

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 6, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Lord, our Provider, we thank You for nourishing our bodies with good food and drink. And we praise You for providing food for our souls. May Your Word, the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and our daily prayers continue to sustain us and fulfill our every spiritual need.

*O Giving Savior, we give You thanks and praise.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service Setting 3, p 184  
**HYMNS:** ..... 602; 559; 652; 848; 633; 641; 774  
**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Isaiah 55:1-5  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Romans 9:1-5  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 14:13-21  
**SERMON:** *A Compassionate Saviour – Matthew 14:13-21*

**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](mailto: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..... Heather Sommers; John Voss  
Lector ..... Stacey Bablitz  
AV Operators ..... Evan Stene; Brian & Barb Vincent

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>		<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Ladies Walk/Devotion
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Fri – Sun</b>		Slo-Pitch Tourney, Golden, BC
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Morning Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Who is Jesus?"** Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: MUSTARD SEED**

The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in five cities across Alberta and British Columbia, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. We have served dinners in the past, but your gift always offers care to someone in need.

**ATTENTION ELDERS & PPC MEMBERS:** In preparation for the September/October issue of *Foot Print*, please have your submissions into the office by **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday/Comm.</b>
July 30	133/92	19/17

\* Attendance includes online participants.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,130.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$203,891.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$256,942.31</b>	<b>-\$53,051.31</b>

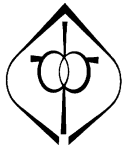
**Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 20.00; Visitor 110.00; Facility Rentals 135.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 50.00; Hospital Ministries 100.00; LWML 25.00; Flowers 105.00; Stampede Breakfast 20.00.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**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.



**FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP:** Are you bringing, or planning to bring treats to help with fellowship at coffee time? Fantastic! We have one request. If you bring in goodies to share, kindly either bring them in already arranged on a plate or platter

ready to be set out on the table or spend some time in the kitchen yourself before church to lay out your treats on the church dishes as needed for your treat. Unfortunately, we only have a couple of people in the kitchen before church and they already have many tasks to perform, and they can end up missing a lot of the service with last minute drop-offs. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for your donations!

**PASTOR ERIC WILL BE LEADING A TEAM** to the West Region Softball Tournament next weekend. We pray that those involved have an enjoyable time of fellowship, and that God will grant safe travel to all participants.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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>



**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Jesús Alberto Domínguez** who serves as pastor in Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Realejo. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Domínguez, 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.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** From ushering to hosting coffee; serving as greeters or as counters/financial stewards, there are many ways of serving the Lord and His people as we use our gifts together. Sunday School will soon begin again, and there are opportunities to serve through this ministry to children. God has given each and every one of us a gift to be used, as St. Paul says, “for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, ESV) How is God calling you to serve?

**LEARNING FROM THE CATECHISM:** *The First Article*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

(Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (p. 133). © 2017 CPH).



## Growing FAITH at home

6 August 2023

TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
– PROPER 13

## BLESSING OTHERS



GrowMinistries  
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



[www.growministries.org.au](http://www.growministries.org.au)



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is compassion?
2. Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

### **Genesis 32:22-31**

Jacob wrestles  
with God

2nd reading

### **Romans 9:1-5**

Paul's anguish  
over Israel

Gospel reading

### **Matthew 14:13-21**

Jesus feeds five  
thousand

## DISCUSS

Jesus performs a miracle when he feeds five thousand people. What would it be like to experience something that amazing?



### ACTION RESPONSE

God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less. Make a special monetary donation this week to an aid organisation working with the poor, or to a local charity assisting those in need.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we set out each day to follow you. Please be kind to us and care for us. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Lord feed you in body and in spirit and meet all your needs.

WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.

MATTHEW 14:14

VERSE OF THE WEEK

