

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 10, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Compel us, O Lord, to gather in Your name as often as we can. As we pray and worship together, sing songs and rejoice together, comfort and care for one another, reveal Your presence with us in a more profound way, that we may grow to know each other even more as brothers and sisters in Christ.

*O Lord of unity, bring us together to glorify You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** ..... 10,000 Reasons; Mighty to Save; The Saving One; Always;  
..... This is Amazing Grace

**FIRST LESSON:** .....Deuteronomy 6:4-15

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Acts 2:37-41

**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Luke 18:15-17

**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.....Tobi Stene; John Voss  
Music..... Contemporary Musicians  
Lector ..... Christine Heumann  
Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhofs; Anne Marie Kothari; Heather Sommers  
AV Operator..... Evan Stene

### THIS WEEK AT FLC

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	PPC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
<b>Tues – Thurs</b>		Pastors & Deacons Conference, Edmonton
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation/ Youth & Adult Bible Studies
	12:00 pm	<b>Voters Meeting</b>

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*



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

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Not Just a Formality"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality (Psalm 32). 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).

**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 ages 4 through 11 participate in a regular time of singing and learning about music, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
September 3	101/81	15

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,104.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$231,873.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$298,384.62</b>	<b>-\$66,511.62</b>

*Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:* Plate 45.00; Visitor 175.00; Parking Revenue 800.00; FLSR 1,000.00; Benevolence 2,000.00.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE "RALLY DAY"**, and the blessings of Christian Education. Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study have all resumed. We know that God would bless us as we study His Word, and we pray that we may all grow in our knowledge of that Word. God bless our students, especially in our Sunday School, as they build on that wonderful foundation of faith.

We also give thanks to God for the faithful teachers and helpers of our Sunday School. As we install these workers today, we ask God to bless their efforts. Please remember our teachers and all our servants in your prayers!

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR CELEBRATION TODAY** at our barbeque and pot-blessing lunch. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided, but we will have a basket for a free-will offering to help defray the costs. We thank you for your contributions to our pot-blessing, too.

**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!

**FOOT PRINT & PORTALS OF PRAYER** are available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today!

**PASTOR BODE AND DEACONESS MIRIAM** will be attending the Alberta Pastors and Deacons conference at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. The program will be "Take Heart" by DOXOLOGY. Pastor Eric will be here this week to provide for your spiritual needs.

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO DOWNSIZE?** Do you have some extra furniture that you were hoping to get rid of, other 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.

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| 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         |

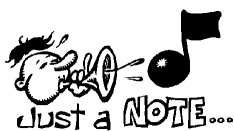
We hope you will join us in this time of spiritual growth and encouragement!

**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. Walta Clercius** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Clercius, 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.**



**OUR TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** resumes this week. Pastor Eric will lead our first session, and we will begin our look at the epistles of John, following the LifeLight program. Materials will be distributed on Tuesday. Join us for this time together around God's Word. We meet from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.



**VOTERS' MEETING:** Please mark **September 17<sup>th</sup>** in your calendars and plan to attend our next Voters' meeting. Board executives, please have your information for Voters' packages to the office by September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR STUDENT RESIDENCE IS FULL**, and we welcome the students living among us this year. We hope that you will get to know them, and we pray that God would bless them in their studies. Our residents are: Hannah Edel (Medicine Hat), Zachary Heywood (Red Deer), Celeste Olson (Medicine Hat) and Jessica Tonn (La Ronge).



## Growing FAITH at home

10 September 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
– PROPER 18

JESUS CALLS  
US TO MAKE  
THINGS  
RIGHT WITH  
OTHERS



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to forgive someone?
2. Do you find it difficult or easy to forgive?  
Why?



## BIBLE READINGS

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



## DISCUSS

How does God's forgiveness change the way we see and treat other people when they sin against us?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Challenge members of your household to each do at least one act of kindness for another person every day this week. Share about how your acts of kindness were received.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to forgive others and make peace with them. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

As two or more who gather here, we thank you, Christ, for coming near. Please bless this food and our home too, that we may shine with love for you. Amen.



### BLESSING

May you be a peace maker.

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO TO HIM. TELL HIM WHAT HE DID WRONG. KEEP IT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE WON HIM BACK.

MATTHEW 18:15

VERSE OF THE WEEK

