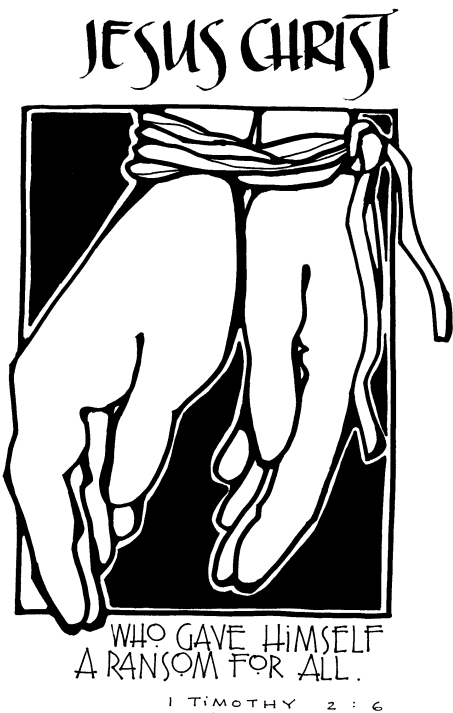


Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm

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



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com
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Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: You have given us so much, O Lord. Help us to be faithful with all that we have. May we use our talents and gifts to Your glory. May we spend money in ways that are pleasing to You. And may we start to see ways in which all that we possess can be used to express all our love for You.

Good and gracious Giver of all, may we give as You have given to us.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151

HYMNS: 909; 518 (1, 25, 3); 856; 830; 618; 620; 643

FIRST LESSON:.....Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Ephesians 4:7-16


GOSPEL LESSON:.....Matthew 9:9-13

SERMON:.....*It's Easy When You Start Where You Are* - Matthew 9:9-13

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 in loving memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, grandmother, Helen and grandfather, Herbert, who all died in the month of September.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
September 14	134	28

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Acolyte..... Keira Puchbauer
Ushers..... Anne Marie Kothari; Barb Vincent
Lector Nora Jarowicz
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Michelle Funke; Eden/Paxton Knudtson
Communion Elders..... Tim Hohm; Rob Kaut
Coffee Team.....The Knudtson Family

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	LWMLC
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir Practice
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	Following Service	Faith @ Home “My Church”
	During Coffee Hour	Faith Dueck Iceland Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:
For Special Intercession:
Family Focus:

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER AND FOOT PRINT are now available on the Welcome Desk.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,110.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$235,659.30	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$284,615.38	-\$48,956.08

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 173.25; Visitor Offerings 1,210.00; Sunday School 17.50; Parking Revenue 400.00; FLSR Rent 2,080.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 150.00; The Mustard Seed 550.00; FLC Refugee Fund 20.00; Board of Fellowship 658.96.

CALL EXTENDED: On September 14th the congregation met and reviewed 4 pastoral nominees for the Divine Call to FLC. Pastor Jason Schultz, currently serving at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moose Jaw was selected. The Call Committee and church leadership have contacted Pastor Schultz and have provided him with the official Call package. Please pray for Pastor Schultz and his congregation as he deliberates this Call.

REGIONAL CHURCH WORKERS’ CONFERENCE: The West Region Church Workers’ Conference will be held here at Foothills September 29 through October 2. We are expecting 80 registrants from Western Canada. **All are invited to attend the opening service at 7:00 pm, Monday, September 29.** If you are able to provide some baking for the coffee time following the service, please speak with Deaconess Miriam or Christine Heumann.

MEALS AT THE CHURCH WORKERS’ CONFERENCE: We are still seeking volunteers to assist with meal preparation during the Church Workers’ Conference **September 30 through October 2.** Christine Heumann is coordinating meals, and needs help as follows: 1 volunteer for Monday evening (7:30 pm), 3 for Tuesday & Wednesday mornings (9:00 am start) and 3 for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (1:00 pm start). Also needed are 1 to 2 volunteers on Thursday morning to help make the bagged lunches. If you can assist in the kitchen with any of these times, please email christineheumanncgvy@gmail.com or call her at : 403-710-8347. I thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Bode has resumed leading our **Tuesday morning LifeLight Bible Study at 10:00 am.** We are beginning with a look at “The Lord’s Supper.” All are welcome for this time together in fellowship and the Word.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study Jacob's family in "A Family Grows." Jacob experiences love at first sight when he meets Rachel at the well. Welcomed into his uncle Laban's household, Jacob agrees to work seven years in order to marry Rachel. When the wedding celebration finally arrives, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah. Realizing the deception, Jacob confronts his uncle, who gives him Rachel's hand for another seven years of service.

ICELAND TRAVEL PRESENTATION: We are blessed to have Faith Dueck scheduled to present photos and speak on her recent trip to Iceland, during our coffee hour on **September 28** following our service.

FLC's ADULT CHOIR: Rehearsals resumed this past **Thursday at 7:00pm**. We are looking for an accompanist, and in the meantime are working on our a cappella singing. The choir will participate in every traditional service, supporting the hymn-singing, as well as preparing anthems for special occasions. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Richard Harding at rmharding@shaw.ca for more information!

CALLING OUT FOR MUSICIANS! Our Contemporary Music Team is looking for more talent to add to our services! We are in particular need of lead guitarists, pianists, and drummers. We meet at 7:00 pm on the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at: knudtson.sarah@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 28) "*On the Way, Already Home*" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love (Numbers 9:18). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY: Concordia Lutheran Mission Society is a group of volunteers who give their time, talents and money to raise financial support for Christian mission activities around the world.

CLMS is an auxiliary of Lutheran Church-Canada. Empowered by God's own mission to save the world, the mission of Concordia Lutheran Mission Society, is to enlist the prayers, gifts, and energies of God's people in Lutheran Church-Canada to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever God provides opportunity.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Jacobsen, 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.**



OUR NEXT REGULAR VOTER'S MEETING will be held on Sunday, **October 5th** following the worship service. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY! Foothills is blessed with a wonderful collection of Christian literature, inspirational reading and Biblical studies. We thank Michelle Funke and Barb Vincent for the work they do in maintaining our library so that it is open and accessible every Sunday. Stop in, browse the books and take something to read. We are sure that you will be inspired and informed through the resources available to you.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES IS TURNING 50 in 2025! They will celebrate with a special worship service followed by music and a German-style meal on **Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 10:00 am at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.** Music and the luncheon will be downstairs in the church (the church has a lift to help folks get downstairs). Everyone is welcome to the service led by Pastor Mark Rekken and Pastor Mark Lobitz. The ladies at St. Matthew Lutheran Church will put on the lunch and can accommodate 60 people. Luncheon tickets will be \$10 to help offset a small portion of the costs.

LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: After our summer break, Foothills LWMLC Society will be meeting again on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at noon, in the Fellowship Hall.** We start with some social gathering - bring your own lunch - followed by a Bible study and a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome to attend!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY HELP: We are looking for one or two more people to help with teaching youth Bible study on Sunday mornings - if you love the Bible, are regularly available at 9am on Sundays, and want to support the youth of our congregation, it would be great to talk about having you in the teaching rotation. We are using an easy-to-prepare CPH curriculum, and if you're interested or have any questions, please contact Michelle Heumann.



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September 18 and
September 24



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about something you saved for and bought. How did you feel buying it?
2. In what different ways can you use your money to serve God?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
M	Mark 12:38-44	A widow's offering
T	Matthew 19:16-23	The rich young man
W	Psalms 62	Don't set your heart on riches
T	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Instructions on worship
F	1 Timothy 6:6-10	The dangers of loving money
S	Psalms 79:1-9	Help us, God our Saviour

VERSE OF THE WEEK

You cannot be the slave of two masters.
You will love one more than the other or be
more loyal to one than to the other. You
cannot serve God and money.

LUKE 16:13



CREATIVE RESPONSE

The apostle Paul encourages us to offer 'requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving' for rulers and all those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2: 1-2).

In your household devotion times this week pray for leaders in your nation and community, using the prayer suggestions below.

Find out the names of the those you don't know:

Monday – national leaders

Tuesday – state leaders

Wednesday – community leaders

Thursday – school leaders

Friday – church leaders

Saturday – parents



ACTION RESPONSE

We serve God by serving others; think about a way you can use your money to serve him. Below are some ideas:

- ✱ Make a household shopping expedition to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.
- ✱ Support the work of ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) www.alws.org.au
- ✱ Buy a chocolate frog and put it in your pastor's pigeon hole or on your teacher's desk.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you Lord for our food, and for the people who have prepared it. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, please bless all rulers and leaders today. Guide them to do what pleases you. Amen.



BLESSING

May you love God and enjoy him forever.