

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: May our faith be increased, O Lord, as we speak words of forgiveness in Your name, as we do amazing things according to Your bidding, and as we serve one another in the same manner in which You served us when You were on earth. May our faith truly be active and alive and growing stronger day by day.

Faithful Savior, keep our hearts ever faithful to You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Divine Service Setting Four, p. 203

HYMNS:594; 587; 576; 392; 637; 742; 646

FIRST LESSON:.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

EPISTLE LESSON:.....2 Timothy 1:1-14


GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 17:1-10

SERMON:..... *Unafraid; Unabashed; Unashamed* - 2 Timothy 1:8-12

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 Jutta Colhoun.

THE OCTOBER-DECEMBER PORTALS OF PRAYER are available on the Welcome Desk.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
September 28	128	32

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Acolyte.....Elliana Legroulx
Ushers..... Robert Kubke; John Voss
LectorFaith Dueck
Altar GuildBrenda Bode
Communion Assistants..... Tim Hohm; Rob Kaut
AV/PowerPoint Operators.....Ralf Hinterleitner; Barb Vincent
Coffee Team..... Colleen Judiesch; Vi Dusterhoft

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Following Service	Voters’ Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft Tea Party
	7:00 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study only (No Youth, Sunday School, or Confirmation)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,710.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$247,179.30	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$300,000.00	-\$52,820.70

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 136.10; Visitor Offering 620.00; Sunday School 10.00; LWML-C 50.00; Flowers 6.50.



OUR VOTERS’ MEETING will be held **today** following the worship service. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk. Please plan to attend.

CALL EXTENDED: On September 14 our congregation voted to call Pastor Jason Schultz, currently serving at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Moose Jaw, to be our pastor. Please pray for Pastor Schultz, his family and his congregation as he deliberates this call.

REGIONAL CHURCH WORKERS’ CONFERENCE: The West Region Church Workers’ Conference was held here at Foothills this past Monday through Thursday. Thank you to all who assisted with meals, A/V for some of the services, ushering at the opening service, and music. Thank you especially to Christine Heumann, who planned the meals, shopped for supplies, and managed the food preparation throughout the conference. The work of our volunteers helped to make the church workers of our West Region feel welcomed and comfortable. We thank God for you!

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 9:00 am 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-prep CPH curriculum, and if you're interested or have any questions, please contact Michelle Heumann.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today’s lesson, “A Dreamer Rises,” students will learn about how God works good for Joseph. Falsely accused, Joseph finds himself in prison interpreting dreams for Pharaoh’s baker and cupbearer. When the Egyptian pharaoh has troubling dreams, God empowers Joseph to explain the visions. Pharaoh appoints him to the second highest position in the land, and Joseph manages the harvest to endure the coming famine.



CRAFT-TEA and GAMES AFTERNOON: Join us this **Tuesday, October 7** from **1:30 – 3pm**. Bring a craft you're working on, a game to share – OR – just come for tea and fellowship. Do you have a favourite recipe you'd like to share? Bring it with you. All are welcome!

LUNCH BUNCH: Last year, members 65+ filled out a survey about visioning, in terms of reviving the Silver Saints as a group. From September through June there were a variety of activities held that were in response to different suggestions, but the activities involving food & fellowship proved to be the most popular. This rated high on the survey too. Building on this, we will be trying a "Lunch Bunch" activity every other month. This will be open to everyone (not just those with silver in their hair). Watch for more information about where and when the Lunch Bunch will strike next!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

(Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots)

LAMP is a cross-cultural ministry sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Their volunteers and staff from Canada and the United States share the love of Jesus to Indigenous people in communities in remote northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia through Christ- centered Bible studies and other outreach projects.

They are celebrating 55 years in ministry!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 12) "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. (Numbers 14:30-31). 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 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, hear our prayer.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD will be starting up soon! OCC is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with hygiene items, school items, toys, and a “wow” item for children living in poverty, war zones or experiencing the fallout from natural disasters. The gospel message is also shared. Please talk to Elke Bittmann at church or email her at elkebittmann54@gmail.com for further information.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES FALL TRAINING: Do you want to learn skills that will help you visit or assist you in caregiving? Lutheran Hospital Ministries Fall Training Session will take place over three **Saturdays: October 25, November 1 and 8**. Please contact Rev. Mark Rekken at (587) 228-2597 or the office at (403) 264-4045 to find out more information or to attend the sessions.



LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES IS TURNING 50! They will celebrate with a special worship service followed by music and a German/Octoberfest-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. Please call (403) 264-4045 to register, or contact our own Michael Vivek at williamsjmichael2015@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 we so often set them 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 Ladies' studies—and we are always willing to provide more opportunities! You can also find bible reading guides on the welcome desk. Or ask the Pastor Bode or Deaconess Miriam 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!*





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Sunday between
October 2 and October 8



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? Describe what happened.
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to trust God in hard times?
3. Jesus compared faith to a small seed. In what ways is faith like a seed?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
M	Mark 11:12-14,20-24	Faith that moves mountains
T	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Fan into flame the gift of God
W	1 John 5:1-5,13-15	Faith overcomes the world
T	James 1:2-12	Faith produces endurance
F	Lamentations 3: 19-26	I have hope
S	Psalms 37: 1-9	Hope in the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For the spirit God gave us does not
make us timid, but gives us power,
love and self-discipline.

2 TIMOTHY 1: 7





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Fill a container with potting soil and plant some flower seeds (at least one for each member of your household).

Place the container on your mealtime table or home altar area.

Each day pray for each member of your household by name, asking God to grow them in faith.

Watch your flower pot for signs of life.

Tend to the plant as you tend to your faith.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thanks we give
to God above, for
strength and health
and those we love.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, help us
not to be afraid to
tell others about
you. Give us a
spirit of power,
love and self-
control. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant some seeds. Watch carefully for signs of life!
(Hint: alfalfa grows quickly on cotton wool!)

There are many people in our churches who serve
as mustard seeds – they do many little things that
others may not notice but add up to making a big
difference.

Think of someone in your congregation who fits this
description. Prepare a small gift of appreciation to
give them.



BLESSING

(Name) Child of
God, receive the
crown of life that
God has promised.