

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission, and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day.

Lord of the Church, bless the work we do in Your name.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 811; How Great Is Our God;
..... Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me; 827; 837
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9
EPISTLE LESSON:Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 20:1-16
SERMON:

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 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.

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; Robert Kubke
Organist..... Contemporary Musicians
Acolyte..... Emmy Legroulx
Lector Faith Dueck
Coffee Team..... Tim & Sarah Knudtson
AV Operators Ralf Hinterleitner

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	1:00 pm	Family Slo-Pitch
Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	10:00 am	Abuse Prevention Policy Committee
	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Voters' Meeting

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.

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' package is on the Welcome Desk.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday
September 17	163/91	31	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	\$8,845.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$248,458.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$314,961.54	-\$66,503.54

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 78.00; Visitor 475.00; Sunday School 14.00; Parking 800.00; FLSR 500.00; Concordia Mission Society 115.00; Lutheran Hour 10.00; Mustard Seed 50.00; Refugee Program 40.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we study "The Gentile Cause". A disagreement arises in the Church concerning the Gentile believers. Some want to make the Gentiles follow the Jewish laws. Peter, Paul and Barnabas give testimony to the Jerusalem Council concerning their work among the Gentiles. The Council sends a letter to the Gentile believers, encouraging them and welcoming them as God's chosen people.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "High Ground" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When the waters rise and enemies attack, the high ground is the place of safety and security. But who will take us there? (Psalm 27) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 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!

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, **September 25**, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. This is an in- person event. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. If you would like to socialize beforehand, come at 12:30 and bring your own lunch. Coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!

TODAY WE CONTINUE 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 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! **FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:** With the new education year started, we would like to extend a big thank you to all our Bible Study and Sunday School teachers from last year and those who have volunteered their time this year as well. If you see any of them around the church, please give them a pat on the back for their wonderful efforts to teach our kids and adults week by week.

Sunday School 2022: Jutta Colhoun, Lynn Morine, Tobi Stene, Amanda Kiefer, Brenda Bode, and Pat Rosenau, Trevor & Michelle Heumann, Pastor Eric, and Deaconess Miriam

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Adult Bible Study: Pastor Bode, Deaconess Miriam, Pastor Eric, Rob Kaut and Mark Kihn.

FAMILY SLO-PITCH GAME: Everyone is welcome to join us **today** 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!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Will run the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. We will sing God's Word, learn a bit about music, and learn to sing as one voice. If your child age 4-10 is interested in participating, please speak with Deaconess Miriam.



OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday, **September 26th**. 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.

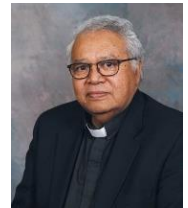
VISITOR TRAINING WITH LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES: Fall training will take place on Saturday, **October 14th, 21st and 28th** from 10 am to 2 pm. Please bring a bag lunch. The training will take place in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Training will be provided by Pastor Mark Rekken, Director of Pastoral Care. Parking is available in the back of the church, spots 1-7 and 16.

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. Razafy Razandrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razandrakoto, 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.



DID YOU KNOW that Lutheran Church—Canada publishes a weekly email newsletter, called “InfoDigest”? This update includes mission information and prayers, headlines and events in the church, news on calls and transitions and much more. To see more information and to subscribe, please visit:

<https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/news/infodigest/>



Growing FAITH at home

24 September 2023

SEVENTEENTH
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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be generous?
2. Share about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly.



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Manna from
heaven

2nd reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Life worthy of
the Gospel

Gospel reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Parable of the vineyard workers

DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about some vineyard workers (Matthew 20:1-16). How do you think you would have felt if you were one of those hired first? How would you have felt if you were one of those hired last?



ACTION RESPONSE

Think of different ways you can be generous this week. Consider volunteering your time or offering to use a skill or gift you have to help someone. You might like to donate some of your possessions or money to a needy cause. Be creative. Try something new and different.



PRAYER

Lord you are so generous to us. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God so generous, God so good, we thank you for our daily food. Bless our meal and with us stay, guide and keep us through this day. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord bless you with a generous heart.

DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO
WHAT I WANT WITH MY OWN MONEY?
OR ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE
I AM GENEROUS?

MATTHEW 20:15

VERSE OF THE WEEK

