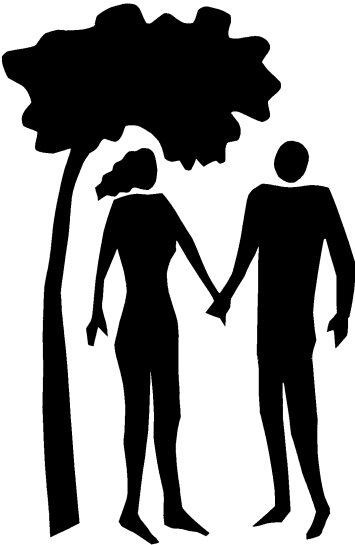


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*I will make
a companion
for him.*

G E N E S I S 2 : 18

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Bless all families gathered here today. Increase the love between husbands and wives and parents and children. Bring peace and harmony to each of their homes. And may all their time together be made richer because of Your presence with them.

Son of God and Mary's son, we thank You for making us part of Your family.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p 151

HYMNS: 863; 862; 860; 858; 702; 549; 685

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 2:18-25

EPISTLE LESSON:Hebrews 2:1-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:2-16

SERMON: *Happy, Healthy, Heavenly* - Mark 10:2-16

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.



THE FLOWERS that grace our altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Joan Copeland in loving memory of her husband, Tom Copeland.

DEACONESS MIRIAM and Bruce will be on vacation October 8 – 14th inclusive. We pray for safe travel and enjoyable time with family.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers.....	Brian and Barb Vincent
Acolyte	Adam Hohm
Lector	Rick Goebel
AV Operator.....	Ralf Hinterleitner
Communion Assistant	Robert Kubke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Friday		Youth - Laser Tag
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital:*
- Homebound:*
- For Special Intercession:*
- Family Focus:*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY: In Christian education this week, we learn how “Fishers Follow.” Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter’s boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, “How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 13) "Difficult People" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/ Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
September 29	142/95	33	14/12

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

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal \$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,040.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$254,435.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$288,750.00	-\$34,315.00

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 96.00; Visitor 40.00; Sunday School 43.00; Student Residence 2500.00; Lutheran Bible Translators 230.00; Mustard Seed 25.00; Board of Education Recovery 282.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Motivated by Christ’s love, we seek to being helping and caring to those in need. One way to do this is to “welcome the stranger” (Romans 12:13). As we have in the past, we are seeking to show this love for others through our Refugee Sponsorship. We will be working with Canadian Lutheran World Relief to accomplish this. Your prayers and your support for these efforts are Christ’s love in action for a hurting world. Your gift will help us get closer to our goal.

OUR “LIFE WITH GOD” ADULT INFORMATION CLASS meets again today, looking at *Life With God: the Loss of Life*. Our next class will be **October 20 from 11:45-1:15 pm**. These classes are be led by Pastor Bode following worship on the Sundays when he is *not* in Didsbury.

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. You are always welcome to join us!

SILVER SAINTS: The Silver Saints met on September 17th to plan activities for the next few months. Everyone was excited to plan our first service activity - *Operation Christmas Child*. The members of the group were invited to bring items for the shoe boxes. A planning party will be held the afternoon of **October 15th** to make up a few shoe boxes. The congregation is also invited to bring items for shoe boxes. A list is posted on the mission news board right beside Miriam's office as to what items to bring. Speak to Elke Bittmann if you have any questions.

FROM OUR VOTERS' MEETING:

- We rejoice that Dale Dusterhoft and Ralf Hinterleitner have accepted appointment to the position of President and Vice-President. We are blessed through your service. Kellen Rosenau has also been appointed to the Board of Elders.
- Pastor Bode announced that after prayer and consultation with the Elders, he will be retiring on March 2, 2025. We will hear more about this in the coming days.
- The Voters moved to take a sabbatical from campus ministry.
- We rejoice that the kitchen renovation is complete and under budget.

Thank
You!

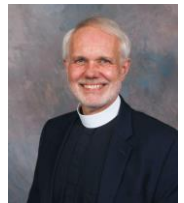
WE THANK Al Innis for installing the vinyl baseboard in the custodial room on the main floor. We appreciate this service to the Lord and His church!

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR RECRUITMENT SEARCH: We are currently looking for interested applicants for the office administrator position. A job description is on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. If you are interested, please send resumes to our office email by October 15: office@foothillslutheran.com.



OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY continues this Tuesday, **October 8th**. 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. Dr. David Somers** who serves as the Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec, as well as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Montreal, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Somers, 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, boxes and prayer cards will be available **October 13th**. 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 for further information.



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)



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Sunday between
October 2 and October 8



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share a favourite childhood memory.
2. Jesus has a special love for little children. What does this say to you about what God is like?
3. Jesus placed his hand on the little children and blessed them. In what ways have you experienced God's blessing on you? How has God used your hands to bless others?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 10:2-16	Jesus blesses the children
M	Genesis 2:18-24	God creates a partner for man
T	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Christ is greater
W	Matthew 18:1-6	Welcoming a little child
T	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teaching the children
F	Ephesians 6:1-9	Instructions for the household
S	Psalms 8	God honours humanity

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"Let the little children come to me;
Don't keep them away. God's kingdom
belongs to people like them."*

MARK 10:14



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Give attention to blessing one another in your home this week (at bedtimes, or when people leave for work/school etc). Use one of the blessings from Growing Faith at Home or one of these:

- 'May the Lord cover you with his peace, fill you with his love, and keep you safe in his care. Amen'
- 'The Lord bless you and protect you: the Lord show you kindness and be gracious to you; the Lord grant you his favour and give you his peace. Amen'
- 'May the Lord protect you when you are awake (sign cross on the forehead); and watch over you when you sleep (sign cross over eyes); that awake you may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace (sign cross over heart). Amen'



ACTION RESPONSE

In the readings this week Jesus also teaches about marriage.

Spend some time looking through wedding photos.

Pray for all marriages and married couples you know.

Think of a married couple you could encourage. Write them a note, prepare a gift for them to enjoy, or if they have children, offer childcare so the parents can go out together.



MEALTIME PRAYER

With this food you make us strong. To you our life and love belong. Thank you, God! Amen.



PRAYER

Loving God, wrap us in your arms and bless us. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus Christ take you into his arms and bless you; may he protect and care for you, now and always.