

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*whoever
gives
even
a cup
of cold
water
to one
of these
little ones...*

M A T T H E W 10 : 42

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We thank You this day, O Lord, for those who have welcomed us into their homes, for those who have shared their lives with us, and for those who have made us feel accepted, loved, and cared for. Through their acts of kindness, You have made Yourself known to us, and we are grateful.

Welcoming Lord, we welcome You into our lives.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 506; 685; 851; 661
FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 7:1-13
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:34-42
SERMON: *A Longing for Peace* - Jeremiah 28:5-9

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 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.

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..... Recorded by Deaconess Miriam
 Ushers.....Anne Marie Kothari; John Voss
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 AV Operators Brenda Bode; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:
Homebound:
For Special Intercession:
Family Focus:



**Altar
Flowers**

TH FLOWERS that grace God’s altar this morning are given by Anne Marie Kothari in loving memory of her mother, Astrid.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday	Education Hour
June 25	146	11/11	18

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,695.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$176,884.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$215,500.00	-\$38,616.00

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 5.00; Visitor 130.40; FLSR 1,500.00; Ukraine Mission 20.00; Lutheran Hour 10.00; LWML 25.00; VBS 100.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA

Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole programme.

FROM THE LUTHERAN HOUR: On Wednesday June 14, 2023 Bell Media announced the immediate closure of several Bell Media radio stations. **This has directly impacted the airing of The Lutheran Hour.** Due to the closure of Edmonton, AB CFRN, Calgary, AB CKMX, and London, ON CJBK, The Lutheran Hour will no longer be aired on these stations. We are working diligently to find alternate stations to provide the Lutheran Hour in these areas.

Although we are disappointed in this news, God has a plan! At LLL we continue to seek out new opportunities and will keep you updated. Let us know if you are not able to access The Lutheran Hour on a station near you. Please keep those whose jobs have been affected and Lutheran Laymen's League Canada in your prayers as we work to *Bring Christ to the Nations!*

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR: "Give Me Life?!" Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. Finders, weepers; losers, keepers: Pastor Keith Haberstock talks about finding life by losing it, for the sake of Christ (Matthew 10:39). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Last Sunday, the students packed backpacks with school supplies that will go to children in need this September. Thank you to all who kindly donated to our box of supplies or gave a monetary donation. We are grateful for our students and their families, and especially for our teachers, who prepare diligently to teach students about Jesus, their Saviour! Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST: Our stampede breakfast is only 2 weeks away! It's time to warm up your YEEHAW! We still need a few things:

- Draw baskets, please drop off at the office.
- Flyer delivery to the communities of Brentwood, Charleswood and Varsity. Please sign up on the Stampede Sign up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board.
- We also have a few spots left for volunteering at the actual event, sign up at the fellowship bulletin board.
- Prayers for good weather and receptive guests.

Thank you all for helping to make this event a success!

YOUTH FROM ACROSS OUR REGION are in Grand Forks, BC for the *Impact* youth gathering. Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam are both attending and are away from us this morning. We also thank our youth counsellors: Trevor and Michelle Heumann, Kayla Moffett and Evan Stene for their work with the youth. God grant them an uplifting weekend and safe travel.

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. To register, go to <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2023/> Thank you to all who have stepped forward to help with this week!



We are still looking for some volunteer helpers to round out our team, including people willing to put on a hot dog lunch on Friday July 28th. Contact Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Eric if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

The craft department is looking for donations of some everyday items! We are looking for jam jars, and 4oz. and 8oz. (500 ml) Mason jars, with lids. If you can help supplying any of these items, please leave them in the box marked "VBS" under the mailboxes. We thank you for your help as we touch the hearts of children through this ministry.

UPDATE

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PLEASE NOTE: During the summer months, we will only hold our coffee fellowship following worship on **non-communion Sundays**. As a result, there is no coffee today. Sorry! (Why not invite someone to a short visit at Tim Hortons?)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Many of the shoeboxes packed in Canada for Operation Christmas Child are sent to warm weather countries. Summer is the ideal time to purchase summer clothes, toys and later in the summer; school supplies. These boxes are often the first gift a child may receive. But the most important gift that is shared, is the good news of Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life He gives to all who believe. Please talk to or email me, Elke Bittmann, at elkebittmann54@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.



CANADA DAY: On this Canada Day weekend we pause to give thanks to God for His blessings. This is a good land, and we are blessed to live here. It is also a land that needs the blessings that only God can provide, so we ask that His Spirit, at work in His Word, would lead many to know and honour Him as Lord of All Lands.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign for the Calgary/Strathmore/Airdrie Pregnancy Care Centers has wrapped for this year. If you still have a bottle that needs to be returned, please give to Heather Sommers or leave it in the church office. A big THANK YOU to those who made the choice to be a Change Maker for the young families the Care Centers serve. If you are unable to contribute, you can pray for the staff, volunteers and men and women that the Center provides God's love for.

The following is one wonderful example of the loving care the Pregnancy Care Centers provides for it's clients:

"When Aneesha first came to the Centre, she was new to Canada. We were her only place of support and friendship. Her peer-counsellor recounts, "After a short while, she felt safe to discuss her history, the things that brought her to Canada and the difficulties she was experiencing with her husband and extended family.*

Her mental health was suffering, and she was raising a toddler and a newborn essentially on her own, as her husband wasn't there to support her in the way she needed. Eventually, she felt comfortable enough to share with me about the abuse she and her children were experiencing.

This past year I have seen this determined woman advocate for herself and seek help to protect herself and her children. I have seen her finish her education, become excited to start a career, and provide a stable and nurturing life for her family.

The dignity, courage, and resilience this mother has cultivated began with a safe space to be heard, cared for, and supported. Those essential but small acts of love gave this client the roots she needed to become unwavering in the face of adversity."

Thank you for continuing to support young families, providing a safe place to seek care and support. Your support helps provide safety and friendship at a critical time.

Thank you for caring for people you may never meet but will know that you care."

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, as our staff take time for Canada Day.



Growing FAITH at home

2 July 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 8

WELCOMING OTHERS



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to welcome someone?
2. Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 22:1-14
Abraham tested

2nd reading

Romans 6:12-23
Slaves to
righteousness

Gospel reading

Matthew 10:40-42
Receiving and
serving others

DISCUSS

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



ACTION RESPONSE

Invite a person or family from your church to join you for a meal. How will you welcome them? Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!



PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Help us experience the full joy of serving others. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.



BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart.

AND IF YOU GIVE EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER
TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF MY FOLLOWERS, YOU
WILL SURELY BE REWARDED.

MATTHEW 10:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

