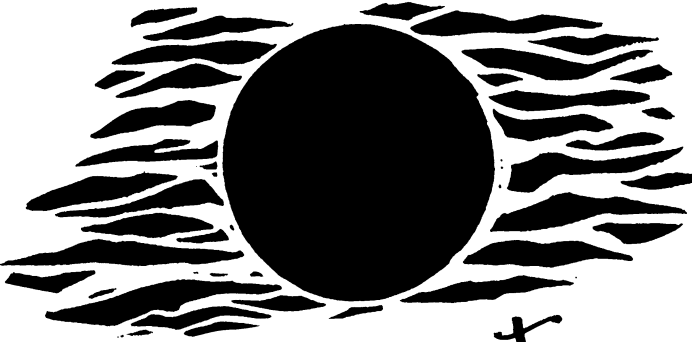


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*I form light  
and create darkness. I the  
Lord do these things*

I S A I A H 47 : 7

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 22, 2023*

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<b>Pastor Emeritus:</b> Eldon Ohlinger	

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Dear God, as You commanded us in the Fourth Commandment, may we honor and respect all those in authority over us--our parents, employers, coaches, teachers, and government officials. But as You commanded in the First Commandment, may we respect and honor You most of all. May Your leadership be the driving force in our lives.

*O Leader of all, guide to follow Your will.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... Lead Me to the Cross; 851; 563; Goodness, Love and Mercy; 850

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 45:1-7

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 22:15-22

**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](mailto: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  
Acolyte ..... Keira Puchbauer  
Lector ..... Carl Berdahl  
Special Music ..... Sarah Knudtson; Miriam Winstanley  
Coffee Team.....Ralf Hinterleitner; Ellie Marshall; Bill & Erika Schultz  
AV Operators ..... Brenda Bode; Tobi Stene

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Dinner
	6:30 pm	Children's Choir
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Youth
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Pumpkin Carving
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Reformation Day/Confirmation/Communion

### ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** Students will study “Preaching and Perils” this week. After an extended stay in Greece, Paul sets off on another journey, finally arriving in Troas. There, as he preaches late into the night, a young man named Eutychus falls asleep on a window ledge and tumbles three floors to his death. Paul rushes to his side and restores Eutychus to life. Later, in his second letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul recounts in detail the numerous hardships he endured in his ministry.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
October 15	124/91	30	10

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,690.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$279,400.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$348,115.38</b>	<b>-\$68,714.68</b>

**Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 35.00; Visitor 100.00; Lutheran Hour 5.00; Church Properties Recovery 3045.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Matching Pace"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler hear about the Savior who walks beside us, at our pace, and teaches us to walk with others. (Psalm 96:13). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).



**PUMPKIN CARVING FOR FAMILIES IS BACK!** Please join us on Saturday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING:** Monday, **October 23**, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. 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!

**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.



**PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR OUR CATECHUMENS!** We rejoice with the Wong Family as Karl will make his vows of faithfulness and confession on our Confirmation Sunday—Reformation Day, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Karl will present his testimony of faith as part of our worship. As we celebrate the Reformation it is good to hear young people share that conviction that comes through grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FACTS TO KNOW:**

- OCC is asking for a \$10.00 donation to cover shipping and handling costs.
- Remember always include a pencil sharpener with your pencils.
- Keep in mind the items that cannot be included with your box as listed in the brochure. e.g., food or liquids.
- You can pack a box online by going to [packabox.ca](http://packabox.ca)
- FLC contact: [elkebittmann54@gmail.com](mailto:elkebittmann54@gmail.com)



**MISSION PRAYER CAMBODIA:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Romass Svell** who serves as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Svell, 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.**



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** We have seen a steady decline in our giving from our congregation as the year has progressed which has left us with a deficit of approximately \$65,000.00 below our budget for 2023. We often fall behind during the summer months when attendance is low and make up for it in the fall and winter. As we have fallen substantially behind this year, we ask that everyone prayerfully consider their giving in the upcoming months so that we can continue with the work of the congregation in supporting our members and reaching out to the community in spreading the good news of Christ.

**DONATIONS OF STOCK:** Do you know that you can donate stocks to the church? Donating stocks is normally a tax advantage for the giver and benefit to our congregation. Our congregation is set up to receive these types of donations with an easy simple process for the giver. Please contact Dale Dusterhoft if you would like more information on this program.

**FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP:** We have another Pot-Blessing coming up this coming **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, as a lunch after the service. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favourite mains, appetizers, sides or salads to bless each other this fall! We ask that you **DO NOT** bring desserts, as we actually had too much pie at our successful staff appreciation event and will use the extra pies and ice cream for the dessert portion. Thank you to all who contributed to that event!

We also are in the planning stages of having a square dance event, though we need to work with the schedule of the dance caller who is currently out of town for a few weeks. We will keep you posted, but this may cause a delay in our expected timeline.

**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.

**ADVENT IS DRAWING NEAR**, and we are starting to make plans for our midweek services. We have traditionally included a soup supper as part of our Advent journey. If we are going to do this, we will need people to help. Are you interested? Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam. We'll post a sign-up sheet soon!



## Growing FAITH at home

22 October 2023

TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST –  
PROPER 24

## HONOUR EARTHLY RULERS AND AUTHORITIES



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LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What symbols or images are on the coins you use?
2. What is tax and why do people have to pay taxes?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Exodus 33:12-23**  
Moses and the glory  
of the Lord

2nd reading

**1 Thessalonians  
1:1-10**  
Thanksgiving for faith

Gospel reading

**Matthew 22:15-22**  
The question of paying taxes

## DISCUSS

Jesus said, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Discuss what your household gives to the Lord (e.g. giving your time serving others or a financial offering). Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).



### PRAYER

We praise you Lord, for you are great and mighty, there is no one like you. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To him who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise. Amen.



### BLESSING

May God give you faith, love and hope and keep you strong in following him.

GIVE THE EMPEROR WHAT  
BELONGS TO HIM AND GIVE GOD  
WHAT BELONGS TO GOD.

MATTHEW 22:21

VERSE OF THE WEEK

