

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

WHO DO YOU THINK  
I AM

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*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 27, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We thank You, Lord, for putting Your confidence in Your apostle Peter to begin Your Church here on earth. And we thank You, too, for putting Your confidence in us to continue the work of spreading the Gospel. Give us strength and courage in this challenging endeavor and help those who come after us to keep this Church alive by Your grace.

*O Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, lead us on.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 644; 576; Cornerstone; 645; It is Well With My Soul

**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Isaiah 51:1-6

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Romans 11:33-12:8

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 16:13-20

**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 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](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***

Ushers.....Anne Marie Kothari; Tobi Stene  
Music.....Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam  
Lector ..... Kelly Dueck  
Coffee Tean.....Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke  
AV Operators .....Derek Kiefer; Sacha Kiefer

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Confirmation Families Meet
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education Meets
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meet
<b>Sunday</b>	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion

### ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Raising the Praise"*** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3). 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.

***PASTOR AND BRENDA BODE*** are on vacation until the 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will return to the office on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### LAST WEEK AT FLC

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
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### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,570.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$220,644.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$281,807.69</b>	<b>-\$61,163.69</b>

*Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 25.00; Visitor 25.00; FLSR 500.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 75.00; Lutheran Hour 5.00; LWML 25.00.

**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.



**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!



**FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP:** Starting in September, we will be returning to coffee and tea service every week. We enjoy having time for fellowship and visiting with each other over treats that members bring in as well, so feel free to donate goodies for after church. However, if you are planning to bring a treat that cannot be put in the freezer or cupboard for another time, please advise Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers in advance so the coffee team can make appropriate arrangements. For food safety reasons, we also prefer that you do not bring leftovers from other functions. We value the volunteers very much who bring in all the different goodies and snacks each week and look forward to more visiting after worship!

**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.

**PLANS FOR OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM** have begun. We have sent letters to returning students and to those we hope will be enrolled this year. If you have not received a letter and believe your child should be in

Conformation, please contact the pastors or Deaconess Miriam. Confirmation is an important part of our spiritual growth, and we hope all our families will find the blessing of growing through the study of God's Word.

**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.

**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?

**AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL**, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We'll try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving to Calgary, let him know that, too, so we can reach out to them and invite them to join us.

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Geronimo Francisco Cano** who serves as a pastor in the Lutheran Church Cristo Vive in the Cristo Rey community and in El Calvario Lutheran Church. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Cano, 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.**



***THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY!*** Before we know it, we will be back to our regular fall schedule.

Various Bible studies will begin, as will Sunday School. Our Tuesday morning LifeLight study will begin and Pastor Bode is still hoping to resume the Thursday bible study in his home, following LifeLight as well. Tuesday evening and Thursday afternoon ladies' studies ran through the summer, but new members are always welcome. Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, and Confirmation begin Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am with opening being held downstairs. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information on classes, meetings and the 'regular' activities of our congregation. Contact the pastors or Deaconess Miriam for more information about opportunities to be in God's Word.

Other things that begin early in September:

- August 28<sup>th</sup>            7:00 pm      Confirmation Families meet
- August 29<sup>th</sup>            7:00 pm      Board of Education meets
- August 31<sup>st</sup>            6:30 pm      Sunday School Teachers meet
- September 9<sup>th</sup>        9:00 am      Men's Bible Study
- September 10<sup>th</sup>                             Rally Day
- September 12<sup>th</sup>      10:00 am      LifeLight Bible Study begins

***POT BLESSING RALLY SUNDAY:*** Fall is quickly approaching, and we are getting ready to get back in the swing of things. To help us celebrate, we will be having a pot blessing with burgers and hotdogs on rally Sunday (September 10th). The burgers, hot dogs and buns will be provided, but we will need help with sides and desserts. There will be a free will offering basket to help cover the costs. There will be a sign-up sheet on the fellowship board in the narthex. Look forward to seeing you there.



## Growing FAITH at home

27 August 2023

THIRTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST –  
PROPER 16

### JESUS IS GOD'S SON



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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to have an opinion about something?
2. Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Birth of Moses

2nd reading

**Romans 12:1-8**

A living sacrifice

Gospel reading

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Peter's confession of Christ

### DISCUSS

What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the gospel and Bible stories, helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others. Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say and do today. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Lord make you strong and brave to speak up for him.

THEN JESUS ASKED THEM, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" SIMON PETER SPOKE UP, "YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

MATTHEW 16:15-16

VERSE OF THE WEEK

