## Foothills Lutheran Church

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# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Calm the storms of our lives, O Lord, and rescue us from terror and fear. Bring us the peace that only You can give and set our hearts at rest by Your presence.

Prince of Peace, help us to be still and know that You are always with us.

## **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

ORDER OF SERVICE:	As projected
HYMNS	10,000 Reasons; 818; 728; Everlasting; 718
FIRST LESSON:	Job 38:1-11
EPISTLE LESSON:	
GOSPEL LESSON:	
SERMON: A Bold Confession, In	All Circumstances! - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

**WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU** in the name of our Saviour, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. If you do not have a church that you call home, we invite you to make Foothills your spiritual home. Amid the trials and tribulations of life it's good that we can come to our Lord for strength through His Word. Please introduce yourself to the Pastors and sign our guest book before leaving today.

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; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers	
Worship Leaders	
Lector	
AV Operators	Eden/Paxton Knudtson; Rick Nelson

*HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY?* We hope you will stop to see what information is available to you!

**WE THANK OUR ELDERS**, Rob Kaut and Brian Kehler, 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!

## THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	11:00 am	Guenther Maekelburger Funeral
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Congregational Understanding Meeting
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:



**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Ruth Maekelburger and family at the death of our brother in Christ, Guenther Maekelburger. Guenther's Christian funeral will be held here at Foothills on Monday, **June 24**th at 11:00 am. We pray

that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace.

A LOVING REMINDER: Sunday is our time to worship as a family in Christ the Lord who has done all things for us. This is true for our staff, too. We do ask that the office related needs and work items be reserved for our work days, not our worship days. We thank you for allowing our staff to worship with you. They will respond to your needs as soon as possible during the week.

Our financial stewards may also be working in the office, working to give proper attention to the gifts and offerings given by God's people. If the office door is closed, please do not disturb the counters, so that they can complete their tasks in a timely and efficient manner.

**PASTOR ERIC ON MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE**: 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.

Congregation 'Understanding' Meeting on June 25 @ 6:30pm: Regarding Pastor Eric's mental health leave, if you wish to 'understand' more and help in the healing, please attend. Pastor Eric will be there to share information.

## LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	<b>Education Hour</b>	Wednesday
June 16	141/110	19	8

<sup>\*</sup>Attendance includes online participation

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,950.00	\$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$175,979.00	+/- YTD
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$177,692.31	-\$1,713.31

*Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:* Visitor 370.00; Sunday School 12.00; Pregnancy Care 30.00; Mustard Seed 100.00; LWMLC 35.00; Youth 30.00; Refugee Sponsorship 1025.00.

*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*: Registration is filling up 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 <a href="https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/">https://www.foothillslutheran.com/ministries/christian-education/vbs2024/</a>



## 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: "You're Really into This, Aren't You?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you (Acts 16:30). 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 <a href="https://www.lutheranhour.ca">www.lutheranhour.ca</a>.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Razafy Razandrakoto who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razandrakoto, 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.

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. A sign-up sheet is now available on the Fellowship bulletin board.



**WE REJOICE** with Kellen and Kristy Rosenau at the birth of their daughter, Hadley Eliana. We pray that God would continue to watch over and bless this precious gift

and grant His blessings to this family.

**WE ALSO EXTEND OUR BELATED CONGRATULATIONS** to Curtis Rosenau and Jena Lewis, who were united in holy marriage on June 8<sup>th</sup>. As they begin their lives together as husband and wife, we pray that they would know the love of God in their lives, and that they would always find joy in their lives together through His great love for us

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 "SILVER SAINTS" PLANNING GATHERING** took place this past Wednesday, with 8 members in attendance and another 11 expressing interest who were unable to attend. We will be sending out a survey to our members that shares some of the information we discussed today, and looking at the ways we can come together in the fall to share in the fellowship we enjoy as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to share them with Deaconess Miriam or Pastor Bode!



**FROM THE VOTER'S MEETING:** Along with receiving the reports of the congregation's work over the past year, we also elected new officers to the Parish Planning Council and to our Board of Elders. Our officers for the coming year will be:

President	vacant	
Vice President	Hans Dueck	
Treasurer	Robert Heumann/Rick Goebel	
Elders	Rob Kaut; Brian Kehler; Robert Kubke; Rick	
	Nelson; Lorne Rosenau; Austin Voss	

Evangelism	vacant	
Fellowship	Heather Sommers	
Stewardship	Dale Dusterhoft	
Human Care Ministries	vacant	
Education	Trevor Heumann	
Church Properties	vacant	
Recording Secretary	Barb Vincent	
Financial Secretary	Gary Ring	

We thank all those who have served us. We pray that God will raise up among us willing workers, to help us in our mutual service to one another.

You will notice that we still have vacancies on several boards. Please consider the ways you can serve the Lord and His church, as we use our gifts together to the glory of His name.

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

## Our Lutheran Worship: The Prayer of the Church

Strengthened by the speaking of God's Word, we together, as the Body of Christ, pray the Prayer of the Church. We give thanks to God for His gifts, especially the preaching of God's Word. The prayer also ties the worship service to the life of God's people, bringing our petitions before Him for the church, for those in our homes and for the world. St. Paul reminds us: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." (1 Timothy 2:1–2, ESV) The prayer may be responsive, but it is the prayer of the church and the congregation's response of amen shows that this is the prayer of each member as well.



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Sunday between June 19 and June 25 (if after Trinity Sunday)



CONVERGATIONS

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

- 1. Draw a picture or talk about a time you were afraid.
- The disciples were in a boat and afraid of a dangerous storm. They thought they might drown. Did Jesus seem afraid? Why do you think that was?
- How do you reach out to Jesus when you experience storms in life?



#### BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea.
М	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
т	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
w	Acts 27:13-38	Paul and the storm at sea
т	Exodus 14:5-25	Parting of the Red Sea
F	Joshua 3:7-17	The Jordan River stops flowing
s	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

MARK 4:41





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Find a woven basket or another object to represent a boat. In your household devotion times this week, share any fears or worries you may have. Write these down on slips of paper and place them into the "boat".

When you have finished cover them with another slip of paper carrying the name of Jesus, or with a figure of Jesus. Read Psalm 107:28-31.

Pray that Jesus will calm your fears and help you to see and trust that he is with you in every storm.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Plan and discuss what your family would do during a severe storm.

Send a note to the local SES volunteers, thanking them for their volunteer service in your community.



#### MEALTIME PRAYER

For all we eat and all we wear; for daily bread and nightly care; for your good gifts to use and share; we thank you, Lord. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please replace our fears with faith; give us courage and keep us calm in times of trouble. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God calm you when you are afraid. May he give you faith to trust in his love.