

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 12, 2025

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: "Only one returned," the Bible says. May we return to You, O Lord, even when others may not. May we return to You with joy and gladness and gratitude in our hearts of all that You have done. May returning to You in prayer and in worship be something we look forward to doing day after day.

O waiting Lord, welcome us when we return to You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Service of Thanksgiving
HYMNS:785; 10,000 Reasons; How Can I Keep from Singing; 894
FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10
EPISTLE LESSON:..... 1 Timothy 2:1-4
GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 17:11-19
SERMON:..... *For All This, We Thank You, Lord* - Psalm 118:27-29

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 *next on October 19th* 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
**includes online participation*

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour
October 5	140/100	47

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Worship Elders..... Rick Nelson; Rob Kaut
Music.....Hannah Edel (organ); Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; Tim Roth
Lector Brian Vincent
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Evan Stene; Christine Heumann
Coffee Team..... Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study only (No Youth or Sunday School)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
Monday	<i>Thanksgiving – Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft Tea Party
	7:00 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth Corn Maze Activity
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

CALL UPDATE: Rev. Jason Schultz has declined our call to be pastor at Foothills. At this time, we are continuing to ask for nominations and to pray for Pastor Schultz and the congregation at Emmanuel in Moose Jaw. Nominations can be dropped off at the office, or emailed to apvoss@yahoo.com. Another call meeting will be scheduled soon, but a date has not yet been chosen.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$27,989.02	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$275,168.32	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$307,692.31	-\$32,523.99

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 161.25; Visitor Offering 700.00; Parking Revenue 300.00; Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots (LAMP) 25.00; LWML-C 75.00; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 180.00; Concordia Lutheran Mission Society 100.00; Concordia Seminary 100.00; Flower Fund 9.75.

CRAFT-TEA and GAMES AFTERNOON: Join us this **Tuesday, October 14** from **1:30 – 3pm**. Bring a craft you’re working on, a game to share – OR – just come for tea and fellowship. you have a favourite recipe you’d like to share? Bring it with you. All are welcome!



MINISTRY APPRECIATION - PIE SOCIAL on OCTOBER 19: Our ministry staff have answered God's call to serve his people by preaching and teaching, and October is traditionally a month we formally show our

appreciation. There are many ways to show appreciation during the year by praying for them, writing a note of thanks or any creative ideas you can think of. At FLC, we have been showing our appreciation to Deaconess Miriam and Pastor Bode by having a pie social. We will celebrate after service on **October 19**. Do you like to bake? Bring in a pie or two! Mrs. Co-op and Mrs. Costco's pies are good too. A sign up sheet is posted on the Fellowship Board. Thank you for your contribution.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we gather today, we will study “A Family Reunites,” as God helps Joseph forgive. Joseph’s siblings journey to Egypt hoping to find food for their family. Failing to recognize Joseph, the brothers head home with sustenance and supplies. Heeding Joseph’s early warning, the brothers bring Benjamin when returning to Egypt for food. After testing and trying his brothers, Joseph finally reveals himself to his astonished siblings. Joseph relocates all of Jacob’s family to Egypt, promising to care for them.

ANNUAL ALL HALLOW'S EVE FAMILY PARTY: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 25** from **10:00am to 11:30am** and join us in the Fireside Room for a devotion, pumpkin carving and fun & games!

Children can come in their costumes (no witches, goblins, devils, or ghosts please!). Bring a pumpkin to carve starting at 10:30, and there will be treats to take home. Please let us know by **October 21** if you are coming by calling the office at 403-284-1342, or email Deaconess Miriam at miriam@foothillslutheran.com. Bring the whole family!



VOLUNTEER GARDENING: On **October 26** at **1pm** - Please join us at the Alberta Children's Hospital for an afternoon of gardening! No experience required - we'll show you what to do. Perennial donations/ splittings are also welcome. Parking will be accommodated for volunteers and a sign-up sheet can be found on the Fellowship Board.

Our goal is to create colourful, peaceful areas to support families and patients. Please contact Jessica at jessica12tonn@gmail.com with any questions.

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 19) "**God's Help Dwells in Us**" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (Numbers 11:29) 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. Walta Clercius 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 Clercius, 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. Items which cannot be accepted include soap, toothpaste, liquids, dirty or used items or supplies, no glass or breakable items (snow globes), nothing medicated (lip balm, bandages), war-related/camouflage items or toys. More info to come and 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.

*At this time, LHM is also looking for volunteers to support this event. If you are interested, please call the above number or speak with Michael.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY - VOLUNTEER NEEDED! The congregation is undertaking to create a new electronic church directory that will be available via a secure link through our church website. We will need a volunteer to coordinate working with our website person in getting the software set up on our website, working with our congregation to get information and pictures added once it is set up, and then establishing a protocol and procedure for the office managing this going forward. You will need an understanding of IT and websites, but you do not need direct skills in this area as we have a company that manages our website that can integrate the directory into our website. It will take a reasonable amount of time to set this up but should be a 3–4-month duration project with the office maintaining the directory going forward.

WELCOME GREETERS: We are re-establishing welcome greeters before service. Welcome greeters need to arrive about 20 minutes before service and will stand at the main doors welcoming visitors and members. Welcome greeters will help visitors with any questions they may have, direct them to a seat in the sanctuary, and tell them about fellowship coffee after service. If possible, they will also introduce them to other members to make them feel welcome in our church. We need both a Welcome Greeter Coordinator and we need greeters. **Please contact Dale Dusterhoft if you have an interest in either coordinating a schedule for welcome greeters or being a welcome greeter.** Families, couples, and individuals could all be welcome greeters. Greeter time commitment can be what you like. You can volunteer once per month or a few times a year. The coordinator would ensure a schedule is in place and would recruit greeters as needed.

REFUGEE UPDATE: The Canadian Government has approved our application for sponsoring the Rahmani family to immigrate to Canada. We are now waiting on approval from the local Islamabad refugee office to make a decision on the refugee's application. This is moving in the right direction but will still take some time. The church has donated approximately \$64,000.00 to sponsor the Rahmani family's immigration of which approximately \$20,000 has already been donated by members of our congregation. **If you want to support this initiative, please donate to the refugee fund, as over time we would like to replace the roughly \$44,000.00 we have donated from church savings.**

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!



"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1, ESV)

We are so blessed through God's goodness. Health, loved ones, shelter, food, and all we have and enjoy flow from His love. We have this, and so much more—infinately more. Take them all away, and we still have the grace of God which is with us in want as well as in plenty. He comes to us when we have nothing and gives us the gift of His perfect righteousness. God is the source of every good and perfect gift. As you celebrate this weekend, give that extra word of thanks to Him, for all His goodness!

COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS

NAME THEM ONE BY ONE

Lined area for writing blessings.



Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 23

YEAR C

Giving thanks



Grow Ministries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
October 9 and October 15



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What's the best gift you have ever received?
2. What gifts have you received from God that you are thankful for?
3. How do you express your thankfulness to God?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.

Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
M	Colossians 2:6-15	Overflowing with thankfulness
T	Deuteronomy 8:10-18	Remember the Lord your God
W	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving
T	1 Chronicles 16:1,7-36	King David gives thanks
F	Psalm 100	Enter his gates with thanksgiving
S	Psalm 66: 1-12	See what God has done

VERSE OF THE WEEK

come and see what our God has
done, what awesome miracles he
performs for people.

PSALM 66:5



CREATIVE RESPONSE

When Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returned to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19). As God's people, we are called to count our blessings each day and give thanks to God.

Think together about people, events and experiences for which you can and should give thanks. Use this acrostic of the word THANKS to guide you.

Thank God for:

a **T**hing provided;

a **H**elp received;

Another's company;

an **eN**joyable moment;

a **K**indness received;

a **S**urprise enjoyed.

Finish your time of sharing by giving thanks in prayer.



ACTION RESPONSE

Only one of the ten lepers healed returned to give thanks to Jesus. There are many people who serve us in various ways in our communities – in schools, churches, community organisations, service industries – who receive little thanks for what they do.

Prepare a thank you card or gift (e.g. a plate of biscuits) to give to someone who serves your household in some way (e.g. policeman, school teacher). Give thanks to God for them in your prayers this week.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God of grace,
for food make us
thankful, for friends
make us joyful, and
for your service
make us faithful.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you
have given us so
much. Please give
us thankful hearts.
Amen.



BLESSING

May God show you
his kindness and
mercy and fill your
heart with thanks.