

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: You suffered, O Lord, so that one day we might never suffer again. Forgive us, we pray, for not always acknowledging the depth of Your sacrifice for us, and not always showing You how grateful we are for all that You have done.

O Son of God, eternal Savior, we owe our lives to You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Rite of Holy Baptism p. 268
Divine Service 3 p. 184

HYMNS:593; 729; 849; 533; 620; 663; 633

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 50:4-10

EPISTLE LESSON:..... James 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:14-29

SERMON: *No Ifs, Ands or Buts* – Mark 9:14-29

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.....	Robert Kubke; Tim Roth
Acolyte.....	Maliyah Chan
Lector.....	Kelly Dueck
AV Operators.....	Ralf Hinterleitner; Barb Vincent
Communion Assistants.....	Rob Kaut; Austin Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	Following worship	Faith @ Home – My Bible Adult Information Class Kitchen Grand Opening
Monday	6:30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	1:30 pm	Silver Saints
	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 with Pastor Mike LBTC Presentation
	10:15 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	FLC Slo-Pitch Game

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Louise Meyers by her husband, Nelson, and her children.



BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills, is Leo Jasper Ihara-Myers, son of Yuji Ihara and Amber Myers. We pray that God would bless Leo and his family, and that He would keep him in His grace, poured out this day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In the lesson for this week, “Wise Men Worship,” God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod’s insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. Discuss, “How does God keep you and I safe today?”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Bent Necks and a Better Brother" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us. Genesis 27:35-36). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour	Wednesday
September 8	144	50	14/14

**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	\$7,025.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$237,940.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$266,538.46	-\$28,598.46

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 55.05; Visitor 1430.00; Sunday School 8.00; Parking 1800.00; FLSR 4500.00; Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Lutheran Mission Society 45.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; LWMLC 50.00; Flowers 50.00.

**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 "LIFE WITH GOD" ADULT INFORMATION CLASS meets again **today 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 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. For those who are new inquirers, this course would serve as membership class.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AND FOOT PRINT are now available on the Welcome Desk.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP AND THE ELDERS for hosting our barbeque buffet as a special part of our Rally Day celebration. It was well tended and a wonderful beginning to our fall programs! We appreciate the service of all

who helped make this event a success.

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!

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.



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.

CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY! Foothills is blessed with a wonderful collection of Christian literature, inspirational reading and Biblical studies. We thank Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent for the work they did in getting the library ready. Since the COVID days, the library hasn't been available regularly. We are now seeking to make sure that the library is open and accessible every Sunday. Stop in, browse the books and take something to read. We are sure that you will be inspired and informed through the resources available to you.

PASTOR ERIC AND FAMILY are in Penticton this weekend, as he is preaching at the installation of Pastor Scott Gamble as a part-time assistant at Concordia Lutheran Church. We pray for safe travel and for God's blessings on Pastor Gamble as he begins this work.



VOTERS' MEETING: Please mark **September 29th** in your calendars and plan to attend our next Voters' meeting. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION: We have been blessed with over 7 years of service from Carol Kehler, but she has decided the time has come for

her to resign from this role. Thankfully, she will be staying on for a while, to allow us time to find a successor. The Elders will be beginning a recruitment process, and if you have any questions, please talk with any of them.

COME SING WITH US!! On September. 22nd, a small choir will be singing a well-known Martin Luther song and there is still time if you want to come and join us! We will have 3 practices - Sept. 5, 13 and 20 at 7pm (for approximately 1 hour) in the choir loft. What a joy it will be to not only to sing again but to hear all the voices raised to the Lord! If you'd like more info, please contact me, Christine Heumann, at (403)710-8347 or christineheumanncg@gmail.com.



LET'S CELEBRATE THE KITCHEN RENOVATION: Please join us today for a tour of the new kitchen and stay for a bite to eat. A huge thank you to the congregation for their support of the renovations and their patience with not having regular Sunday fellowship.

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY is meeting again after our summer break on **Monday, September 23rd** at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We start with a Bible study, followed by a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

UPDATE ON STAFF NOMINATIONS: Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam announced last Sunday that they have accepted their nominations to the position of Associate Director—Family Ministries for Lutheran Church—Canada. These are nominations, and we will hear more as the synod looks to the nominees and the candidate who can best serve the church.

Pastor Bode has declined his nomination to the presidency of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton. We pray that God will guide the seminary Board of Regents as they seek to fill this position to the glory of God.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HANDYMAN to install some rubber baseboard in the janitor's room. Supplies provided with the exception of a caulking gun. Contact Heather Sommers to make arrangements.



Growing FAITH at home

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your cross
and follow.



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Sunday between
September 11 and
September 17



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were in need. Who helped you?
2. Jesus says that if we want to come after him, we must pick up our crosses and follow him. What do you think he means?
3. Do you think it is hard or easy to follow Jesus? Why?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
M	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
T	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
W	Philippians 3:7-16	Running towards the goal
T	Hebrews 12:1-13	The example of Jesus
F	1 Peter 5:6-11	God will restore those suffering
S	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

MARK 8:34



CREATIVE RESPONSE

How can we remember the cross of Jesus each day?

We can make the sign of the cross a regular practice.

This is an ancient Christian tradition that reminds us that we are people saved through the cross of Christ.

Make the sign of the cross with your thumb, index and middle fingers together. Place them on your forehead, then move them down to your heart, then from left across to your right shoulder.

Visual reminders of the cross are also a way of communicating our faith.

What crosses do you have on display in your home?



ACTION RESPONSE

We serve others not only through what we do but also through what we say.

James 3:1-9 encourages us to use our tongues to bless others, not hurt them. Aim to be God's 'sacred agents' this week in your home, places of work or education, church and community.

Set out each day to give at least one compliment or affirmation to someone else.

'I'm proud of you for...'

'That's ok, how can we learn from that?'

'I'm sorry'

'I love you no matter what'



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we chew and as we swallow, make us strong to love and follow. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus
Christ, give us
strength, courage
and faith to take
up our cross and
follow you. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's goodness give you peace in your heart and your mind. May the Lord protect you with kindness.