

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Inspire us, O leading Lord, to speak Your message and share Your blessings with people living in places all over the globe. Give us courage, too, to witness to the people in our own communities and the people we spend time with day after day.

*O Jesus, our Prophet and King,
make us faithful messengers of Your prophetic Word.*

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 4; p. 208
HYMNS497; 839; 833; 856; 622; 835
FIRST LESSON:.....Ezekiel 2:1-5
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-13
SERMON: *The Word Works!* – Ezekiel 2:1-5

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Foothills your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastors and sign our guest book before leaving today.

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Ellen Wagner
Lector Ralf Hinterleitner
Communion Assistants..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Rob Kaut
AV Operator.....Brenda Bode

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Alan Pentney and family at the death of his wife, Tara. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
June 30	106/83	5	9/9

**Attendance includes online participation*

A VBS REQUEST: We are looking for those stretchy bags that you get oranges, onions, shallots, avocados, etc. packaged in. Please leave them in my mailbox and thank you for your help!!! ~ Christine Heumann

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,611.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$183,785.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$192,500.00	-\$8,715.00

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 40.00; Visitor 410.00; Facility Rentals 135.00; Refugee Sponsorship 50.00; Youth 11.75; Kitchen Reno 40.00.

THANKS BE TO GOD that Pastor Eric has come to a point in the healing process where he will be able to return to work. He will be in the office beginning tomorrow, July 8th.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators is the agency that provides for the work done by the Kuhns in Cameroon and others like them. While we support the Kuhns, there is a need to provide for the administration of the whole programme.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "My Pastor" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Like sheep that need a shepherd, followers of Christ need pastors who will come looking for them when they stray (Acts 20:28). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at www.lutheranhour.ca.

PASTOR AND BRENDA BODE will be on vacation July 10th - July 19th. In case of pastoral needs, please call the office. We pray for safe travel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is filling up for “*A Week with Jesus*”, our summer Vacation Bible School, running the mornings of **July 22-26**. Complete a copy of the registration (available on the Welcome Desk) or register online at <https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/>



OUR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP EFFORT: As we did several years ago, we are working to sponsor a family—in this case, one with ties to our congregation. Some of the needs for this have changed, and we need to have funds on deposit with Canadian Lutheran World Relief before this work can begin. We are looking for your support as we seek to show Christian love and care for this family. You can make your gift by simply marking it, “Refugee Sponsorship”.

WHILE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS ENDED FOR THE SUMMER, we are continuing to have Bible study at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. We invite you to join us for this time together around God’s Word.



TRAVELLING ON THE WEEKENDS? Remember the importance of time in God’s house, gathered around His Word. Our midweek service is a great way of being fed with God’s life-giving Word.

We also hope you will remember that our bills and ministry costs continue in these days. When you are away, please set aside your regular gift for the Lord’s Work. Let’s stay on top of our budget needs! We’ve been falling behind this year; let’s get back on track, remembering God’s faithfulness in first giving to us.

WE BELIEVE, TEACH AND CONFESS: That is a hallmark of our church, that we seek in all things to believe, teach, and confess what God says to us in His Word. It is the foundation of our Life With God.

Pastor Bode is planning another **Adult Information Class** to help you know and understand what God says to us in the chief teachings or doctrines of Scripture. This course provides all of us an opportunity to study what our church believes, teaches, and confesses from the Word of God. It is an opportunity to gather with other believers as we seek to learn more from God's Word, and to be strengthened in our lives as His people. For those who are new inquirers, this course would serve as membership class. For those “old Lutherans” it is an opportunity to refresh yourself in that wonderful truth from God. It even gives you an opportunity to ask some of the questions that you have been saving for just the right time.

Pastor's plans are to start in August, meeting after service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays (from 11:45-1:15). You may want to bring a lunch. If that seems unworkable, suggest some other times, and let Pastor Bode know that you are interested. See the next page for a list of the topics we will cover.

Our Lutheran Worship: The Hymns

Music can be a wonderful expression of God's truth, and it is a blessing to be able to respond to God's grace through the gift of music. We frequently begin our worship with a hymn that may introduce the theme of the day or give praise to God for the privilege of gathering together in worship. Often called a Hymn of Invocation, we call upon the Lord to bless us and be with us and to open our hearts and minds to His Word.

All the hymns will reflect the sermon and the theme of the day. They should proclaim God's grace, and they give thanks to Him for His love to us in Christ. What a joy it is to raise our voices in prayer and praise through the faithful hymnody of the church.

Topic for Our Adult Information Class

Wonderful Words Of Life: The source of our knowledge of God; the reliability of the Bible; the Christian creeds.

The Creator And Preserver Of Life: Creation vs. Evolution; God's providence; the problem of suffering; guardian angels.

The Loss Of Life: The fall into sin; types of sin; the curse and consequences of sin; the tempter; temptations, repentance, confession, etc.

Christ, Our Only Life: Promises of a Saviour; fulfilment; the two natures and two states of Christ, and why; justification by grace through faith.

The Lord And Giver Of Life: The person and work of the Holy Spirit; the Spirit and the Scriptures; fruits and gifts of the Spirit; the Spirit's intercession.

The Sacraments Of Life – Baptism: Baptism, the "water of life"; its meaning for our lives; infant and adult baptism; sponsors; baptism and confirmation; baptism and Christian living.

The Sacraments Of Life - The Lord's Supper: All about Holy Communion; the Real Presence; close communion; communion as a confession of faith; unworthy reception of the Lord's Supper.

The New Life In Christ: Christian morality as Christ-likeness; do we need laws?; what about the commandments of the bible - how binding are they?

Life Expressed In Brotherly Love: What is love? Love and keeping God's commandments; study of the second table of the law for today.

Our Church Life: What is the church? Can we be saved apart from the church? It's unity and disunity; why join a congregation; membership privileges and duties.

The Devotional Life: Prayer life; types of prayer; requirements of prayer; unanswered prayers; prayer problems; public worship - must we attend church?

A LIFE WHICH NEVER ENDS: What happens at death? Heaven and hell; the judgment; the resurrection of the body; the immortality of the soul; glorification.



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Sunday between
July 3 and July 9



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. When you go on a trip, what things do you like to take with you?
2. Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to preach to others and to help them (Mark 6:7-13). He told them to go without food, money and bags. Why do you think he told them to take so little with them?
3. The disciples needed to rely on God to provide for them as they went out to do his work. In what ways do you need to look to or rely on God more?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
M	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
T	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's visions
W	Jeremiah 1:4-19	The Lord sends Jeremiah
T	Philippians 4:2-14	Giving encouragement and thanks
F	Luke 10:1-20	Jesus sends the 70
S	Psalm 123	A prayer for mercy

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"My grace is all you need. My power is
strongest when you are weak."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home devotion times this week make a list or draw pictures of ways you have seen God's power at work e.g. in nature, or in people or events around you.

Give thanks for those things.

Look up and discuss these verses which speak of God's power:

Matthew 19:26;

1 Chronicles 29:12;

1 Corinthians 1:25;

Psalms 89:8-9, 11, 13;

Isaiah 40:28-31.



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus went back to his home town of Nazareth, he was not made to feel very welcome, even by his own family (Mark 6:1-6).

We can easily take family, friends and acquaintances for granted.

Think of those around you and work on showing appreciation for their efforts and contributions to others. Name things that others are good at or that make them a positive influence in the lives of others.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, all good things come from you. Give us hearts that are grateful, and lips that are thankful. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us faith and courage this day to tell others about you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord show you his grace. May he fill your life with his power.