

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



SHOULDN'T YOU
HAVE MERCY ON
OTHERS - JUST AS I
HAD MERCY ON
YOU?

MATTHEW 18:33

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Your forgiveness, O Lord, knows no bounds. May we be just as generous in our forgiving of one another. In all things, may Your love and mercy be the force that moves us to act and respond to those who have sinned against us.

Ever-loving Lord, may we love others as You have loved us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 591; 497; 501; 691; 636; 625
FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 14:1-12
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35
SERMON: *All One Body, We* - 1 Corinthians 12: 1-7, 12

A JOYOUS WELCOME to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

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.

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!

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY? With the new Canadian Lutheran and other things, you could have some materials available to you!



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Nelson Meyers in loving memory of his wife, Louise.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Ushers.....Ellen Wagner; Bruce Winstanley
 Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Kieran Chan
 Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
 Coffee Team..... Sarah Knudtson; Ellie Marshall; Bill & Erika Schultz
 AV Operators Brenda Bode; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6:15 pm	Youth – Corn Maze
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Sunday School “My Church”
	1:00 pm	Family Slo-Pitch

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:



BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills are Tahnee Justine Donna Jones and Maklyn Therese Elizabeth Jones, the daughter of Matthew and Tahnee Jones. Maklyn’s sponsors are Mitchell Jones, Pat Rosenau and Carol Jones. We pray that God would bless this family, and keep them in His grace, poured out this day.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
September 10	131	38	16//15

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,740.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$231,873.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$298,384.62	-\$66,511.62

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 110.00; Visitor 90.00; Parking Revenue 600.00; FLSR 1,000.00; Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators 75.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 75.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "On Your Feet" is this week's lesson. The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Pure Michigan and the Problem of Praise"
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People praise that which they find laudable, valuable, beautiful. But when does praise become a problem? (Psalm 103). 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

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!

NOTE: Due to a variety of circumstances, we have found it necessary to postpone our **Voters' Meeting** until **October 1st**. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. The Voters' Report should be available next Sunday.

TODAY WE BEGIN OUR LOOK AT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT and as we talk about these gifts, we hope you will give special thought to the way that God has blessed you! St. Paul tells us: **“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

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!

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU TO THE ELDERS AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE for hosting a successful and well-attended barbeque buffet on Rally Sunday. It was a wonderful beginning to our fall programs!

FAMILY SLO-PITCH GAME: Everyone is welcome to come out on **September 24th** from 1-3 pm to play some slo-pitch! We will be playing on the diamond on the corner of Charleswood and 24th Street, so go grab some lunch and come enjoy a fun afternoon together. Fun and casual, no prior experience needed. Just a fun attitude and a ball glove (though I do have a few extra). See you there!

OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY had to be rescheduled to begin this Tuesday, **September 19th**. We will look at the epistles of John, following the LifeLight program. Join us for this time together around God’s Word. We meet from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

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!

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Frank Morgret** who serves as Resident Pastoral Advisor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Sainte-Foy (Quebec City). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Morgret, 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.**



HOLY BAPTISM:

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther reminds us:

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19). (SC, Baptism 1)

Luther goes on to remind us of what God in His Word says is the blessing of Baptism:

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16). (SC, Baptism 2)

When Peter spoke of Baptism on the day of Pentecost, he urged the people: ***"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*** (Acts 2:38–39, ESV)

As we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit today, and as we rejoice in the baptisms this morning, may we remember, with great joy, our own Baptism, and the gift that God has given to us. We encourage you to look at the Catechism, too, to see the wonderful blessing that is Baptism—God's gift of new life by His grace.



Growing FAITH at home

17 September 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 19

GOD CALLS
US TO SHOW
MERCY AND
NOT JUDGE
OTHERS



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever felt judged by somebody?
How did you feel?
2. Why should we be careful about judging others?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 14:19-31

Parting of the
Red Sea

2nd reading

Romans 14:1-12

The weak and
the strong

Gospel reading

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable about forgiveness

DISCUSS

How would you feel if you were the king in the story from Matthew, and you found out what your servant did after you showed mercy?



ACTION RESPONSE

Politicians are easy targets for people to judge. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work on your behalf and let them know that you are praying for them.



PRAYER

Lord, help us not to judge others. Help us to accept them and be kind to them. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as we eat the food you give, make us ready to forgive. We're so glad we have your love; thank you, Father, up above. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord forgive you all your sins and help you to forgive others.

SO WHY DO YOU JUDGE YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS IN CHRIST? AND WHY DO YOU THINK YOU ARE BETTER THAN THEY ARE? WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE GOD TO BE JUDGED.

ROMANS 14:10

VERSE OF THE WEEK

