

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: We come to you, Lord, again this day. Thank You for always listening to our cries for help and our words of desperation. You have been so patient with us. Help us to be patient with You, and to allow You to answer our prayers in the way that You see fit.

Ever-listening Lord, hear our prayer this day.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Confession and Absolution, p. 151
..... Prayer and Preaching, p. 260 / Holy Communion

HYMNS:686; 773; 869; 727; 635; 732; 760

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 32:22-30

EPISTLE LESSON:..... 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 18:1-8

SERMON:..... *A Lesson Learned in Struggle* - Genesis 32:22-30

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 God in loving memory of Louise and Meredith Meyers and Norman Robinson, from Nelson Meyers, Gwenyth Meyers, and Richard Harding.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
**includes online participation*

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
October 5	132	12 (Adult & Confirmation)

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Acolyte..... Adam Hohm
Ushers..... Ellen Wagner; Tobi Stene
Lector Amanda Roth
Altar Guild Barb Vincent
Communion Elders..... Rick Nelson; Hans Dueck
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Timothy Knudtson; Ralf Hinterleitner
Coffee Team..... The Elders; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Ministry Appreciation Pie Social
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Circuit Winkel hosted at FLC
	7:00 pm	Contemporary Music Rehearsal
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies’ Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	10:00 am	All Hallow’s Eve Family Event
Sunday		Reformation Sunday
	9:00 am	Education Hour
	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	\$3,655.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$278,823.32	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$315,384.62	-\$36,561.30

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 5.25; Visitor Offering 120.00; Sunday School 8.00; Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries & Pilots (LAMP) 50.00; Concordia Seminary 20.00.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION - PIE SOCIAL TODAY:

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. Please join in the fellowship hall today following worship to thank and honour God for our faithful Pastor Bode and Deaconess Miriam, and all they do for us.

CALL UPDATE: Rev. Jason Schultz has declined our call to be pastor at Foothills. We are continuing to ask for prayers for FLC during this time of pastoral vacancy. Members may again submit nominations by completing a form (available on the welcome desk) and dropping them off at the office or emailing them to apvoss@yahoo.com. Another call meeting will be announced soon.

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: Join us in the Fireside Room this **Saturday, October 25** from **10:00am to 11:30am** 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*)

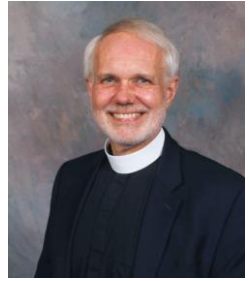
LAMP is a cross-cultural ministry sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Their volunteers and staff from Canada and the United States share the love of Jesus to Indigenous people in communities in remote northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia through Christ- centered Bible studies and other outreach projects. They are celebrating 55 years in ministry!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AT FLC IS UNDER WAY! OCC is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with hygiene items, school supplies, 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 Boxes and brochures for OCC are on the table by Deaconess Miriam's office. They need to be returned by the **3rd week of November** (exact date TBA). There will be a bin under the table for any extra items. Please pray over your box, that it will go to the child God intended it; to go to. Talk to Elke Bittmann at church or email her at elkebittmann54@gmail.com for further information.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (October 26) "**Worn In**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ. (Numbers 20:13) 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. Dr. David Somers who serves as the Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec, as well as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Montreal, Quebec. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Somers, 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.



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.

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.

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.**

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.

LCC SEMINARIES PRINT-AT-HOME 2026 LITURGICAL CALENDAR: Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (CLTS – St. Catharines) and Concordia Lutheran Seminary (CLS – Edmonton) have teamed up to offer a liturgical wall calendar for LCC congregations. It is meant to assist altar guilds, church workers, and anyone interested in keeping track of liturgical festivals, as well as parament and vestment colours. The calendar follows both the three-year and one-year lectionary series, and includes space for writing notes. Go to <https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/lcc-seminaries-release-print-at-home-2026-liturgical-calendar/> and click the link.



FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY will be meeting on **Monday, October 27, 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!

NEW LUNCH BUNCH EVENT: A group of 15 met for lunch in June at New Dynasty Restaurant in Crowfoot for a lovely meal and a chance to catch up with others in our church family. Now that fall is upon us, we can share our summer experiences over **lunch at New Dynasty at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, October 28**. This is open to seniors, their family members, or anyone in our church family who would enjoy an opportunity for mid-week fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the door of the fellowship hall so we know the reservation number.

If you require help with transportation, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

LITURGICAL CATECHESIS
ABSOLUTION FROM THE FONT

Q: Why does the Pastor stand at the Baptismal Font during the corporate Confession and Absolution which takes place at the beginning of the Divine Service?

A: As with all of the gestures and movements made by the Pastor and the congregation during the liturgy of the Divine Service, the Pastor's standing at the **Baptismal Font** for the beginning liturgy —**the Confession and Absolution**— has important meaning to it. His positioning at the Font is intended to communicate to the worshipping people that there is a deep connection between Confession and Absolution and our Baptism into Christ Jesus.

From Luther's Small Catechism we recall that baptizing with the water of Holy Baptism **"indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."** The Confession of our sins which we make at the first part of the service is nothing other than the **"contrition and repentance"** which Luther here speaks about. The Absolution, which is God's pronouncement of forgiveness, is that which enables the **"new man"** to **"emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."**

In addition, we must remember that, through Holy Baptism, we have been united with Christ our Lord and claimed by our Heavenly Father to be His dear sons and daughters. It is because of this baptismal relationship with God that we dare approach Him, covered as we are in the shame of our sins, to ask for His forgiveness. And it's also because of this baptismal relationship with God that He graciously looks past our sins with unconditional forgiveness, welcoming us back just like the Prodigal Son's father welcomed and restored him to his position in the family.

The Font is a powerful symbol of this great **"fatherly divine goodness and mercy"** of our Heavenly Father. Baptized believers entering into God's house are reminded that they are welcome to enter this holy place **"In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit,"** the same Name of God which was placed upon them at the time of their Baptism. It is also in this holy Name of God and our baptismal relationship with Him that we begin our worship together in the unity that we have as a redeemed people in Christ.