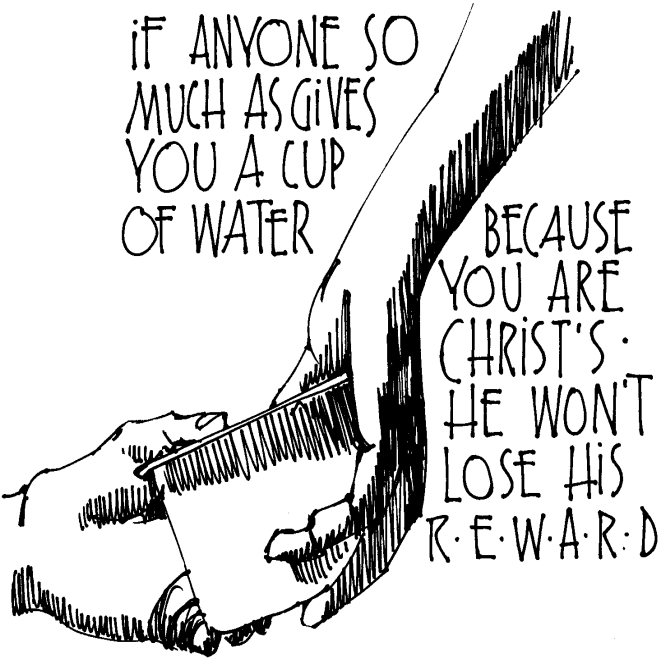


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 29, 2024*

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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:** ..... 594; 725; 537; 826; 737; 752; 947; 660  
**FIRST LESSON:** ..... Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... James 5:13-20  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 9:38-50  
**SERMON:**

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist ..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers ..... Brian and Barb Vincent  
Acolyte ..... Julia Han  
Lector ..... Faith Dueck  
AV Operators ..... Sacha/Derek Kiefer; Evan Stene  
Communion Assistant ..... Brian Kehler

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Today</b>	Following worship Following lunch	Faith @ Home "My Church" <b>Voter's Meeting</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am 7:30 pm	LifeLight Bible Study Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship / Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study Children's Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am 10:15 am	Education Hour Worship/Communion

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

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:*** This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. Ask one another, "How can we use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 6) "Fit to Be Tied"*** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8) 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).



**THE FLOWERS** that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Robert and Christine Heumann in loving memory of Christine's mother, Dorothy, grandmother, Helen and grandfather, Herbert, who all died in the month of September.

### ***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday/ Communion</b>
September 22	167	63	14/13

*\*Attendance includes online participation and those at the ball tournament.*

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

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,095.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$251,395.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$281,346.15</b>	<b>-\$29,951.15</b>

***Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Plate 190.00; Visitor 265.00; Sunday School 8.00; Facility Rentals 60.00; Student Residence 500.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 100.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 20.00; Youth 20.00; Board of Education Recovery 159.00; Fellowship Recovery 41.98.

### ***MISSION OF THE MONTH CONCORDIA MISSION SOCIETY***

There are so many opportunities for mission outreach that God has provided for us. We have various agencies within Lutheran Church—Canada who focus on different areas of mission, such as the LWML. The Concordia Lutheran Mission Society was by mission minded LCC individuals to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present. While some of their efforts dovetail with existing projects, they also look for the needs of the church. Your support helps in these efforts!

***OUR "LIFE WITH GOD" ADULT INFORMATION CLASS*** meets again **October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-1:15 pm**. These classes are led by Pastor Bode following worship on the Sundays when he is *not* in Didsbury. Our topic this time will be: *Life With God: the Loss of Life*.

We want to help you know and understand what God says to us in the chief teachings or doctrines of Scripture. This course provides all of us an opportunity to study what our church believes, teaches, and confesses from the Word of God. For those who are new inquirers, this course would serve as membership class.

***VOTERS' MEETING TODAY:*** Please plan to attend. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.



**OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Saturday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will again be able to have breakfast and will share in that meal at 9:00 am (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR TRANSITION AND RECRUITMENT SEARCH:** We have been blessed with over 7 years of service from Carol Kehler, but she has decided the time has come for her to resign from this role. Thankfully, she will be staying on for a while, to allow us time to find a successor. We are currently looking for interested applicants. A job description will be posted in the Narthex. If you are interested, please send resumes to our office email: [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com).



**OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** continues this Tuesday, **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are looking at the Life of David, following the LifeLight program. Join us for this time together around God's Word. We meet from 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. David Milette** who serves as pastor of *l'Eglise luthérienne du Bon Berger* (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) in Moncton, New Brunswick. He also provides support for LCC's French Ministries. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Milette, 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.**



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It may feel more like summer than Christmas, but colder weather and snow are just around the corner. Operation Christmas Child (OCC) will start up in October and brochures and boxes will be available in the next few weeks. OCC is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with hygiene items, school items, toys, and a WOW item. The gospel message is also shared, and children are invited to attend a 12-week course called *The Greatest Journey*. Please talk to Elke Bittmann at church or email her at [elkebittmann54@gmail.com](mailto:elkebittmann54@gmail.com) for further information.

**JAMES ASSURES US:** *"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."* (James 5:16, ESV) What a blessing it is to go to God in prayer for one another, for our church and for those who serve. May we be in prayer, asking God's blessings upon us and seeking His will and His grace in all we do. Those prayers are powerful!



**IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT A POOR APPETITE FOR GOOD BOOKS** leads to intellectual malnutrition. We want to help feed your intellect, and our Church Library is a good place to start! Along with many reference books, there are books for children; topical books on things such as prayer; devotional books; bible reading guides; Christian fiction series (stories with Christian themes) and more. Have you been into the library lately? Stop and take a look and borrow a book to feed your intellect—and your faith!

**THE B-I-B-L-E! YES, THAT'S THE BOOK FOR ME!** We are mindful of the opportunities we have to study God's Word through all ages—in our Sunday School and youth studies, through our adult bible study, and so on. God speaks to us in His Word and gives us treasures greater than anything we can imagine, and yet which we so often set aside or take for granted. You can be in that Word each Sunday morning, Tuesday mornings with LifeLight, at our Men's Breakfast Study, our Tuesday and Thursday studies—and we are always willing to provide more opportunities! You can also find bible reading guides on the welcome desk. Or ask the pastors about starting your own study group—we'll be glad to help you do that! God's Word is our guide through life, our comfort in sorrow, the assurance of forgiveness in the face of our guilt and shame, and the promise of all that God has done that we may live in Him forever. We can never say it enough: *be in the Word!*



### ***Our Lutheran Worship: Sanctus***

The Proper Preface ends with joyful assurance: *"Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying"*, and then we join in the words heard by the prophet Isaiah as he was given a vision of the throne of God. The seraphim, high-ranking angels that stand in the presence of God, sing the Sanctus: ***"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"*** (Isaiah 6:3, ESV) The evangelist John's vision of heaven confirms what Isaiah saw. The "living creatures"—the seraphim—sing ***"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*** (Revelation 4:8, ESV) What a joy to join the whole host of heaven, including all the saints of all generations, in the praise of the God of our salvation.

The Sanctus also includes our call for God's help. "Hosanna" means "help us" or "save us." The crowds sang these words as Jesus entered into Jerusalem in preparation for His death. The Sanctus leads us as we prepare to receive Jesus who comes to us in His body and blood. ***"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!"*** (Psalm 118:26, ESV)



## Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 21

YEAR B

### Living like Jesus



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Sunday between  
September 25 and  
October 1



## CONVERSATIONS

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

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?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

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

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever wants to be first must be  
last of all and servant of all."

MARK 9:35





## 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.



## ACTION RESPONSE

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.



## 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.