

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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A Prayer Upon Entering: O most holy Lord, keep us from words and actions that would defile You and Your church. May we give You utmost honor and respect. May we always enter into Your house with praise and thanksgiving. And may our days be dedicated to living a holy life.

O sinless Son of God, sanctify us inside and out.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 704; 726; 566; 653; 610; 625; 693
FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20
GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:14-23
SERMON:

WELCOME to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

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..... Barb & Brian Vincent
Lector Nora Jarowicz
AV Operator..... Evan Stene
Communion Assistants..... Rob Kaut; Rick Nelson

PASTOR AND BRENDA BODE are on vacation this weekend. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sunday		Rally Sunday
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
		Bible Presentation
		BBQ Lunch

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday/Communion
August 25	113	5	11/11

**Attendance includes online participation and those at the ball tournament.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,080.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$225,947.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$251,730.77	-\$25,783.77

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 50.25; Visitor 530.00; Parking 600.00; Mustard Seed 90.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The One" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does! (Genesis 24:14). 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH **CONCORDIA MISSION SOCIETY**

There are so many opportunities for mission outreach that God has provided for us. We have various agencies within Lutheran Church—Canada who focus on different areas of mission, such as the LWML. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society was by mission minded LCC individuals to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present. While some of their efforts dovetail with existing projects, they also look for the needs of the church. Your support helps in these efforts!

OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet for the first time this fall on Saturday, **September 7th** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will again be able to have breakfast and will share in that meal at 9:00 am (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!



OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, "RALLY DAY" will be **September 8th**. On that day, Sunday School classes resume. We will have Bible studies for youth and young adults and our regular adult Bible study. Confirmation classes also begin that day. Our Christian Education Hour begins at 9:00 am. Youth and young adults will meet in the youth room; Confirmation in classroom 4 and Sunday School opening will be in the fireside room. Take time to be in the Word and to grow in the wonders of God's love for you!

RALLY DAY BBQ: Rally Day is the start of the year for education programs at FLC. Invite your family and friends to share God's Word and join us for a BBQ after service. No need to worry about the weather as we will be in the Fellowship Hall unless you prefer to eat outside on the front lawn. Volunteers are still needed to make this BBQ a success, please sign up on the Fellowship Board. Any questions, contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers.



SILVER SAINTS RESTART: Over the summer seniors in our congregation shared their suggestions for how a re-started Silver Saints group might look, and the activities they would like to do together. A small committee met in August to plan a first get-together. All seniors are invited to come **Tuesday, September 17th 1:30 – 3:30 pm**. We'll map out a plan for monthly activities through the year, followed by a time of fellowship, fun and some food. Bring your favourite board game!

OUR “LIFE WITH GOD” ADULT INFORMATION CLASS will meet again **September 15th** 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.

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.

PASTOR MIKE AND KARA KUHN and family will be with us on Sunday, **September 22nd**, to share with us their work in Cameroon with Lutheran Bible Translators—Canada. Pastor Kuhn will preach that day and will also be making a presentation during the Christian Education hour that day (9:00 am). You are encouraged to come and hear about their work and to welcome them to our worship that day. May God continue to bless the work that LBTC does in bringing God's Word into the “heart language” of people throughout the world.

OUR TUESDAY LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will begin a new session on Tuesday, **September 10th** at 10:00 am. We will again be meeting in the parish hall, and we will be looking at a study on *The Life of David*. LifeLight allows you to do some personal study and prep, and then we gather to share and learn together. You are welcome to join us in our study of God's Word!

CAMPUS MINISTRY PRESENTATION: You're invited on **September 11th** at 7:30 pm as Pastor Eric will be taking a look back at 10 years of campus ministry. How it all started, the triumphs, the speed bumps, and what can be learned from the experience.

SEPTEMBER 22nd - ANNUAL CHURCH SLO-PITCH GAME: Everyone is invited to our fun annual ball game with the youth group - all ages, all abilities are welcome! And a cheering section is welcome, too! We'll head to the diamond as quickly as possible after worship, with the aim of starting by 1pm at the latest, and if you have extra bats and gloves, please bring them to share. The location is Dalton Park on Dalton Drive NW, across from the Dalhousie Canadian Tire.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS BACK! Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for twice monthly practices where we will learn God's Word through song, learn what we can do with our voices, learn a bit about music, and learn how to sing with others. First practise is 6:00 pm **September 12th**. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam.

LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER, or know someone who is? We have in our midst a youth who has completed her babysitting course, helps out with younger siblings, and has volunteered with our youngest class in VBS. If you are interested in connecting with her, please contact the Church office.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Van Ravy** who serves as assistant pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and also serves with Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ravy, 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.**



STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACE 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.

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.

DEACONESS MIRIAM will be away Tuesday – Thursday for the Concordia Lutheran Seminary-Edmonton Board of Regents meeting. We pray for a productive meeting and safe travel.



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Sunday between
August 28 and September 3



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Imagine life without words or speech. What would it be like?
2. In the book of James it says we should be 'quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry' Why is this good advice?
3. How can hearing God's word help us to control our words? Where else in the Bible does God speak of this?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Authentic faith
M	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
T	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
W	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
T	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
F	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
S	Psalm 15	Who worships the Lord?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

'Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says'.

JAMES 1:22





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Our tongues are powerful instruments.

They can do great good, but they can also do great harm. We must all be conscious of using our tongues in kind ways to bless each other. Discuss and list as a family or household the ways you can use your tongue for good.

Here's some ideas to get you started...

- Pray for each other daily
- Be lavish with your praise and encouragement. Look for opportunities to build each other up, even the little things are worthy of compliments
- Make your home a 'no put-down zone'
- Develop a culture of sharing mistakes and asking for forgiveness.



ACTION RESPONSE

Read James 1:17-27. Being "doers of the word" implies a meekness that is not prideful. Instead, it acts with mercy that includes caring for "orphans and widows in their distress" (v. 27).

Orphans and widows represented those who were vulnerable and did not have a social safety net to keep them fed, sheltered and safe. Think of those locally and around the world who lack security of food and shelter and think of ways you can be 'doers' of God's word to help them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of our God's gracious love. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, please make us clean from the inside out, so that what we think, say and do pleases you. Amen.



BLESSING

(Name) – God chose to give you a new birth through the message of truth, may you know every good and perfect gift is from him.