

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Giver of the Word, grant to us receptive hearts. May what You have said sink deep inside of us. May what You have started in us be brought to completion. And may what You have done continue to flourish and grow by Your grace.

O God of blessing, make us fruitful, according to Your will.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As printed

HYMNS:Ancient Words; Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone;
.....In Christ Alone; Forever

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 55:10-13

EPISTLE LESSON:Romans 8:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON: *God Knows the Why* - Isaiah 55:6-13

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..... Contemporary Musicians
 Lector Pastors

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Sunday	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Two Mindsets" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place (Romans 8:1-7). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday/Communion
July 9	113/87	9/9

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,060.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$188,266.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$232,076.92	-\$43,810.92

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 20.00; Visitor 150.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 100.00; Lutheran Hour 32.00; Benevolence 50.00.

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.

WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS DAY. Please accept our invitation to come and worship with us again. Let us know if we can serve you in a further way. If you are a guest with us today, we hope that you will remember that Jesus wants to be your Friend for Life, and we would love to share in the friendship with you.

Thanks to all who made this day a blessing for us and our friends! We appreciate all your efforts!

JOIN US FOR OUR MIDWEEK SUMMER SERVICES, especially if you are travelling and can't be with us on Sunday morning. Jesus called the Word the one thing needful. Don't forsake the spiritual food that we need so desperately—come and worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. It's a great midweek lift, too! The sermons are different from Sunday. Communion is offered the Wednesday after the 2nd and fourth Sunday of the month.

**Labor of
LOVE**

WE SAY THANKS ONCE AGAIN to the organizers, cooks, musicians and the many people who have made this another wonderful celebration. We are blessed through your service to God and to us! We hope you enjoyed the breakfast—and that you truly were blessed through the Bread of Life that God gives us in His Word.



LOVED BY GOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School begins Monday, July 24th. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are now preparing to welcome the children who have registered. Please pray for students, their parents, and our volunteers, that God would grant us a safe and healthy week, in which children will learn how great God's love is for them. The crafts team is still looking for donations of jam jars, as well as 250 and 500 ml Mason jars with lids. They can be put in the box marked "VBS" in the narthex under the mailboxes. We are also looking for 1-2 more people to assist with our hot dog lunch on the final day of VBS, July 28th. Please contact Deaconess Miriam if you can help.

COLOURING CONTEST: We are inviting Little Lutherans to join in our **Summer Full of Hope** with a colouring contest! **Deadline** for entries is **August 30, 2023**. Submit your entry to: helpful@lll.ca or mail to: Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada, 270 Lawrence Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y4. Three age categories: 5 years and under, 6- 9 years, and 10 – 13 years. Prizes include: Dairy Queen gift card, full set of PC Kid booklets. Entries will be scanned and saved to a gallery on the Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada website as well as gifted to donors and supporters as a physical reminder to be a blessing where God has placed us! Coloring pages are available from Deaconess Miriam, the office and <https://lll.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/My-Hopeful-Neighbourhood-Colouring-Page-PDF.pdf>

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: What an exciting time of the year it is for us at the pregnancy care centre! It is so wonderful to have all the baby bottles come back into the centre filled up with all sorts of coins! We are so grateful to you for taking part in our annual baby bottle campaign. Please know that after all of the many, many coins that you filled your baby bottles up with were counted, you donated **\$714.00** to the pregnancy care centre. Thank you so very much for helping make this year's Baby Bottle campaign such a success. We could not help the young women, men and babies in our community without your support.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Daniel Barr** who serves as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kakabeka Falls, and Street Chaplain with Street Reach Ministries in Thunder Bay, Ontario. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Barr, 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.**





Growing FAITH at home

16 July 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 10

HEARING
GOD'S WORD
BRINGS NEW
LIFE AND
GROWTH



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)?
2. What things have helped you to grow?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 25:19-34

Jacob and Esau

2nd reading

Romans 8:1-11

Life through the Spirit

Gospel reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Parable of the sower and seed

DISCUSS

In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week. Place them in a sunny spot and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us to think about and do things that please God. Help us to welcome, hear and understand your message, and do what it asks. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

From soil and seed you give us food to chew. Show us the work you want us to do. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's Word take root in your heart and may you grow as his child.

THE SEEDS THAT FELL ON GOOD GROUND ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE. THEY PRODUCE AS MUCH AS A HUNDRED OR SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES WHAT WAS PLANTED.

MATTHEW 13:23

VERSE OF THE WEEK

