

Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 am-2:00 pm

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



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Compel us, O Lord, to gather in Your name as often as we can. As we pray and worship together, sing songs and rejoice together, comfort and care for one another, reveal Your presence with us in a more profound way, that we may grow to know each other even more as brothers and sisters in Christ.

O Lord of unity, bring us together to glorify You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 4, p. 203

HYMNS:.....578; 725; 707; 709; 850; 711; 594; 643

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 33:7-9

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 18:1-20

SERMON:..... Matthew 18:1-20

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, and if you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church!

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TODAY: Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that all who plan to attend Holy Communion read and sign the card in the pews and give it to an usher as you come up for Communion.

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 beautify our altar this day are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings by Ingrid Kubke. As well from the funeral of Paul Kurtz in remembrance of his funeral by his family.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
USHERS Ellen Wagner
LECTOR Diane Voss
A/V Evan Stene; Michelle Funke
GREETERS Micheal Vivek
ALTAR Nora Jarowicz; Micheal Vivek
ELDERS Rob Kaut; Tim Hohm
COUNTERS Gary Ring

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
Tuesday	1:30-3:00 pm	Craft tea
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
Friday	7:00-10:00 pm	Youth at Church
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship and Rally Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

LAST WEEK AT FLC
Includes online participation

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
August 30, 2026	153	7

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,483.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$239,112.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$258,269.23	-\$19,156.86

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$5.00; Visitor Offerings \$585.00; FLSR \$2,080.00; Parking \$200.00; Concordia Seminary \$5.00; Mustard Seed \$120.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

A mission agency formed by mission-minded LCC individuals. Seeks to encourage and expand the mission work beyond that which the Synod can do at present

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Starting on Sunday, September 13 at 9:00am in the fellowship hall as we begin a series looking at defending the faith, and how we speak to those who don't believe. Some might call this Apologetics, some might call it Evangelism, we'll call it Bible study! We'd love to see you join us!

RALLY SUNDAY is September 13! As summer draws to a close, we look forward to resuming our regular Christian Education activities. On September 13 Sunday School, Confirmation, and other opportunities to spend time in God's Word will begin again. Come for Education Hour and Worship, and then enjoy a special treat with your fellow members!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: God has always blessed us with faithful Sunday School teachers. We are looking for some new teachers for the fall. If you love children and love God's Word and are interested in combining those two in a teaching role, please speak with Deaconess Miriam to learn more about the role.

COMMUNION: "In this Sacrament, the forgiveness of sins is not only preached, proclaimed, and promised, but here at the same time Christ gives His Christians His very body and blood as a pledge of it" (Walther). As we receive His gift, we ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS: With joy and gratitude, the Altar Guild welcomes Nora Jarowicz who has prayerfully decided to join the guild. Due to the sudden and unexpected passing of Barb Vincent, Brenda Bode will resume the role of Communion Coordinator along with Nora. We humbly ask the congregation to pray for, support and encourage them as they serve God with their time and gifts. To those who are interested in serving God this way, there will be an orientation in the fall. More details will be given in the coming weeks. Any questions please contact **Brenda Bode**.

REQUEST FOR GREETERS: We want our church to be inviting to those who are new to our faith and congregation. Welcome greeters 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. **Please contact Elke Bittmann if you have an interest in being a welcome greeter.**

ARE YOU GOOD AT MATH? We are looking for volunteers to serve as counters after Sunday worship. **Counters** help with the important task of counting and recording the weekly offering. If you are willing to serve in this simple but meaningful ministry, please speak with **Hans Dueck**. Thank you for helping us faithfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to our congregation!

LUNCH BUNCH: On Sept. 29 we meet at Milestones in Royal Oak at 12:15 for food and fellowship. You are welcome to bring a friend. Watch for a sign-up sheet just outside the fellowship hall so we have an accurate count for our reservation. (If you sign up, but have a change in plans, please phone Betty Ann C. so we are not waiting for you.)

THE CRAFT TEA IS BACK! Starting on September 8th (1:30-3:00pm). You will have an opportunity to make one OR both of the crafts that are planned. If you prefer, you can bring your own craft, or just come for tea and fellowship! Check the Human Care Bulletin Board for pictures of the crafts. If you plan on coming, there is a sign-up sheet on the Human Care bulletin board to ensure there are enough cutouts for all attendees. If you have any ideas for crafts for Christmas (decorations, rock painting, card making), I would love to hear them! Pictures are also welcome if you find a great craft. Christine Heumann

The Fall FOOT PRINT is hot off the presses. Look to your email or pickup a copy in the Narthex.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 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. Boxes sent from Canada are destined for Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, The Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Philippines and Ukraine. The gospel message is also shared. Boxes, brochures/labels, and item lists for OCC are on the table by Deaconess Miriam's office. 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. **Please return boxes to FLC no later than November 22.** Contact Elke Bittmann at church

Lutheran Hospital Ministries: Is looking for volunteers to visit at Calgary Hospitals, Hospices and Long Term Care Centres. Our next training session is Sept 30th, Oct 7th, and Oct 14th from 6 to 9:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church upstairs in the Parish Hall. If you feel this is a calling for you, please contact **Pastor Rekken at (587) 228-2597** or the office to register.

Help Needed: A fellow visitor of Lutheran Hospital Ministries is desperately looking for a used car that can get her to and from work locations and visits. Should you hear of a used car looking for a new home, can you please contact **Kristina Taldorf at 403-681-0870**. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Luther Hospital Ministries.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi** who serves as pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario. **CANADA**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Choi, 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.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 6), "**Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are.

Matthew 6:12 Hear the message on CHRB 1140AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the LH app.



Growing
FAITH
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PROPER 19

YEAR A

God calls us to
show mercy and
not judge others



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Sunday between
September 11 and
September 17



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Have you ever felt judged by somebody? How did you feel?
2. Why should we be careful about judging others?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
M	Genesis 18:20-33	Abraham pleads for Sodom
T	Genesis 33:1-16	Jacob meets Esau
W	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph forgives his brothers
T	Exodus 14:19-31	Parting of the Red Sea
F	Romans 14:1-12	The weak and the strong
S	Psalms 103:1-13	Praise the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So why do you judge your brothers or
sisters in Christ? And why do you think
you are better than they are? We will all
stand before God to be judged.

ROMANS 14:10





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Act out the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:21-35) or read it together, with household members speaking as the different characters in the Parable.

Then talk about each character.

What are they like?

Which of the characters are you most like?

Take turns praying for each other, that God may help you to be kind and forgiving towards others.



ACTION RESPONSE

Joseph was badly treated by his brothers, but God used what happened to bring about good (Genesis 50:20).

Through his work as a leader in Egypt, God used Joseph to take care of many people in a time of great famine. Prepare a letter to send to an elected leader in your community. Thank them for their work and let them know that you are praying for them.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, as we eat
the food you give,
make us ready to
forgive. We're so
glad we have your
love; thank you,
Father, up above.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, help us not
to judge others.
Help us to accept
them and be kind
to them. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord
forgive you all your
sins, and help you
to forgive others.