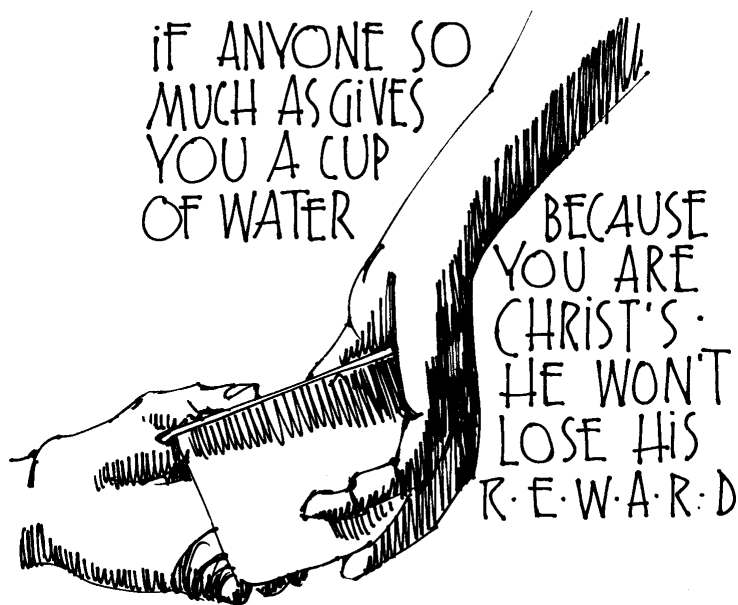


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 26, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Clear away from our path, O Lord, all that would trip us up on our walk with You. May we continue to move forward in our faith, never veering off on another track or another way of life. And keep our eyes ever on Your cross, so we may always see Your salvation.

*Christ crucified for us, we follow in the Way that You prepared for us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... Lord Have Mercy; 609 (vs. 1-4); 763; 609 (vs. 5-7); 602; 641

**FIRST LESSON:**.....Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... James 5:(1-12) 13-20

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 9:38-50

**SERMON:**

**WELCOME:** We gather to rejoice this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

**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.

**To help us with registration, please sign the list on the table and the stand in the narthex. One family member and the number of attending is helpful.**

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Music.....Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Kim Lautermilch



**THE FLOWERS WHICH GRACE OUR ALTAR** this month are from the Heumann family in loving memory of Christine's mother, Dorothy Graham, who is missed and fondly remembered.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October – December are available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today!

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWML (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 pm	Louise Meyers Funeral
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood"*** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. We can start to make the world a better place by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods into which God has placed us (Jeremiah 29). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>
September 19	95	14/9

*Attendance numbers include online participants*

***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

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

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,784.62	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,315.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$267,968.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$333,815.38</b>	<b>-\$42,608.68</b>

***Miscellaneous Offerings:*** Plate 20.00; Visitor 130.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 100.00; Helping Hands Kitchen 75.00; Recoveries 744.14.



*In Sympathy*

***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Rick and Pam Goebel, at the death of Rick's brother, Al. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting comfort and the assurance of the victory that is ours in the resurrected, living, ascended Lord Jesus.

**FUNERALS FOR HELEN AND LOUISE:** The family of Helen Duholke has determined that, due to COVID restrictions, they would have a family graveside service at this time. A memorial service for her will be held here at Foothills at a later date, when restrictions ease.

The service for Louise Meyers will be held this coming Wednesday at 1:00 pm here at the church. There are restrictions of 50 people for funerals, but there are some openings for those who may wish to attend. We will also stream the service on Facebook.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today, we studied “Signs of the True God,” as students learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh’s heart against Moses and the Israelites.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

#### **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY**

The Gospel is for all people in all sorts of circumstances. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society, formed by mission minded LCC individuals, seeks to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present.

**MISSION PRAYER:** Deaconess Hem Horm serves the Kampot Lutheran Church, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Horm by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours. **C: Amen**



**THE COVID SITUATION IN ALBERTA** has resulted in a return to restrictions (110 people) and distancing in worship. We ask our members to register at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ> so that we can be sure that we don’t have to turn people away from worship. We do pray that God will deliver us from this pandemic; that He will give us patience and strength to endure; that we will do all we can to show our love and care for one another as we go through these frustrating days.

**OUR MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We meet at 9:00 am We meet at church, observing COVID protocols, and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us. Is there something you would like to study, men?



**HOSPITAL VISITOR TRAINING & COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Would you like to learn about becoming a Trained Visitor in a hospital or care facility setting and at the same time enhance your communication skills? Join us for an initial Visitor Training Session, sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta Society. The class will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am - 2 pm. We meet in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66-7th St. NE Calgary (D.V.). Bring a bag lunch. We will have room to social distance. Please wear a mask.

Contact Pastor Rekken at 780-718-4472 or email [pastor@princeofpeace.ca](mailto:pastor@princeofpeace.ca) for more information.



**THERE IS NO DENYING THAT THESE COVID DAYS MAKE IT HARDER** for us to be regularly in Bible study. We know that many of our members have been taking extra time reading and studying on their own, but there is something special about sharing in that Word together. Some studies have been on hold and may continue to be on hold for the near future, but we also want to start others again. Pastor Bode is planning to begin a Tuesday morning bible study here at the church, from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. We can return to a LifeLight study, if there is a desire for that, or we can continue with the format he had been using online last spring, following the *Longer Look at the Lessons* studies.

He also hopes to resume his *Front to Back* study. This has traditionally met at his home but could be moved to the church. It would also be possible to have this study become another LifeLight opportunity.

At present, due to the city masking bylaw, all our gatherings do require us to be masked. We look for the day when God does deliver us from this pandemic and from the constant frustration of changes and regulations. Even so, we do hope that we will find the ways of sharing together in God's Word.

If you are interested in either a Tuesday morning or Thursday evening study, please contact Pastor Bode at the church office (403-284-1342) or via email at [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com)



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** When you prepare and send your box(es) pray for the child(ren) who will receive your gift. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to items that the child might need/want and that the children will come to know Jesus. Shoeboxes and labels will be available in October. Please call me if you have any questions. Elke Bittmann (403) 830-2143.

**LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING TOMORROW**, September 27, by Zoom 1:00 -3:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome! We will have our business meeting, then Pastor Bode will lead us in Bible Study. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at [cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca) or phone her at (403) 851-2049.

**HELPING HANDS KITCHEN:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please check the Human Care Bulletin Board for more information on how you can support this mission. Thank you to all who have signed up, and I look forward to seeing you on October 16th. Submitted by Christine Heumann



**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS:** It was recently noted by our treasurer that the weekly bulletin report of the gifts given each week may not be a true picture of our giving and goals. While the numbers reported are accurate, the totals needed to date did not reflect the budgeted goal of our envelope contributions of \$425,000.00, but were in contrast with the total budget of \$456,800.00.

Our budgeted income for the year does have several categories that are not included in the bulletin report each week. Our budgeted operating receipts includes several different categories:

- envelope offerings – these are the gifts given by our members through their offering envelopes, or through direct deposit and e-transfer
- plate offerings – monies that are given without an envelope, often from visitors
- Visitor offerings – these are the offerings that come from visitors which are placed in an envelope, and which are eligible for a receipt from the congregation
- We also have facility rentals, parking revenue, parsonage rental – the income from the student residence, rental from the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church, interest and other income

Many of these categories have been impacted by COVID. We have not had the revenue from parking or the student residence throughout the past year. With fewer visitors, those gifts have also been less. Yet it is the gifts that God has first given to us that we use to support the mission and ministry of this congregation and the greater work of the church through the Synod.

We have amended the bulletin to reflect only our envelope offerings, but we pray that we may continue to be good and faithful stewards of His blessings to us, as we serve Him in the joy of our lives as His children through Jesus Christ.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

26 September 2021

EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## Caring Conversations



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

1

In what ways is salt used?

2

Jesus says his followers must have the qualities of salt. What do you think he means?

3

Being part of a family or a congregation involves challenge and conflict as well as joy and gladness. In what ways do our lives 'flavour' the lives of others? How are you God's salt in your relationships?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin
<b>M</b>	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Moses and the 70 elders
<b>T</b>	James 5:13-20	The power of prayer
<b>W</b>	Luke 24:36-49	Repentance and forgiveness
<b>T</b>	Micah 7:18-20	God's steadfast love
<b>F</b>	Acts 3:17-26	Repent for times of refreshment
<b>S</b>	Psalms 19:7-14	The wonders of God
<b>S</b>	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you this day. You are our Rock and Redeemer. Amen

### BLESSING

May God's word guide you and give you peace with others.

## Living like Jesus

### Creative Response

In your home, make a sign that reads "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another." (Mark 9:50).

Put the message next to a salt shaker and place the sign and the salt on a table in your home. Reflect on how your life in Christ has made you like salt and a powerful gift of peace to others.



### mealtime prayer

Lord, thanks we say for night and day, food and shelter, rest and play. Be our guest and with us stay. Amen.

verse for the week

Are any of you in trouble? Then you should pray. Are any of you happy? Then sing songs of praise.

JAMES 5:13

### Service



Caring for our life in community, whether it be a family, support group, or congregation is of vital importance to the integrity of the witness of the church.

Reach out to someone who may feel alone or estranged from their family, small group or congregation.

Express your care for them and for their being a valued community member.