

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Third Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Help us, O Jesus, to live as Your brothers and sisters on this earth by doing the will of God and following Your example. And bind us together as one in the family of faith.

Jesus, our Brother, we thank You for making us Your loved ones.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: You Are My All in All; The Saving One; Mighty To Save; How Can I Keep From Singing

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 3:8-15

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 3:20-35

SERMON: From Tragedy to Triumph – Genesis 3:8-15

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..... Tobi Stene; Ellen Wagner
Lector Stacey Bablitz
AV Operators Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner

SILVER SAINTS: We invite our 65+ members to gather Wednesday, **June 19th** at 1:30 pm for a devotion and some time together to discuss re-starting our Silver Saints group. Coffee and tea (and maybe even some snacks) will be served!

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	VBS Training
Tuesday	11:00 am	Susan Welz Funeral
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Friday		Youth
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour (Last Sunday of Sunday School & Youth Study)
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Grad Blessing
	1:00 pm	Voter's Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open 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/>,



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Reiner Welz and family at death our sister in Christ, Susan. Susan's Christian funeral will be here at Foothills on Tuesday, June 11th at 11:00 am.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
June 2	158/117	13	9

*Attendance includes online participation.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal \$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,650.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$163,569.00	+/- YTD \$684.38
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$162,884.62	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 115.00; Visitor 900.00; Sunday School 14.00; Lutheran World Relief 100.00; LWMLC 25.00; Hope Mission 25.00; Kitchen Reno 150.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "Homecoming Hopes" is the theme for our lesson this week. King Artaxerxes sends Ezra as a priest and scribe to teach and lead the people at the newly repaired temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah convinces the king to send him to Jerusalem to repair the city wall. Despite opposition from Israel's neighbors, repairs are completed in record time. Nehemiah, Ezra, and the priests lead the people in a joyous rededication of the wall. Discuss together, "What homecoming can we look forward to as God's children?"

MISSION OF THE MONTH: HOPE MISSION

Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Working in the Forest Lawn area of Calgary, they provide meals and care to people in need. Much of the effort provides for children. Your gifts help them help others in need.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Lit Up" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm glow light that nurtures us. (Acts 11:24) 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 ERIC ON MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE: Pastor Eric will be away until the end of June. We ask you to pray for him and his family, that God would provide healing and strength. If you wish to contact him to provide encouragement, please do so with a written card in the mail to his home address or placed in his church mail slot, or via email. If you have any questions about the leave, please ask any of the Elders. Please also pray for God's guidance and strength for those who are covering for Pastor Eric and working to help progress the healing process.

WE THANK ELDERS Robert Kubke, Rick Nelson and Austin Voss for leading our worship this morning. Pastor Bode is in Didsbury today. We are blessed, gentlemen, through your service to the Lord and His church!

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Walta Clercius** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Clercius, 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.*



TRAVELLING ON THE WEEKENDS? Enjoying the blessings God gives us in this world shouldn't keep us from spending time with our Lord and finding the strength and encouragement He gives us through His Word and Sacraments. We do remind you that we have services every Wednesday, with Holy Communion offered on the opposite weeks from our Sunday communion services. We gather at 6:30 pm. Join us!

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST this year is going to be a little different. Due to a number of factors, we won't be able to host it during the Calgary Stampede. It will instead be shifted to Rally Sunday as a LUNCH (September 8) for this year. We understand this may disappoint some, but we hope that we will still have many energetic volunteers to help with this event! Please plan to invite family members, friends and neighbours. Sign up sheet will be available already this month so we can have lots of time to plan ahead!



NOMINATION PROCESS! We're actually a bit behind, but we need your help as we prepare for our elections meeting. Your nominations help us in our efforts. God has blessed us with differing gifts and abilities, so that we can come together to accomplish great things with His grace and strength. If you are asked to serve, we hope and pray that you will see this as a privilege and a blessing, as we serve the Lord together in joy. Nomination forms are on the Welcome Desk and once completed can be left in the mailbox by the administrative office door.

VOTERS MEETING: We will gather **Sunday, June 16th at 1:00 pm** to receive the Annual Report and to elect officers. Please set aside the date and join us as we work together in the Lord's Kingdom. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report and the June 16th Voter's package are available on the Welcome Desk.



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

JUNE 23RD SURPRISE POTLUCK CELEBRATION RECOGNIZING ROGER HALL'S YOUTH GROUP SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

This is an invitation to all confirmands (including partners or spouses) from the St. Matthew Lutheran Church confirmation classes of 1971 through 1980. We are targeting these 10 years but any confirmands from St. Matthew whose lives in youth group were influenced by Roger, are welcome to attend. From 11:30-2:30 in the gym at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury, we will be honouring Roger by sharing lunch together, offering words of thanks for his service and life within his church, and reminiscing about some of our youth group experiences! If you would like to attend Redeemer's church service prior to the potluck, service begins at 10:15. For the potluck please bring enough for yourself and at least 10 others. We are anticipating about 100 attendees. Dessert has been taken care of so bring entrees or sides for lunch. Please forward this information to anyone from your confirmation class or youth group who may not receive this notice. If you have any questions or are planning to attend this celebration please RSVP to Pat Rosenau (nee Oberhammer) at pat.rosenau59@gmail.com or Charlene Jones (nee Oberhammer) at jones.gcharlene@outlook.com by June 15th.

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”.

Our Lutheran Worship: The Offering and Offertory

Having received the blessings that God brings us through His Word, we respond with thanksgiving in Offering and praise (Offertory). We return a portion of what God has given to us. This small portion supports the continuing proclamation of the Gospel—among our church family, to others in the community and to people around the world.

The offertory can be sung either before or during the offering. In Divine Service 3, we use the words of Psalm 51, asking God to work through the Word just preached to cleanse and purify the heart as God's people gather their sacrificial offerings and partake of His Supper. In other services we respond to that Word and ask God to lead us in our lives.



Growing FAITH at home

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We are the
brothers and
sisters of Jesus.



Grow Ministries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
June 5 and June 11
(if after Trinity Sunday)



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Name some things you appreciate about people in your family.
2. Jesus says that everyone who does God's will is his 'brother and sister and mother'. What does it mean to you that Jesus has called you a very close family member?
3. How does faith affect our family relationships?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 3:20-35	Doing the work of God
M	Genesis 3:8-15	Adam and Eve hide from God
T	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Living by faith
W	Ephesians 6:1-4	Children and parents
T	Proverbs 6: 20-23	Learning from our parents
F	Psalms 103:1-13	A father's compassion
S	Psalms 130	Prayer of lament and hope

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever does God's will is my brother
and sister and mother."

MARK 3:35



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Set aside some time this week to explore your family history or histories.

Make up a family tree showing your cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, great-grandparents and so on. Look together at any family history books you may have. Share what you know about the life stories of your relatives.

Discuss ways in which your family history has shaped who you are today, individually and as a household.



ACTION RESPONSE

As Christians, we are Jesus' brothers, sisters and mothers!

We can show our love for Jesus as his brothers and sisters and mothers by serving the biological brothers, sisters and mothers in our lives. Invite each household member to carry out one act of service for their brother, sister or mother this week.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Round this table here to pray, first we thank you for the day. For our family and our friends, gifts of grace that heaven lends. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for the gift of family. Help us to remain united, serving you and loving one another. Amen.



BLESSING

May you always know you are a child of God.