

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord above, may we take Your call to come and join You seriously. May we prepare ourselves to enter into Your banquet hall rejoicing. May we truly sense how honoured and privileged we are to be invited to spend time with You. And may we be ever grateful to You for giving us so much, when we deserve so little.

Heavenly Father, let us enter into Your kingdom, by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Service of Prayer and Preaching, p. 260

..... Holy Communion

HYMNS:911; 856; 711; 917; 618; 516

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 25:6-9

EPISTLE LESSON:Philippians 4:4-13

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON: *Gifted by the Spirit: Gifts of Leadership & Administration*

(Ex.18:13-26)

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..... Heather Sommers; Bruce Winstanley
Acolyte Julia Han
Lector Brian Vincent
Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; Colleen Judiesch; Ellen Wagner
AV Operators Eden Knudtson; Paxton Knudtson; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Ministry Appreciation/Pie Social
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's Bible lesson is "The Unknown Revealed". As Paul waits for the other disciples to join him in Athens, he spends time in discussion with philosophers and others in the marketplace. Many temples and altars fill the city of Athens, including an altar dedicated to the "unknown god". One day, Paul speaks at the Areopagus – also called Mars Hill. He uses the altar to the unknown god as an opportunity to teach the people concerning the true God.



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, as we celebrate All Hallows' Eve. Please 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	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
October 8	110	6	13/13

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,755.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$273,710.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$339,826.92	-\$66,116.22

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 0.05; Visitor 350.00; Sunday School 2.00; FLSR 1,500.00; Facility Rental 120.00; BC Mission Boat 25.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; LWML 100.00; Board of Fellowship 152.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Help the World Rejoice" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, based on Psalm 80. 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.

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.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Pastor and Kayla Moffett, Beth and Brent Warwick and family, at the death of Pastor Eric's and Beth's grandmother, Marilyn Hinschberger. Pastor Eric is in Kitchener, ON today, as the funeral was yesterday. We pray for God's comfort and for safe travel for Pastor Eric and his sister, Beth as they return to Calgary today.

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, **October 23**, 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. The Fellowship Hall will be set up to allow social distancing, masks will be optional. If you would like to socialize beforehand, come at 12:30 and bring your own lunch. Coffee will be served. All ladies are welcome!



OCTOBER HAS COME TO BE KNOWN within the church as *Pastor Appreciation Month*. We will take time to show our appreciation of our pastors and deaconess with our “Pie Fellowship Hour” today. Please join us after the service for a piece of pie and to show your gratitude and appreciation for our ministry staff here at Foothills. Sadly, Pastor Eric is not able to be with us today. We do express our appreciation, even in his absence.

We thank the Board of Fellowship for arranging this time and for all who donated pies for our gathering today.

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.

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Gifts of Leadership and Administration

October 22, 2023

Gifts of Music and Craftsmanship



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Boxes and pamphlets are now available on the table outside Deaconess Miriam's office. Completed boxes should be left on this table also. If you are contributing to the cost of shipping, a cheque can be included in the box, or that donation can be done online. Where are shoeboxes from Canada going this year? Central America, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Africa, Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Ukraine and Philippians. Children love to receive a note or card (with/or without pic) knowing that someone cares for them and is praying for them.

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

MISSION PRAYER CAMBODIA: This week, we pray for **Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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.**



REV EPHREM GEMTA will be installed as assistant pastor of Oromo Evangelical Church of Calgary at 3:30 pm today. 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.

VACANT PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL POSITIONS: We currently have vacancies in the following positions on our congregation's Parish Planning Council (PPC). Please prayerfully consider if you have gifts of leadership or service that will fit any of these positions. If you have an interest in discussing these roles further, please contact Dale Dusterhoft – Chair Board of Stewardship, Hans Dueck, Vice President, or Pastor Bode.

- **President:** Our President is a position held by a male member of our congregation who is responsible for coordinating and presiding over meetings of the PPC and the voters of the congregation. He ensures that the various boards work together to carry out the mission and work of the congregation and that the PPC and congregation follows the constitution and by-laws of the congregation.
- **Chair – Board of Human Care Ministries:** The Chair of the Board of Human Care Ministries works to recruit a committee of other church members who coordinate programs within the congregation to provide human care to members of our congregation and in the community that are in need. The committee coordinates our congregation to help our members who may require various needs, and coordinates our congregational efforts with various Christian social agencies that provide for the needy in the community (Food Bank Mustard Seed, Meals on Wheels, etc).
- **Chair – Board of Evangelism:** The Chair of the Board of Evangelism works to recruit a committee of other church members who work with the church staff to engage and train the congregation for outreach in the community, in our circle of friends and family and within the congregation.



Growing FAITH at home

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SUNDAY AFTER
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GOD OUR
KING INVITES
ALL TO FEAST
WITH HIM



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Why do people have parties?
2. Can you remember a party you enjoyed attending? What made it special for you?



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 a wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-10). Who ended up receiving invitations and attending?



ACTION RESPONSE

Plan a special meal to show your appreciation to significant people in your lives e.g. school teachers, church staff, children's ministry volunteers, mentors. Work together to organise invitations and prepare the meal. Make this an annual event on your household calendar.



PRAYER

Lord, we give our worries to you. Please help us when we are worried and give us peace. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.



BLESSING

May God watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe.

REJOICE IN THE LORD
ALWAYS. I WILL SAY IT
AGAIN: REJOICE!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

VERSE OF THE WEEK

