

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



SHOULDN'T YOU
HAVE MERCY ON
OTHERS · JUST AS I
HAD MERCY ON
YOU ?

MATTHEW 18:33

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

Education Hour: 9:00 am
Morning Worship with Communion: (1st, 3rd and 5th) 10:15 am
Wednesday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Saviour from sin, forgive us for often putting our plans ahead of Your plans, and for often wanting You to follow our wills instead of Your own. Help us to trust in You wholeheartedly, and to have the faith that Your way is best.

O Christ crucified for us; we cling to Your promises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 3 Pg. 184

HYMNS: 816; 611; 814; 609; 618; 563; 851

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21 Pg. 55

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14: 1-12 Pg. 1206

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35 Pg.1047

SERMON: Mercy? Mercy?! Me?

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.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION in which 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. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and the Elders will know how to respond.

THE NURSERY is available for times that children are restless, and is equipped with a sound system to enable parents to continue worshipping.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AND SERVICE are available for your use. Please pick one up from the tables at the back of the sanctuary, or ask an usher for a copy.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS, crayons, scrap paper and busy bags are available on the bookshelves by the sanctuary doors for children to use during worship.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION following our worship this morning. Take a few moments to catch up with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday w/Communion	Education Hour
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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Sanctuary GreetersAnne Marie Kothari; Mark Kihn; Brian & Carol Kehler
 Narthex Greeters Phil & Cheryl Lemke; Tim & Tracy Roth
 Acolyte McKenna Bablitz
 Lector Dave Perrin
 Counters Terry & Charlotte Naven
 Coffee Team.....Lucy Oberhammer; Kellen & Kristy Rosenau

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Our Missions: For the contacts Pastor Eric made on campus this week; for our preschool students as they get more and more into their learning.

Family Focus:

NURSEY: We have washed the toys and tidied in the nursery, and have added some new things to the busy bags at the back of the church. If you wish to donate toys to the nursery, please bring them Deaconess Miriam first. Please do not bring stuffed animals, as they are difficult to keep clean, and avoid toys with small parts, as these are a hazard to infants and toddlers. **We are in need of a volunteers to keep an eye on the toys, wash them regularly, and dispose of broken toys. Please contact Deaconess Miriam to express your interest.**

AFTER MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, our head usher, Otto Dusterhoft is retiring. We are looking for someone to take charge of the scheduling of ushers, We are also planning a training meeting for new ushers. Is this the area where you can serve the Lord and His church? Speak to Pastor Bode.

This Week at FLC

Today:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Planning Council
Tuesday:	6:30 pm	Catechumens
	7:00 pm	LifeLight - Romans
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday:	10:00 am	Moms & Tots
	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Bible Study at Bodes'
Saturday:	1:00 pm	Marilyn Naven/Kevin Lambert Wedding
Sunday:	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Voters' Meeting

FROM DR. MARTIN: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Matt. 18:21–35

“Now when we look at the account to see how much we owe we must quiver and quake and have no other recourse than to say: ‘I am in debt to others, but there are those who are in debt to me; I shall remit to them, one and all, whatever they owe me, and then O Lord, I pray thee, forgive me also.’ With that I draw a line through the reckoning and cancel it out. If we did not have this expedient we should be badly off.” LW 36:357 (56 vols.; St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House and Philadelphia Fortress Press, 1955–1986).

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Bible Translators

The Mission of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada (LBTC) is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. LBTC believes that no language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to God's Word. That is why LBTC works with Lutheran church bodies and Bible translation organizations worldwide-- so that every person has the opportunity to read, hear and understand God's Good News in the language of their hearts. Translation of the Bible into world languages is far from complete. In the world today there are over 6,800 languages. Over 4,400, or 66%, still have no portion of Scripture.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Elfrieda Fisher. Elfie passed away last Saturday, and her Christian service of remembrance was held on Friday at McGinnis and Holloway Chapel of the Bells. We pray for all who mourn her departure.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the students studied the story of “David and Jonathan”. Just as David’s and Jonathan’s brotherly love for each other reflected the love of God within their hearts, so too, our love for others is the reflection of God’s love given to us through Christ. Parents, could ask, “*How did David and Jonathan demonstrate their love and care for each other? How does God demonstrate His love and care for us?*”

TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST: Last Sunday you surprised us with gifts celebrating the Reformation—with red Reformation stoles for the pastors and a scarf with the opening words of *A Mighty Fortress* in German for Deaconess Miriam. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness, and thank God for your love and care for us. God bless you all for these reminders of this anniversary of the Reformation, and its joyous message of Jesus, the Lord of Life.

EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO MAKE THE LIBRARY MORE ACCESSIBLE: We are working to get the library back into shape, and to give you the opportunity to use it before and after service on Sundays. If you would like to be part of the effort, please speak to Trevor Heumann.

CAMEROON MISSION TRIP: We have already announced the formation of a mission team to travel to Cameroon in January to support the work of Pastor Mike and Kara Kuhn with Lutheran Bible Translators. We rejoice that Deaconess Miriam has agreed to go on the trip, and that the Elders are supporting this effort to assist the church at large. The Elders have determined that our October *Mission of the Month* will be for the Cameroon Mission. Your gifts will help defer the personal costs of airfare and accommodations for Deaconess and will support the team as a whole. Keep this effort in prayer, and rejoice in the opportunities this gives, both to support *our* missionaries in the field, and to help share that good news of Jesus Christ with the people of Cameroon.

A VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday, **September 24th**, immediately after the service and a short snack. Packages for the meeting are available on the welcome desk in the Narthex. Please pre-read and plan on attending.

HELP WANTED! A PPC secretary is required to take meeting minutes at PPC and Voters meetings. Please contact Ralf Hinterleitner if you are willing to serve our congregation in this way.



OUR CHOIR IS REHEARSING AGAIN! We invite you to join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. There is great joy in sharing in song, and proclaiming God’s goodness in His gift of music. All voices are welcome!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

... that our preschool is a licensed pre-kindergarten program ministry to our community, which includes the University of Calgary. We are within walking distance of university family housing.

... that we have had families from 5 continents attend our preschool in our 15 years. (no one from Australia or Antarctica). We share Jesus with children from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, atheist families as well as Lutheran and other Christian denominations.

... that one or both parents of our students may be grad or post-doc students. Parents tend to be very well educated.

... that children who first attend preschool without a parent and without English yet, have a much higher rate of separation anxiety because they don't always understand what is said.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th: *“The Latest Polls: - Matthew 21:18-21 and Luke 23:23-25)* Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth. Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140/am at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca



EIN PROSIT! You are invited to an ***Oktoberfest “Pub” Night and Silent Auction*** on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 5 - 8 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church (3610 Sarcee Road, SW) all proceeds going towards large facility projects such as the current plumbing and roof issues. We will be serving delicious brats on a bun with a delectable dessert along with other surprises. **Tickets are \$10** and are available during the week through the church office 403-249-8562 (office hours are Mon-Fri 9am-3pm).

YOUTH YEAR KICKOFF, SEPTEMBER 15th at 7:00 pm: Outdoor games at the church. You know the classics of capture the flag, stones, kickball, but we are also mixing in games that (hopefully) you've never played before! There will also be a time for snacks, devo and discussion on possible study topics for the year.

SEEKING KNITTING AND CROCHET SUPPLIES for a junior high school fiber arts class. If you are cleaning out your supplies or have things you simply won't use anymore, I will be most appreciative of this donation for my students! Looking for needles, hooks and yarns (basics only, as they are beginners). Donations can be placed in the bin marked "Erika Jarowicz fiber arts supplies" that will be located below the mailboxes, and will be accepted anytime. Any questions, please contact Erika directly at 404-797-4738. Thank you for your consideration to this request.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A WORSHIP BAND? We are currently seeking vocalists and musicians of all kinds! Please sign up on the worship bulletin board or talk to Pastor Eric for more details.



THANK YOU to those who donated the gift of blood during this past week. It truly is a gift of grace!

SOUTH MUSTARD SEED SHELTER DINNER:

Monday, September 25 4:00-8:30 pm: Thank you to those of you who have signed up for this servant event. We still need one or two more volunteers to fill the shift, and

two people willing to be subs if needed. Please sign up on the 50 for fifty bulletin board. Your email address is appreciated so that Gail Dusterhoft can send you more information. Children may attend. A youth waiver form needs to be signed by a guardian or parent.

PRESCHOOL REUNION: Saturday September 30, 1:30-3:30 pm. Aren't the statistics about the FLC preschool that Betty Ann provided amazing? We rejoice that God has provided this outreach for 15 years! A Drop-In Reunion has been planned to celebrate the occasion. Volunteers are needed to help greet and to assist at various activity centers (e.g., cookie decorating, drawing/writing best preschool moments, art projects, games, and possible playground supervision). Please talk to Betty Ann, Heather or Candice if you can serve in this capacity.

TACO IN A BAG: October 1st Is your mouth watering just reading this headline? It's not too early to mark your calendar for this very popular servant event that our youth provide yearly. This year the proceeds will be directed towards the FLC preschool. Treat your friends or family to a wonderful lunch and enjoy the fellowship in the church hall. PS. If you can't stay, take out is available

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Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What is the “Offering”?

This is the time during the service when we offer gifts to God together with the rest of the congregation. The Offering is concluded with the Offertory, which is the song that we sing while these gifts are being presented at the altar.

Why do we give money to the church?

The money that we give goes to help support all the work of the church. If you really think about it, everything we have is a gift from God (even the money we give in our offering.) When we give an offering, we are simply saying “thank you” to God for all of His wonderful gifts. As Christians, we give to God in response to what He has given to us: life, food, family, and most importantly, our Savior, Jesus! We don’t do this because we have to. We do this because, in faith, we want to!

FOR PARENTS

Before the Divine Service, remind your children what giving to the Offering means. Help them to think of all the things that they have and how they are really gifts from God. Encourage them to set aside a certain amount of their own money each week to give.