

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*I will satisfy you with a full life
and give you my salvation*

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We are Your servants, O Lord. May we do Your bidding and follow Your example by caring for the needs of others, going out to share Your Good News, and working to upbuild and restore what was once torn down and broken. May all our efforts be blessed by You.

Jesus, our Servant Savior, work within our hearts so we may serve You more.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Baptismal Liturgy
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HYMNS:593; 690; 781; 788; 730; 783; 643

FIRST LESSON:.....Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Hebrews 4:1-16

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:23-31

SERMON: *Go For the Gusto – Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

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 the Ziprick family in memory of their parents, Harold and Lolly Ziprick.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers.....	Tim Roth; John Voss
Acolyte	Elliana Legroulx
Lector	Brian Vincent
Communion Assistant	Rick Nelson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Ministry Appreciation Sunday: Pie Social
Monday	6:30 pm	Elders
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers
Tues.-Thur.		Church Worker Conference, Edmonton
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Dinner
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth
Saturday	10:00 am	All Hallows Eve Family Party
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Confirmation Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills, is Leo Jasper Ihara-Myers, son of Yuji Ihara and Amber Myers. We pray that God would bless Leo and his family, and that He would keep him in His grace, poured out this day.



LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY is meeting on **Monday, October 28th, at noon**, downstairs in the Confirmation Room. We will start with some fellowship time - bring your own lunch - followed by a Bible study and a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Wine Sign” is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to

assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus’ first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, “What wonders does God still work through His people?”

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 27) "God-Struggles" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 38:28. 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	Education Hour	Wednesday/ Communion
October 13	106	5	11/11

**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
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,648.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$267,379.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$303,557.69	-\$36,178.69

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 31.00; Visitor 520.00; FLSR 500.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 100.00; LWMLC 20.00; Refugee Sponsorship 245.00; Youth 20.00; Board of Ed Recovery 20.00.

OUR ALBERTA CHURCH WORKERS’ CONFERENCE: Our church workers gather this week from Tuesday evening until Thursday noon. Pastor Bode is not able to attend, but Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Eric will be attending. We pray for safe travel for all who attend and spiritual blessings through the study and devotion.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY IS COMING! Foothills is updating our Statement of Direction and determining what ministry areas we want to focus on as a congregation in the next few years. We want all our members input into this process. Each member will receive a survey in the next few weeks that will allow you to provide ideas and feedback on the future direction of our ministry. Look for the survey via mail or email and we look forward to hearing from you!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Motivated by Christ's love, we seek to be 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.

To put faces to our efforts: Qadir and Bahishta attend worship faithfully here at Foothills. Their family, a family of four, fleeing Taliban persecution in Afghanistan, has been hiding in Pakistan since August 2021. They escaped after being tortured and beaten by the Taliban for several days and now live in constant fear of being deported back, where they face certain death. Despite severe illness, they cannot seek medical help due to the risk of exposure. This family urgently needs our support to survive in hiding. Your gift will help us get closer to our goal.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION PIE SOCIAL: Although ministry Staff love what they do as they are answering God's call for them to serve his people, being a member of the Ministry Staff can be challenging as well. There are so many ways to show our appreciation by praying for them, writing a note of thanks or any creative ideas you can think of. At Foothills we have been enjoying a pie social to show our appreciation for their service. We will celebrate after service **today**. "The Elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." (1 Tim. 5:17 NIV)

ALL HALLOWS EVE FAMILY PARTY: Families are invited to our annual pumpkin party! Join us on **Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 am** for some crafts and fun, a devotion and pumpkin carving. Children can wear costumes, but no witches, goblins, devils or ghosts please. Bring a pumpkin to carve together. We will supply the tools! Please let Deaconess Miriam know if you plan to attend.



FELLOWSHIP COFFEE TIME - TREATS NEEDED: Now that we are back to having fellowship after service, I am looking for treats to serve. Do you like to bake? Can you provide cookies/squares/muffins/donuts, etc. either home made or purchased? Let me know if you are interested or drop off in the kitchen before church. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers (403) 829-2366.

PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2025 National Youth Gathering, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1986020-121761> and pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is November 29. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your support!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: There are 4 ways you can participate in supporting OCC. (1) Fill a shoebox - a list of items are on the mission bulletin board and extra copies are on the OCC table where you can pick up a box and brochure (2) Fill a box on-line by going to PackaBox.ca (3) Donate filler items that will go in boxes that are a little light - the Silver Saints also need some filler items for their boxes and the list is on the OCC table (4) make a financial donation (you can use the envelope attached to the brochure - \$12.00 for shipping & \$8.00 towards sending a child on The Greatest Journey).

WE'RE SITTING (MORE) COMFORTABLY! That is what we have heard from people regarding the new chairs in the parish hall. We needed these chairs to replace the older wooden chairs, which were splintering, and which had become unsafe due to the breakdown of welds on the legs. We would like to purchase another 60-80 chairs as we removed more chairs than we purchased. It would also be nice to have one style of chair for our use upstairs.

The voters approved a special gift campaign to accomplish this. We invite you to Buy a Chair, much in the same way that people bought bibles or hymnals for the church in the past. The cost of a chair is \$65.00. You can contribute to this effort in any amount--simply mark your gift, "Chairs". We will place the order once the money has been received. Thank you for your support of the church - and support for those who need to take a seat!



Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 24

YEAR B

**Jesus teaches
about serving**



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Sunday between
October 16 and October 22



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you felt important.
2. Who do you know that is important? In your town, city, country? Why?
3. What makes someone great/important in God's kingdom? (Read Mark 10:43)
4. How did Jesus make himself the 'slave of all'? In what ways can we follow his example?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve
M	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
T	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
W	Numbers 12:1-9	Moses is a servant of the Lord
T	Galatians 5:13-15	Serve one another in love
F	1 Peter 4:7-11	Use your gifts to serve others
S	Psalms 91:9-16	God's protection

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served. Instead, he came to serve others. He came to give his life as the price for setting many people free".

MARK 10:45





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Read Mark 10:33-37. Obviously, James and John were not listening to the words of Jesus that spoke of his suffering and death. Sometimes we only hear what we want to hear without listening to others, including God. A valuable Christian tradition is to sit in silence and listen for God to speak to us.

Take time this week to sit in silence and listen for how God wants to speak to you. Use the words from Mark 10:45 ("He came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many") to read slowly, quietly and thoughtfully during this time.



ACTION RESPONSE

The very best way to learn the value of service is to do it! Here are some ideas to serve as a family this week:

- Engage your children in serving others together with you, whether inside or outside the home (eg; weed a garden, bake biscuits, visit an elderly neighbour)
- Look at the talents of the people in your family and help them to find ways to use these gifts to serve others.
- Take advantage of service opportunities offered through your church, school or local community
- Talk with each other about experiences of serving and being served. Draw connections between your faith and your actions.
- Help each other know how Christ serves us, and calls us, in turn to serve others.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, you fill each cup, you fill each plate. Help us your love to imitate.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for serving us.
Teach us how to serve others from the heart. Amen



BLESSING

May you know the love of Jesus, your Saviour. May you grow in serving others, reflecting the heart of Jesus.