

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We come to You, O Lord, hungry for Your Word and thirsty for Your grace. Bless us with understanding as we read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Your Holy Scriptures. And shower us with Your forgiveness, which You won for us on the cross, so that we might grow closer to our Father in heaven.

Christ of blessing and abundance, may we live to serve You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: Here I Am to Worship; In Christ Alone;
..... Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me; King of Heaven
FIRST LESSON:..... 1 Kings 19:1-8
EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:17-5:2
GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:35-51
SERMON: *The Forgiving Heart* – Ephesians 4:32

WELCOME: If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. Whether you are a newcomer to the community or to our church, we are honoured to have you here. If you are a member of this congregation, please be sure to extend a warm greeting and a friendly welcome to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Speak to someone you don't know before you speak to someone you know.

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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Heather Sommers
Lector Brian Vincent
AV Operator..... Barb Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Today | 11:45 am | Adult Information Class |
| Tuesday | 7:30 pm | Ladies Walk & Devotion |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Midweek Worship/Communion |
| Thursday | 1:30 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:15 am | Worship/Communion |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of | Sunday/Communion | Education Hour | Wednesday |
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**Attendance includes online participation*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$7,404.00 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$10,322.00 | |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$211,562.00 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$229,519.23 | -\$17,957.23 |

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 30.00; Visitor 140.00; Parking Revenue 400.00; FLSR 500.00; LWML 75.00; Refugee Sponsorship 10,305.00; VBS 400.00; Memorial Fund 200.00; Board of Fellowship 400.00.

PASTOR ERIC'S NOMINATION: Pastor Eric has received a nomination to the synodical position of Associate Director-Family Ministries. This is a full-time position, based in Winnipeg. At present this is a nomination (not a call), but the chosen candidate would assume the role for the synod. He invites your prayers and comments as he considers this nomination.



THE FLOWERS are given by Ingrid Kubke to beautify God's altar this morning.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz archives August: Don't let anger, disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers. (Philippians 4:4-13).

MISSION OF THE MONTH ***MUSTARD SEED***

The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in five cities across Alberta and British Columbia, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. We have served dinners in the past, but your gift always offers care to someone in need.

PASTOR ERIC IS LEADING A TEAM at the West Region Slo-pitch Tournament in Revelstoke this weekend. We pray that those involved have an enjoyable time of fellowship, and that God will grant safe travel to all participants.

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”.



RALLY DAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We are planning our annual outdoor service on **September 8th** (Rally Day) and are looking for volunteers to help out. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Board. For questions, please contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers and don't forget to invite your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR SILVER SAINTS SURVEY? At the beginning of the summer, we distributed surveys, looking to restart our Silver Saints. Many of those surveys have been returned, but you still have time to get it into the office. We will tabulate the results in the coming weeks and share some of the plans that come out of this. May God bless our ongoing efforts to provide for all our members and their fellowship together!

10TH ANNIVERSARY: Brian Vincent, our Caretaker, has served Foothills for 10 years as of August 5. We thank Brian for these many years of dedicated service, and appreciate him always trying to keep God's House, our Church property, in good shape.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. James D. Kay** who serves as pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Kay, 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.**



OUR “LIFE WITH GOD” ADULT INFORMATION CLASS will meet today and again on Sunday, August 25th from 11:45-1:15 pm. These classes will be led by Pastor Bode following worship on the Sundays when he is *not* in Didsbury. September’s schedule should be back normal (although we won’t meet on the Labour Day weekend).

We have had a good response to this opportunity to be in the Word, and you can still be part of it! We want 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.

AS NOTED EARLIER, we have made some changes to our August worship schedule. Pastor Eric is at the West Region baseball tournament today and at a National Youth Gathering meeting on the 25th of August. Pastor Bode going to Didsbury the 3rd Sunday and leading worship on the 2nd and 4th. We will also move our “blended” service to the 18th and have our ‘traditional’ service on the 25th. Of course, the wonderful gift is that we have the privilege of worshipping the God of our salvation together and sharing in the blessings we enjoy as one family in Christ. Join us each week!

WE’LL SOON BE PLANNING OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam.



THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY! Before we know it, we will be back to our regular fall schedule.

Various Bible studies will begin, as will Sunday School. Our Tuesday morning LifeLight study will begin, and our men’s breakfast study will be on the first Saturday of September. Of course, Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, and Confirmation begin Sunday, September 8th! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am with opening being held downstairs. Watch

your bulletin and newsletter for more information on classes, meetings and the ‘regular’ activities of our congregation.

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA celebrates 50 years! For details of the celebration, check out the LBTC poster on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. A schedule of events can be seen there.

AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY it is a good time to remind you of our *Parking Policy for Student Parking*. Using some of our spaces for student parking has always been a benefit to students but cannot impede the work we do as a church. We have established the following guidelines:

- A Priority Qualified Student (“PQS”) is allowed a parking space at no charge. A PQS is a student attending the University of Calgary who is an active, communicant member of the church. (They attend and commune regularly.)
- A Qualified Student (“QS”) is a student that is a member of Foothills Lutheran Church who is not active; however, their parents or grandparents are active as described above. A qualified student will be granted parking privileges at half the public rate (\$200.00 per semester).
- Remaining spaces (there is a limit of 32 available in total) will be rented to those who apply, at a cost of \$400.00 per semester.

Parking issues and concerns consume a great deal of time and energy. We have to police the lot, and that is also why we ask you to let us know if you are going to be here, even for a short time. Without controls, we cannot provide safety for everyone or even guarantee we have the parking we need for our programs and activities. If you are a student looking for parking in the fall, please contact the office in the very near future.

STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACES AVAILABLE: At present, we have 3 students in the residence for the fall semester. If you know of someone who will be attending university this fall and would benefit from this economical accommodation, please contact the church office.



Growing FAITH at home

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**Jesus gives
himself as the
living bread for
eternal life.**



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Sunday between
August 7 and August 13



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What do you hope to be doing in five, ten and twenty years from now?
2. Jesus promises eternal life to everyone who has faith in him – the verse of the week. How do you feel about Jesus' promise?
3. In the Gospel of John eternal life begins now by receiving and eating the living bread that is Jesus. What does it mean to you that eternal life begins now?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | John 6:35, 41-51 | Bread from heaven |
| M | 1 Kings 19:4-8 | Elijah flees from Jezebel |
| T | Ephesians 4:25-5:2 | Rules for the new life |
| W | John 4:1-16 | Jesus promises living water |
| T | Revelation 7:9-17 | Never again will they hunger |
| F | Genesis 18:1-15 | Abram and Sarai feed strangers |
| S | Psalms 34:1-8 | Taste and see |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

JOHN 6:35



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear."

Set aside a time this week to give family and friends compliments or words of encouragement. Pray that God will help you be more encouraging to one another.



MEALTIME PRAYER

O taste and see that the Lord is good, we thank you now for this daily food. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to look to you and believe. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

St Paul reminds us that, as Christians, we work not only to provide for ourselves but so that we 'have something to share with those in need' (Ephesians 4:28).

Collect a household offering to support an organisation helping those in need. One suggestion is ALWS Gifts of Grace. See www.alws.org.au/index.php/gifts-of-grace



BLESSING

May God bless you with a strong faith in Jesus. May his promise of eternal life give you hope, peace and joy.