

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Thanksgiving Sunday*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** From our inmost being, we praise you, O God. May we forget not all your benefits to us. May we see your abundant, steadfast love at work in our lives. And may we rejoice in all the good things you do to satisfy our desires, renew our strength, and remove our sins. For your care is everywhere and your kingdom encompasses all.

***OUR WORSHIP TODAY***

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

**HYMNS:** ..... 893; 10,000, Reasons; 586; 785; Build Your Kingdom Here

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Timothy 2:1-4

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 17:11-19

**SERMON:** *A Gift For His Church* - Ephesians 4:11-13

**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 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.

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

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

Ushers..... Robert Kubke; Brian Vincent

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold Ristau. Everything belongs to God and there isn't anything anyone could possibly give Him that He doesn't already have. And yet, there is one thing He desires: our garbage—our sins, our shame, our guilt—that He might put it all on Jesus (1 Samuel 2:1-10). 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)

**WE REJOICE ON THIS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY,** thankful for all God has bestowed upon us. With the psalmist we say: “Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!” (Psalm 118:1, ESV)

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	PPC
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm	Youth, Corn Maze
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Helping Hands Kitchen
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Morning Worship/Communion

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
October 3	112/74	16

*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	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,445.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$282,418.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$326,923.08</b>	<b>-\$44,505.08</b>

***Miscellaneous Offerings:*** Plate 40.00; Visitor 75.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; CLMS 50.00; LWML 75.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ Fund 105.75; Human Care 90.00.

***ORGAN FUND UPDATE:*** Jan 1, 2021 balance (\$25,048.84); Sep 30, 2021 YTD donations \$6,504.60; Sep 30 2021 balance (\$18,544.24). Submitted by Mark Kihn.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** We did not have a lesson today – class will resume next Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. A blessed Thanksgiving to all of our families! Take the opportunity today or tomorrow to reflect together as a family on all of the blessings that our Lord God has given you – blessings of body and of soul. Choose a Psalm of thanksgiving to read together – check out Psalms 107, 118 or 136, and note the writer's reasons for giving thanks. What reasons do you have to thank God?



**LIFELIGHT BIBLE BEGINS THIS WEEK:** Pastor Bode is offering a LifeLight study on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. We will provide the materials at our first class. Let Pastor Bode know if you are interested in attending.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
BC MISSION BOAT**

The BC Mission Boat Society takes teams by car, water taxi and ferry to remote communities on the BC coast to share God's love in Jesus Christ. Teams from across Canada participate in this work. We know the needs are great, and we are blessed through their efforts. Your support helps them bring the Gospel, especially to those isolated indigenous communities.

**MISSION PRAYER:** Rev. Hernaldo Varela Mèndez serves as the vice president of the I.L.S.N. He also serves as the pastor of Lutheran church of Christ, truth, and life in the city of Somotillo. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Mèndez 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**



**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.

**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

**PRAYING WITH JESUS, PRAYING THE PSALMS:** Rev. Jonathan Kraemer, pastor of All Saints' Lutheran Church, Edmonton, did a Bible Study by this title online for the ladies of LWMLC earlier this year. The study was recorded and is now available here at Foothills. Contact Deaconess Miriam to borrow the thumb drive, or to request a link to access the files.



**PASTOR ERIC HAS RECEIVED A CALL** to serve as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sarnia, ON. As he seeks God's will and direction for his service in the Lord's church, we do ask that you keep him and Kayla in your prayers. Pray also for our congregations who are seeking pastors in these days, as well as for our congregation, as we await his decision.

**THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING FOR WORSHIP!** By the grace of God, the day will come when we no longer need to do this, but right now it helps us prepare and provide care for one another. You can assist our registration teams by remembering to complete your registration by Saturday evening. Our teams seek to make the best use of our space, and we hope that you remember that means we may not be able to sit in our 'favourite' spot. Please bear with us, as we all look to the ways we can be together in God's house while caring for one another in these COVID days.

**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 for more information.

### **OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE**

**How do we memorize?** For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

*This week's verse: Isaiah 53:6*

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

**WE THANK TREVOR HEUMANN** for the hours he has put in trying to fine tune our sound system and our streaming system. We appreciate your effort as we seek to provide the best broadcast as well as the best worship environment for our people.

**AS WE ENTER THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR**, we remember that we are called to be good stewards of God's resources to us. We have been blessed in many ways, and we respond in faithful stewardship. Please continue this joyous service, as we give from God's gifts to us. We always seem to



have some catching up to do in this quarter. God has given so much to us; may we use His gifts to His glory in Jesus Christ!

**LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE** are available for your use. Please pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the sanctuary or ask an usher for a copy.

**PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR OUR CATECHUMENS!** We rejoice with the young people who will make their vows of faithfulness and confession on our Confirmation Sunday—Reformation Day, October 31<sup>st</sup>. As we look to that day, we ask for your prayers for our young people. We also hope you will show your support and love for these new communicant members as we worship with them that day. The students will present their testimonies of faith as part of our worship that day. As we celebrate the Reformation it is good to hear these young people share that conviction that comes through grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Operation Christmas Child is an outreach project of Samaritan's Purse to children around the world who are poverty stricken or in war-torn countries. They send shoeboxes of hygiene, small toys and other items as well as sharing the gospel message. Shoeboxes and brochures are available on the table beside Deaconess Miriam's office. When you have packed your box you can leave in on the same table.

**GOD'S WORD TO US TODAY:** Today we rejoice with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But "man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD" (Deut. 8:1–10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: "Go and show yourselves to the priests" (Luke 17:11–19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to "rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessings to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).



## Growing FAITH at home

10 October 2021

TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

### Caring Conversations

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

1

What is your favourite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it? How is the Bible different from other books?

2

Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is 'alive and working'. How have you experienced this to be true?

3

What is the difference between sword and spirit? Why does the word need to separate them?

### Devotions



#### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
<b>M</b>	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15;	Seek good and not evil
<b>T</b>	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
<b>W</b>	Proverbs 31:8 and 9	Defend the poor
<b>T</b>	Luke 18:18-30	A rich man
<b>F</b>	Leviticus 19:25-16	God's commandments
<b>S</b>	Psalm 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom
<b>S</b>	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve

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

### Rituals and Traditions



#### PRAYER

Lord God, help us to hear your word today so that it does your good work in our lives. Amen

#### BLESSING

May God's favour rest on you and all you do. May his love satisfy all your needs and fill you with joy.

God's word is our  
greatest treasure!

## Creative Response

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is 'alive and working'.

Gather together various Bibles from your home. Look up some of the verses for this week and compare the different versions, noting what is similar and different.

Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that can help us. Share your favourite Bible verse/ passage and highlight it in others' Bibles.

Place your Bible in a visible place, as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.



### mealtime prayer

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive, and give gladly to any who are in need.  
Amen.

## verse for the week

The word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate joints from bones. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

## Service



In Mark 10:29-31 Jesus points out that his followers prosper with many family members and family possessions. Being part of the church gives us a large, even global, family that presents us with a wealth of relationships to do God's work and will. Practise home hospitality, welcoming fellow Christians into your dwelling as a way to share your possessions and wealth with them. Sharing a simple meal is a way to share the wealth of the kingdom of God. Use the Mealtime Prayer as part of your time of breaking bread together.