

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Reformation

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A Prayer Upon Entering: At their baptisms, O Lord, you claimed these confirmands as your very own, and now you send them out, as you sent your first disciples, to serve as proclaimers of the Gospel in this world. Inspire them to speak boldly about what they believe. Give them the courage to put their faith into action by serving the needs of others. And fill them with your Spirit, so that they may fully know what it means to love and follow you.


OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS:Holy is the Lord; How Can I Keep from Singing;
.....645; 655; 644; 627; 733
FIRST LESSON:.....Revelation 14:6-7
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 3:19-28
GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36
SERMON: *A Case Study on Discernment – Romans 12:2*

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 which grace our altar today are given to the glory of God by the families of our Confirmands, in thanksgiving for God's blessings on this day.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Tobi Stene; Ellen Wagner
Acolyte..... Maliyah Chan
Lector Carl Berdahl
AV Operator..... Barb Vincent
Communion Assistants..... Austin Voss; Rob Kaut

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today		Confirmation Sunday/Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Saturday	9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	All Saints Sunday/Communion
		Adult Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/ Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
October 20	152/111	48	13

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STAFF EXPRESS THEIR THANKS for your kind remembrance and appreciation of our efforts through the pie social. We are grateful for your love and thank all those who made pies for our fellowship together.
WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Nelson Meyers and family at the death of his daughter, Meredith Meyers. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and peace.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS


Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$16,282.00	\$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$283,661.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$310,961.54	-\$27,300.54

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 148.25; Visitor 85.00; Sunday School 13.00; Facility Rentals 75.00; Refugee Sponsorship 20.00; Benevolence 2000.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week’s lesson, “Mountain Message.” Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God’s continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

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!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 3) "Working the System" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us. (Genesis 33:8) 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.

The logo for the Men's Bible Study features a stylized graphic of three human figures in blue, yellow, and red, with the text "MEN'S BIBLE STUDY" in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

OUR MEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Saturday, **November 2nd** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will enjoy breakfast, with our study to follow. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY IS HERE! 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 and regular church attendees’ input into this process. Each member has received a survey in their mailbox and



those with emails will also receive a version that can be submitted electronically. Those of you who attend church regularly but are not yet members can pick up a survey on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Lastly, you can also access the survey by scanning the QR code. Look for the survey 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.

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: We hope you are working to fill a shoebox. Information and guidelines are on the table in the narthex. If you cannot fill a box, you can do it on-line at www.packabox.ca. You can also bring items and we will add them to other boxes.

WE REJOICE TODAY with the youth of our congregation, who move from "childhood membership" into the blessings of "adulthood" in the faith, through the rite of Confirmation. Today we confirm Quinn Alcock, Kieran Chan and Emmy Legroulx.



MANY JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! Come and rejoice with us as we lift our voices in Advent and Christmas praise this December!! We'd love to hear your

voice join us in praise and worship through song. Think you can't sing well or have never sung in a choir?? *Join us!!! Don't be shy – we have a spot and a cushion saved just for you!!* We will begin meeting for practices on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7:00 pm ***sharp, in the choir loft*** and will praise our Lord with song on December 1st (plus a men's choir!!) and again on December 15th. For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or christineheumanncg@gmail.com.



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.



Growing
FAITH
at home

REFORMATION

YEAR B

God establishes
a new
relationship
with us



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Think about God. Share your thoughts. Who is God to you?
2. How do you see God in the world around you?
3. Humans have struggled throughout history to get a clear picture of God and how to please God. If God only saves sinners (Romans 3:20-24), how does that change the quest to please God?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free.
M	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
T	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
W	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith
T	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
F	Hosea 2:10-15	God draws Israel close
S	Psalms 46	God is our protection

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"God's grace has saved you because
of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't
come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

EPHESIANS 2:8





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Luther wrote the Small Catechism to help people study and practise their Christian faith everyday in the home.

Faith, like learning a language, needs to be practised regularly.

Luther wrote a morning and evening prayer for individuals and families to begin and end the day in faith.

This week use his morning and evening prayers (Find them in Luther's Small Catechism or on the Internet.).

Add the Lord's Prayer and other prayers to your day and consider making these prayers part of your daily routine.



ACTION RESPONSE

The Reformation emphasises the priesthood of all believers.

Not only do pastors have a calling from God, but all Christians have an important calling (vocation) in the world. Look at what you do with your gifts and passions to serve others and to give praise to God.

Whether at work or at school or at home, give thanks to God that you have a calling that pleases God and serves others.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Loving God, we praise your name for you are rich in grace. Bless this food and all who gather in this place. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have set us free! May we use our freedom to live for you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the grace of God cover you, the love of God fill you, and the Spirit of God lead you. Amen.