

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

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A Prayer Upon Entering: From our inmost being, we praise you, O God. May we forget not all your benefits to us. May we see your abundant, steadfast love at work in our lives. And may we rejoice in all the good things you do to satisfy our desires, renew our strength, and remove our sins. For your care is everywhere and your kingdom encompasses all.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As projected
HYMNS:790; Forever; 785; How Can I Keep From Singing; 895
FIRST LESSON:.....Deuteronomy 8:1-10
EPISTLE LESSON:Philippians 4:6-20
GOSPEL LESSON:Luke 17:11-19
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..... Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner
Coffee Team..... Merv & Kareen Borgeson; Heather Sommers
AV Operators Sacha Kiefer; Derek Kiefer

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Ministry Appreciation Pie Social

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 by Joan Copeland in loving memory of her husband, Tom.

THANK YOU to Brenda Bode for beautifying God’s house with a remembrance of God’s gifts as we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Pumpkin Carving for Families is back! Please join us on Saturday, **October 28th** at 10:00 am for some pumpkin fun and games, a devotion, and pumpkin carving. Bring your own pumpkin. Children may come in costume (no witches, goblins, devils or ghosts, please!) Please let Deaconess Miriam know if you plan to attend so that we can set up our spaces accordingly.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/ Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
October 1	145*/95	39	9

*Attendance includes online participation.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,995.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$265,955.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$331,538.46	-\$65,582.76

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 21.00; Visitor 667.00; Sunday School 7.00; FLSR 1,500.00; Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators 25.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 100.00; LWML 125.00; Board of Education 50.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock. The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful (Psalm 23). 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:
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.

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.



MINISTRY PIE SOCIAL - OCTOBER 15TH AFTER SERVICE:

In 1 Timothy 5:17, Paul encourages us to give "double honor" to those who preach and teach. Let's show our appreciation for our ministry staff at Foothills with a special pie social after service to recognize them. Sign-up on the Fellowship Board if you are able to provide a pie. If you have questions, please contact Heather Sommers.

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!

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 8, 2023	Gifts of Giving, Charity and Hospitality
October 15, 2023	Gifts of Leadership and Administration
October 22, 2023	Gifts of Music and Craftsmanship



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Today is the start of our Operation Christmas Child campaign. Boxes and brochures are on the table by Miriam’s office. The brochure will give you some ideas on what to include in your box. Also note the items that cannot be included. These items will be removed in the processing centre. Please prayerfully consider doing a shoebox (s) that will give children toys and much needed items plus the greatest gift the Gospel of Jesus and His salvation for all people.



“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1, ESV)

We are so blessed through God’s goodness. Health, loved ones, shelter, food, and all we have and enjoy flow from His love. We have this, and so much more—infinity more. Take them all away, and we still have the grace of God which is with us in want as well as in plenty. He comes to us when we have nothing and gives us the gift of His perfect righteousness. God is the source of every good and perfect gift. As you celebrate this weekend, give that extra word of thanks to Him, for all His goodness!

INN FROM THE COLD DONATIONS: Due to them taking on a new warehouse space, they advised that they could not take donations at this time as they were still getting organized. They apologized for this as said they would contact me when they will again take donations. Thank you for your past donations - many people have benefited from them. ~ Christine Heumann

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.

MISSION PRAYER CAMBODIA: This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, 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.**



QUESTCOURSE **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 emphasizes historic and contemporary aspects of an authentic discipleship under Christ.

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



Growing FAITH at home

8 October 2023

NINETEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST –
PROPER 22

JESUS IS A
'STONE' WE
CAN BUILD
OUR LIVES
UPON



GrowMinistries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Of all your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?
2. What is a cornerstone and what does it do?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

How important is Jesus in your life? Is he the 'cornerstone' (the rock upon which all the weight rests) that holds your life together?



ACTION RESPONSE

Volunteer this week to help clean up a garden, mow a lawn, wash a car, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there is nothing more important than knowing you. Please keep our faith strong. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day.

THE STONE THE BUILDERS DIDN'T ACCEPT
HAS BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE
OF ALL. THE LORD HAS DONE IT. IT IS
WONDERFUL IN OUR EYES.

MATTHEW 21:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

