

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: In the storms of life, O Lord, may we come to You and take Your hand, and let You guide us to safety. Free us from the fears that would paralyze us and stop us from seeking help from You. In all situations, may we always seek Your face.

O Christ, ever near, draw near to help.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 804; 575; 802; 722
FIRST LESSON: Job 38:4-18
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:5-17
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33
SERMON: *Is Your Faith Too Small?* - Matthew 14:22-33

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: 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

Ushers..... Robert Kubke; Bruce Winstanley
Lector Christine Heumann
Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; Ellen Wagner
AV Operator..... Morgan Alcock; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "How Well Does Jesus Know Me?" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ (John 1: 48-51). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at 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 22nd**.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday
August 6	111/85	15

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,158.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$211,049.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$265,230.77	-\$54,181.77

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor 320.00; FLSR 1000.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 50.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 5.00; LWML 50.00; Mustard Seed 50.00.



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 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

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 IS LEADING A TEAM in the West Region Softball Tournament this weekend. He is also leading the worship for the people at the tournament and for the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Golden. We pray that those involved have an enjoyable time of fellowship, and that God will grant safe travel to all participants.

VBS UPDATE: Sixty-two children participated in "Loved by God", our 2023 VBS. We give thanks to God for them, and for the 35 volunteers and staff who made it possible to offer VBS again this year. A full report will be included in our next newsletter!

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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR REBOOT? Some interest has been expressed through VBS in a Children's Choir. If you would be interested in having your children age 4 through 11 participate in a regular time of singing and learning about music, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

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 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>

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.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Carlos Manuel Amador who serves as a missionary pastor in the community of Villa Nueva. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Amador, 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. *(We'll add part 3 next week)*



Growing FAITH at home

13 August 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 14

JESUS HAS
THE POWER
TO HELP AND
TO SAVE



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever been swimming in the ocean?
2. Would you rather swim in a pool, river or the ocean? What are the differences?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Joseph sold by his
brothers

2nd reading

Romans 10:5-15

Declare the word

Gospel reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water

DISCUSS

Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some 'winds' or 'waves' in your life at the moment?



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

