

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord of Word and action, You follow through with Your promises perfectly. Forgive us when we don't do the same. Give us the power to keep the promises we make, to mean what we say, and to do the work You have called us to perform. May Your faithfulness be our guide in all we commit ourselves to.

O God of promises fulfilled, bless all we say and do.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151

HYMNS: 847; 848; 857; 525; 694; 783; 537

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON: *Gifted by the Spirit: Gifts of Service and Help* - Acts 9:36-42

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!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Ushers..... John Voss; Ellen Wagner
Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Acolyte..... Maliyah Chan
Lector Rick Goebel
Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhoft; Colleen Judiesch
Luncheon Team..... Brenda Bode, Heather Sommers
AV Operators Evan Stene; Barb Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today:		Voters' Meeting
Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Thanksgiving Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The Unique Greek" is the title of this week's lesson. Paul and Silas journey to Philippi. On the Sabbath Day, they meet a businesswoman named Lydia and others gathered at the riverside for prayer. After hearing Paul's teaching, Lydia and her household are baptized. Lydia invites Paul and the others to stay in her home.



OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet this Saturday, **October 7th** at 9:00 am. We start with breakfast at 9:00, followed by our study. We wrap up by 10:30. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

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LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communion
September 24	141	35	14/14

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

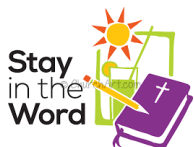
Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,502.70	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$258,960.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$323,250.00	

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 1.00; Visitor 130.00; Sunday School 2.00; Concordia Mission Society 300.00; A/R 11.25; Fellowship 86.50.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Way Through the Maze" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out (Psalm 25:4-5). 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:
BC MISSION BOAT SOCIETY**

The BC Mission Boat Society takes teams by car, water taxi and ferry to remote communities on the BC coast to share God's love in Jesus Christ. Teams from across Canada participate in this work. We know the needs are great, and we are blessed through their efforts. Your support helps them bring the Gospel, especially to those isolated indigenous communities.



OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday, **October 3rd**. 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.

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.

VOTER'S MEETING TODAY: Please plan to attend. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.



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.

AS WE ENTER THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR, we have fallen far behind in our offerings. Even though our attendance has increased over last year, we have seen less support for the overall work of the church. As we approach Thanksgiving Sunday next week, please consider how God has blessed you and how you can use what He first gives you to His glory.

VISITOR TRAINING WITH LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES: Fall training for folks interested in visiting or others who wish to refresh their visitor training with Lutheran Hospital Ministries.

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 at the back of the church, spots 1-7 and 16.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT A POOR APPETITE FOR GOOD BOOKS leads to intellectual malnutrition. We want

to help feed your intellect, and our Church Library is a good place to start! Along with many reference books, there are books for children; topical books on things such as prayer; devotional books; bible reading guides; Christian fiction series (stories with Christian themes) and more. Have you been into the library lately? Stop and take a look and borrow a book to feed your intellect—and your faith!



REV EPHREM GEMTA will be installed as assistant pastor of Oromo Evangelical Church of Calgary at 3:00 pm on October 15, 2023. The service will be here during their regular worship time, with Pastor Bode preaching and Pastor Mohns conducting the installation. You are invited to attend.

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.

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

MISSION PRAYER CAMBODIA: This week, we pray for **Rev. Van Ravy** who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ravy, 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.**



QUEST COURSE October & November

We are excited to announce that Rev. Dr. Richard Beinert (St. James Lutheran, Winnipeg) will be leading our online Fall Quest series, on Tuesday evenings. Beginning October 17, then October 24, skipping October 31 for a Reformation service on campus, and then two more Sessions November 7 and 14.

Each evening is 2 parts.

Part 1 starts at 7 p.m. and Part 2 starts at 8 p.m. each of the four Tuesday evenings.

Dr. Beinert will address **Reclaiming Lutheran Spirituality** that emphasises historic and contemporary aspects of an authentic discipleship under Christ.

There is no cost; join us for these free sessions!



Growing FAITH at home

1 October 2023

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST –
PROPER 21

GOD WANTS
US TO TURN
BACK TO
HIM AND
OBEY HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time you changed your mind?
2. Did changing your mind affect anyone else besides yourself? Was it positive?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

Jesus told a parable about two sons (Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?



ACTION RESPONSE

Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves". Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.



PRAYER

Lord, show us your ways, help us to follow your paths.
Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, thank you for daily bread. Help us not to moan or grumble; give us hearts both kind and humble. Amen.



BLESSING

May God free you from sin and make your heart new.

DON'T BE JEALOUS OR PROUD, BUT BE HUMBLE AND CONSIDER OTHERS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES. THINK THE SAME WAY THAT CHRIST JESUS THOUGHT.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, 5

VERSE OF THE WEEK

