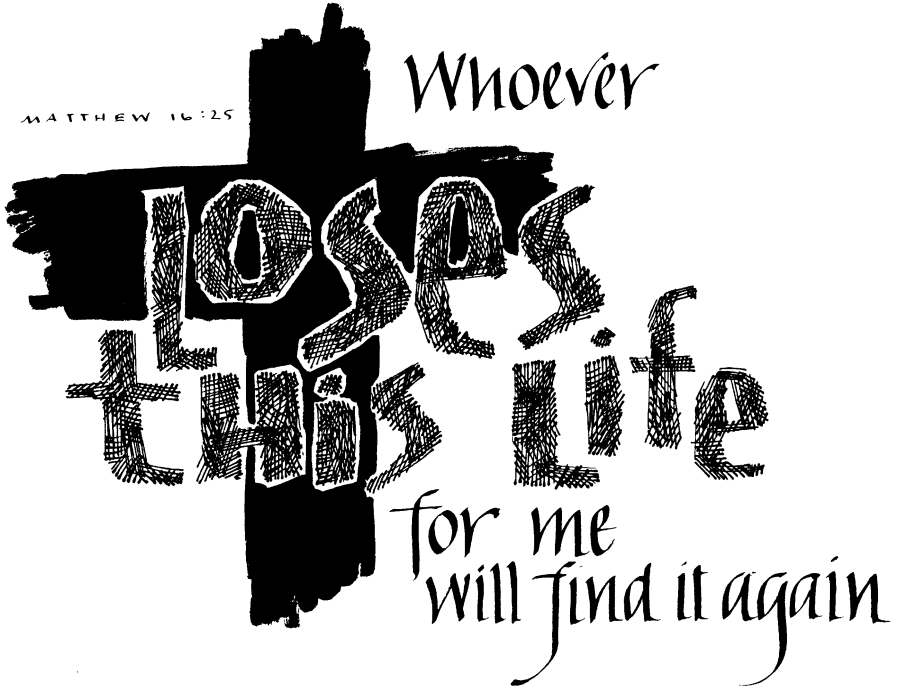


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Savior from sin, forgive us for often putting our plans ahead of Your plans, and for often wanting You to follow our wills instead of Your own. Help us to trust in You wholeheartedly, and to have the faith that Your way is best.

O Christ crucified for us, we cling to your promises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 594; 688; 853; 842; 566; 696
FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28
SERMON: Who Wants to do That? – Matthew 16:21-28

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

Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Heather Sommers
Organist.....Deaconess Miriam
Lector Mark Kihn
Coffee Team.....The Knudtson Family
AV Operators Michelle Funke; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Froth & Games
Sunday	10:15 am	Rally Sunday
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/ Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	10:15 am	Worship Faith @ Home Bible Presentation
	11:30 am	Pot Blessing BBQ

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are in memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, grandmother, Helen and grandfather, Herbert, who all died in the month of September.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Entryway" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence (Psalm 26:8). 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	Wednesday/Communion
August 27	114	14/13

* Attendance includes online participants.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,125.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$226,769.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$290,096.15	-\$63,327.15

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 49.00; Visitor 30.00; Parking Revenue 600.00; Inn from the Cold 50.00; Lutheran Hour 13.00; LWML 50.00; Mustard Seed 200.00.



BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills, are Julia and Jonathan Han. We pray that God would bless Julia and Jonathan and their family, and that He would keep them in His grace, poured out this day.

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.

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 is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship board in the narthex. Look forward to seeing you there.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

There are so many opportunities for mission outreach that God has provided for us. We have various agencies within Lutheran Church—Canada who focus on different areas of mission, such as the LWML. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society was by mission minded LCC individuals to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present. While some of their efforts dovetail with existing projects, they also look for the needs of the church. Your support helps in these efforts!

SLO-PITCH GAME: Everyone is welcome to join the youth for a fun ball game on the afternoon of Sunday, **September 24**. We'll be inviting the other churches in the circuit, too! Watch for details on exactly when and where. Even if you don't play, come out and cheer!

YOUTH FROLF: Do you want to have a Frolfing good time? Great! On Friday the **8th of September** the Youth Group will be hosting its first event of the school year. We will be going Frisbee golfing, (or as Pastor Eric likes to call it Frolf) at Baker Park. Drop off will be at 7 in the parking lot of Baker Park, once we are done at the Frolf course we will be heading back to the Church for games, pickup will be at 10pm at the Church. If you are interested in joining us feel free to talk to any of the Youth leaders, if you don't have a chance to talk to us on Sunday please email us before Thursday 7th so we know how many seats we might need when driving back to the Church. Hope to see you there.

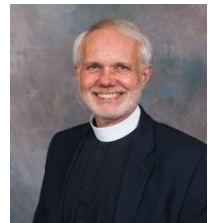
AS STUDENTS MOVE AWAY FOR SCHOOL, or move to Calgary for their studies, we want to encourage them in their spiritual life. If you, or someone you know, is moving to another city for study, please share that with Pastor Eric. We'll try to get them connected with a local church. If you know a student moving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



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 10th! 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.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Dr. David Somers** who serves as the Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec, as well as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Montreal, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Somers, 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.**



FOOT PRINT newsletters and calendars for September/October are available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO DOWNSIZE? Do you have some extra furniture that you were hoping to get rid of, our things you are replacing? We know of someone in need of furnishings. If you can help, please let the office know!

ALL CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY GOD with a certain gift, or several gifts. In his letter to the Romans St. Paul wrote: ***“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.*** (Romans 12:6, ESV) Putting it simply, God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. In 1 Corinthians 12, 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.”*** (1 Corinthians 12:4–7, ESV) The key is that these gifts are given for the common good. Our gifts are to be used in building up the Kingdom of God.

When all in the church use their own special gifts, the church really grows and goes forward. These gifts can be *“buried in the ground”* (cf. Matt. 25:18) and left unused for the glory of the Lord. How sad it is when this happens!

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. A person blessed with the gift of craftsmanship delights to use his hands to do something creative to glorify God. He can spend hours creating backdrop scenery for a Christmas service, and be so absorbed in it, that he loses all sense of time; and yet doesn’t get tired or mind a bit—in fact, he feels honoured to have been asked. When this happens, it’s a thrill to behold what such people are ready to do for the Lord. We see a fulfilment of the words, ***“Serve the LORD with gladness!”*** (Psalm 100:2, ESV)

Over the next six weeks, we will talk about spiritual gifts to help you think about how God has gifted you! Using Paul’s general outline in Romans 12, we will look at a few chief categories of gifts, so that we may understand how the Holy Spirit works in us and in His church, to build up the body of Christ in this place.

September 17, 2023	All One Body, We
September 24, 2023	The Teaching and Exhorting Gifts
October 1, 2023	Gifts of Service and Help
October 8, 2023	Gifts of Giving, Charity and Hospitality
October 15, 2023	Gifts of Leadership and Administration
October 22, 2023	Gifts of Music and Craftsmanship

We hope you will join us in this time of spiritual growth and encouragement!



Growing **FAITH** at home

3 September 2023

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TAKING
UP YOUR
CROSS AND
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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you find difficult to do?
What makes it so?
2. Why do people wear crosses?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 3:1-15
Moses and the
burning bush

2nd reading

Romans 12:9-21
Love in action

Gospel reading

Matthew 16:21-28
Take up your cross
and follow

DISCUSS

Jesus says, "if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it" (Matthew 16:25).

What do you think he means by this?



ACTION RESPONSE

Work together as a household to make small crosses out of card or popsicle sticks. Write the words 'Take up your cross and follow me' on each cross. Commit to carrying your crosses with you this week as a reminder of Jesus' call to follow him in all things.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to never give up on you. Keep us excited about serving God. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for all we eat and all we wear, for daily bread and nightly care. Amen.



BLESSING

May God keep your faith in Jesus alive and strong.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,
"IF ANY OF YOU WANTS TO BE MY FOLLOWER,
YOU MUST TURN FROM YOUR SELFISH WAYS,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."

MATTHEW 16:24

VERSE OF THE WEEK

