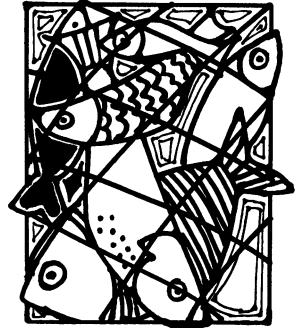
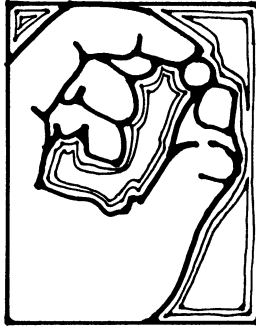
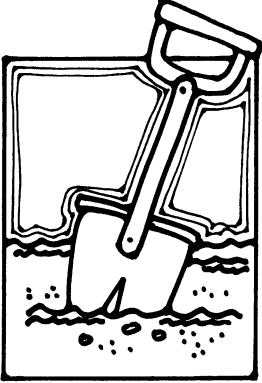


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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”

THE KINGDOM ^{of} HEAVEN IS LIKE...



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: You declare to us this day what Your kingdom is like, O Lord. Open our eyes to see how You make the small, the weak, the hidden, and the ordinary into great, strong, widely known, and extraordinary things which are blessed by You.

O Lord of all, Thy kingdom come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 807; 699; 537; 763; 727; 725; 528; 425; 748
FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-39
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52
SERMON:

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. Since the banks are changing the ways they provide information to us, **please ensure you include your name and/or envelope number in the message box.**

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..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Brian & Barb Vincent
Lector Carl Berdahl
AV Operators Morgan Alcock; Brenda Bode

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "If It Seems Slow, Wait for It" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right. Habakkuk 2:3 and Romans 10:9) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

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. They work beyond Cameroon, and your support helps bring God's Word to people in their "heart language".

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/Communion
July 23	135	14/14

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,095.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$198,761.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$248,653.85	-\$49,892.85

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 55.00; Visitor 575.00; FLSR 1,000; Lutheran Bible Translators 100.00; Stampede Breakfast 59.64.

WE WELCOME PASTOR REKKEN, pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and also Director of Pastoral Care with Lutheran Hospital Ministries, Southern Alberta Society. He is here to share with us a bit of information about Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Pastor Eric is preaching at Prince of Peace today.



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 4th Sunday of the month.

LOVED BY GOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Praise be to God for the blessings He has provided during this past week. It was a joy to share God's love with the children who came to us. We were very blessed through the many volunteers who made this week possible. We also rejoice in the young Volunteers in Training who, by the grace of God, will be part of our work in the years to come. Thank you all! And thanks be to God for His goodness!



DO YOU HAVE SOME UNUSED PATIO FURNITURE? We are looking to see if we can provide a few pieces of outdoor furniture for our student residence. We have been blessed with a great group of students, and they have been here throughout the summer months, too. If you can help, let the office know.



WE ANNOUNCE THE FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE of Bryan Dusterhoft and Kaitlin Read, who will be married on August 11, 2023. We pray that God would bless this young couple as they begin their lives together as husband and wife.

WE'LL SOON BE PLANNING OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam.

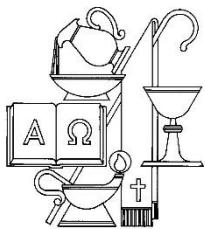
COLOURING CONTEST: We are inviting Little Lutherans to join in our **Summer Full of Hope** with a colouring contest! **Deadline** for entries is **August 30, 2023**. Submit your entry to: helpful@ll.ca or mail to: Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada, 270 Lawrence Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y4. Three age 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://ll.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/My-Hopeful-Neighbourhood-Colouring-Page-PDF.pdf>

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Asefa Aredo** who serves as pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Aredo, 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.**



A SPECIAL SERMON FOCUS: In Romans 12:6, St Paul wrote: **“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.”** Putting it simply, God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 he added, **“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”** Our gifts are to be used in building up Kingdom of God.

Later in September, we will have a special sermon series on spiritual gifts. The Greek words for God's Spiritual gifts (*charisma, charismata*) stem from the root word, *char*, which means “joy”. A basic element of a spiritual gift is that it brings delight, joy and satisfaction when it is exercised. We will focus on these gifts that we may understand our gifts and find the joy that comes from serving the Lord with gladness through the gifts He gives us.

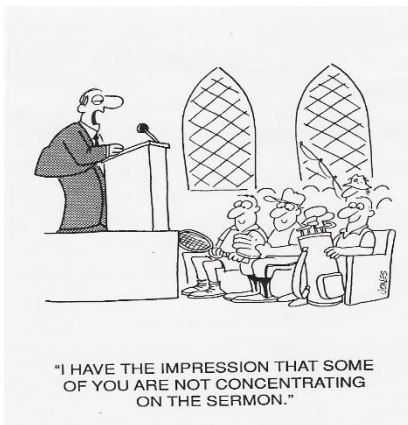


ORDINATION TODAY AT TRINITY LUTHERAN, GOLDEN: Candidate Henock Teklemariam will be installed into the office of the Holy Ministry at a service held at Trinity, Golden at 4:00 pm today. He will be installed later at Trinity Lutheran, Abbotsford, B.C. We pray that God will bless Pastor Teklemariam and the church through the service of His pastors.

AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY it is a good time to remind you of our *Parking Policy for Student Parking*. Using some of our spaces for student parking has always been a benefit to students but cannot impede the work we do as a church. We have established the following guidelines:

- A Priority Qualified Student (“PQS”) is allowed a parking space at no charge. A PQS is a student attending the University of Calgary who is an active, communicant member of the church. (They attend and commune regularly.)
- A Qualified Student (“QS”) is a student that is a member of Foothills Lutheran Church who is not active; however, their parents or grandparents are active as described above. A qualified student will be granted parking privileges at half the public rate (\$200.00 per semester).
- Remaining spaces (there is a limit of 32 available in total) will be rented to those who apply, at a cost of \$400.00 per semester.

BLESSED BY GOD, we seek to use those blessings in service to Him and to one another. Our financial stewardship has fallen off a fair bit in the past months. We believe this is complicated by problems that have arisen as a result of email problems outside our control. Summer is always a slow time financially, but we do encourage you to remember the needs of God’s church, as we respond in thanksgiving to the gifts He has first given to us.





Growing FAITH at home

30 July 2023

NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 12

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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is a treasure?
2. How precious is Jesus to you? How precious are you to him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Jacob and
Rachel

2nd reading

Romans 8:26-39

More than
conquerors

Gospel reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Parables of the kingdom

DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. Is there anything you would be willing to give up everything for?



ACTION RESPONSE

Invite some people to join you in a treasure hunt. Make clues that take people to different locations. Use Bible verses if you can. Conclude the hunt by finding a Bible and share why Jesus is the greatest treasure.



PRAYER

Lord God, we love you. Please help us to trust this day that you are working for good in all things.
Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Our hands we fold, our heads we bow.
For food and drink, we thank God now.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God's love hold you tight.
May he give you faith to trust in his love, now and always.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD. WHEN A MAN FOUND IT, HE HID IT AGAIN, AND THEN IN HIS JOY WENT AND SOLD ALL HE HAD AND BOUGHT THAT FIELD.

MATTHEW 13:44

VERSE OF THE WEEK

