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

A NOTE ABOUT COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: We hope that you are continuing to enjoy the coffee time fellowship after church! It is a blessing to be able to take time after worship to socially connect. In the upcoming weeks, we are looking for a few more snack donations. If that is something that you are able to donate, simply drop items off in the kitchen with a label for fellowship.

During July and August we will only have coffee after service on noncommunion Sundays. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**STAMPEDE BREAKFAST UPDATE:** YEEHAW everyone! We have enough volunteers to have a community event! This is, however, going to be a smaller community event, with invitations extended to particular neighbouring communities, not advertised city-wide. You are welcome to invite family and friends too!

We are looking for more gift basket draw prizes, so if you are part of a group that can get together to donate one, we would really appreciate it. Please drop it off at the office. We also are looking for a couple of propane tanks. Do you have a spare one laying around?

For those of you who signed up, *THANK YOU*! You have made this possible. Stay tuned for instructions as we get closer to the event, which is July 16.

*LWMLC 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TEA:* On June 20, 1993, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Canada was instituted in Edmonton. Some of our congregational members were there for this important event! Foothills Society is hosting



an afternoon tea on **June 19<sup>th</sup>** to honor our life long LWMLC members. We are extending the invitation to other congregations as some societies have folded. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of reconnecting and reminiscing. If you know anyone who should be added to our guest list, please let Cheryl Lemke know. E-mail: <u>cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca</u>; Phone: 403 851 2049 (home) or 403 660 3887 (cell).

WE HAVE A STUDENT (Jessica Tonn) WORKING IN LANDSCAPING who is looking for some side jobs working in gardening. If you are looking for some extra help, please speak to the pastor and he will pass on her contact info.



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 5

JESUS CAME TO SAVE EVERYONE



CONVERSATIONS

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

- 1. Why do people need to see a doctor?
- 2. Share an experience of seeing a doctor. What happened?



Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

1st reading

2nd reading

Hosea 5:15- 6:6 Israel unrepentant Psalm 33:1-12 Sing joyfully to the Lord

Gospel reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus heals

#### DISCUSS

Jesus said it is not the healthy that need a doctor, but the sick. Talk about how we need Jesus to heal us and save us from our sins. (Matthew 9:12-13)



Our health professionals keep us healthy and help us when we are sick. Find a way to thank one this week. You could send a note of encouragement to them or drop off something special to the clinic.



Lord Jesus, thank you for being the great physician and thank you for giving us doctors and nurses to help us when we are sick. Bless them as they do their jobs. Amen.



Lord Jesus, thank you for the many blessings of food that keep us healthy. Help us to be grateful for all that we have. Amen.



FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT AND TRUE, HE IS FAITHFUL IN ALL HE DOES.

PSALM 33:4

VERSE OF THE WEEK