

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”



SHOULDN'T YOU
HAVE MERCY ON
OTHERS. JUST AS I
HAD MERCY ON
YOU?

MATTHEW 18:33

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

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

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Pastors Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger & Rev. David Bode

A Prayer Upon Entering: From Psalm 103: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Amen.

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

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:**As Projected
- HYMNS:**..... In Christ Alone; Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone);
..... Mighty to Save; O Church Arise; I Give Thanks
- FIRST LESSON:**.....Genesis 50:15-21
- EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 14:1-12
- GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 18:21-35
- SERMON:**.....Genesis 50:15-21

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!

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 In Loving Memory by Charlotte Rentz for parents, Regina (nee Kitsch) and John Jeske, husband David, son David Jr. and sister-in-law, Marlene Rentz. Parents-in-law, Emmanuel and Margaret Rentz.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- MUSIC**Contemporary Musicians
- USHERS** John Voss
- LECTOR** Amanda Roth
- A/V**Michell Funke; Christine Heumann
- GREETERS** Diane Voss; Elke Bittmann
- COFFEE** Faith Dueck; Heather Sommers

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship and Rally Sunday
Monday	7:00 pm	PPC Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
	11:45am	Faith at Home – My Bible

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

"Come sing with us. Choir rehearsals began Thursday September 10, and are held every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The choir sings hymns at every traditional service (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) and monthly anthems for the church festivals. We are actively looking to expand the choir and warmly invite any and all who may be interested to come join us. No prior musical experience is required. Musical training is provided with recorded aids to simplify learning each part, all in a mutually supportive environment."

A Creation Ministries International speaker will be speaking on "It's a Great Time to Be a Christian" at Calvary Grace Church (204 - 6A St. NE on Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to hear how science affirms the Bible's history of creation and how the theory of evolution undermines the gospel message. This is a free event.

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
September 6, 2026	128	11

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$5,785.00	\$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$244,897.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$265,865.38	-\$20,968.01

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$67.25; Visitor Offerings \$210.00; Parking \$2,400.00; Concordia Seminary \$80.00; CLWR \$205.00; CLMS \$25.00; LWML mites \$75.00; Flowers \$9.15

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

Voters' packages are ready for pick in the Narthex. Next Voters' meeting is September 27, 2026 after worship service.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Meets at 9:00am in the fellowship hall 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Thank you to all who have stepped forward to take on the important task of teaching Sunday School. We give thanks to God for you! We are still looking for at least one additional teacher to share duties in the Preschool-Kindergarten class. If you are prayerfully considering this role, please speak with Deaconess Miriam to learn more.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Will resume meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00am, starting on September 15, and will continue looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Anyone is welcome to join!

LUNCH BUNCH: On September 29 we meet at Stavros Pizza in Ranchlands 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.)

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!

The Board of Evangelism has posted some excerpts from The Canadian Lutheran regarding "Lutherans for Life- Canada (LFLC) on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Feel free to take a look!

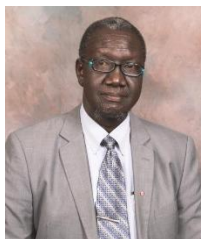
A big thanks to the **LHM** administrator, Heather Graham-Navis for giving us these wonderful Scriptural resources that are displayed on the welcome desk as a courtesy of LHMSAS for Rally Sunday! Feel free to take them home and we hope God blesses you abundantly with the comfort of His Word!

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. 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.

Lutheran Church-Canada's new Synodical leaders were installed last Sunday, including our new West Regional Pastor, Rev. Michael Schutz. The service was livestreamed and you can view it here: www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/2026-installation-service. Please keep our new Synod President, the Regional Pastors, the Board of Directors, and the Regional Mission and Ministry Councils in your prayers as this new season of work begins. For more info about the structure and missions and ministries of LCC, check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall.

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. Lutheran Hospital Ministries.



This week, we pray for **Rev. James D. Kay** who serves as pastor of the Sudanese congregation of Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton. **CANADA**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Kay, 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 20),

"High Bar to Clay Jar" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael](#)

[Zeigler](#) In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else.

Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. **Matthew 20:16** 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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: One of our neighbours is looking for a pet friendly, affordable apartment in the northwest for herself and her retired service dog. If you are aware of any possibilities, please speak with Deaconess Miriam.

Fall Youth Retreat: Kitchen help needed! For the first time in many years, we'll be hosting a youth retreat here from October 16 to 18, and we'll need volunteers to help the Board of Fellowship with the meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday). Please sign up on the youth bulletin board with your email address, and you'll be contacted with more info. Contact Michelle Heumann with any questions.

Fall Youth Retreat: youth in grades 6 to 12 who want to attend the retreat at Foothills from October 16 to 18, please register online **and** with the paper forms that are available on the youth bulletin board by October 2 at the latest. Find more info at www.foothillslutheran.com/fallyouthretreat/



Growing
FAITH
at home

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.