

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”



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: As we work together with others in the Church, O Christ, help us to see that we are all working toward a common goal--the spreading of the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Forgive us for letting conflicts here on earth get in the way of Your heavenly mission and allow us to see that all will be made clear on the very last day.

Lord of the Church, bless the work we do in Your name.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service 3
- HYMNS:**.....851; 555; 781; 611; 742; 744; 680; 821
- FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 55:6-9
- EPISTLE LESSON:**Philippians 1:12-14,19-30
- GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 20:1-16
- SERMON:**..... Matthew 20:1-16

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.



**Altar
Flowers**

THE FLOWERS The flowers that grace our altar today are in memory of Christine Heumann's mother, Dorothy, her grandmother, Helen, and her grandfather, Herbert who all passed away in the month of September.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our faith is not exclusive, but God says that we should have both unity in the faith we confess (which Holy Communion expresses) and the belief that Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. We therefore kindly ask that guests would speak with the pastor before the service if they desire to commune. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
USHERS Elfrieda Heiden; Lorne Rosenau
LECTOR Stacey Bablitz
A/V Evan Stene; Ralf Hinterleitner
ELDERS Rick Nelson
GREETERS Jutta Colhoun
COFFEE Timothy, Sarah, Eden and Paxton Knudtson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
	After Worship	Faith at Home – My Bible
	4:00 pm	Installation of Rev. Bart Eriksson at Grace Lutheran Church, Calgary
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Winkel @ Drumheller, PG & Miriam away
	7:00 pm	Music Practice
	6:00 pm	Children’s Choir
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice.
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth at Corn maze
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
		Voters Meeting after service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital/ Hospice:**
- Homebound:**
- For Special Intercession:**
- Family Focus:**

LAST WEEK AT FLC *Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
September 6, 2026	154	36

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,280.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$248,177.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$273,461.54	-\$25,284.17

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$40.00; Visitor Offerings \$2,100.00; Sunday School \$9.50; Parking \$1,800.00; FLSR \$2,080.00 CLMS \$50.00.

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

Revised Voters' packages are ready for pick in the Narthex. Next Voters' meeting is September 27, 2026 after worship service. Appologies for the printing misshap last week and thank you for those who brought this to our attention. Also available are copies of our proposed Abuse Prevention Policy, which will come before the Voters for apporval at this meeting. You may pick up a paper copy from the Information Desk, request the church office email you a copy, or read it through this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sCxda9drQJPt-FK-jbpbjTtalvO_sf4L/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104993838248725524700&rt_pof=true&sd=true

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!

We pray for God's comfort for all who mourn, especially the family of Kathy Bauer, which includes our own Jean Bauer and her family. May they be comforted by the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus, their Saviour.

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.

SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY HELP NEEDED: we are looking for someone who can commit an average of one or two Sundays per month during the school year to teach youth Bible study from 9 to 10am. It is a small group, and youth are usually confirmed and in grades 8 to 12. We use an easy to prep CPH youth Sunday school curriculum. If this is something you might be able to help with, please contact Michelle Heumann.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Children's choir for children age 4-10 years resumes Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 pm. We'll meet twice monthly to learn a bit about music and sing God's Word into our hearts. For more information or to register your children, contact Dcn. Miriam!

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Began meeting again on Tuesdays at 10:00am, and will continue looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians. Anyone is welcome to join, even if you have never come before!

LUNCH BUNCH: On September 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.)

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: 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**.

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.

EVANGELISM UPDATES

Do you walk as part of your weekly routine? The Board of Evangelism has 51 Little Free Libraries on our list that we will be supplying with an item that speaks to God's great love for us all every other month. Our next placement will be at the end of this month. We have received permission to place Christian literature at these locations. Our list has gotten longer so we could use the assistance of people who walk for exercise regularly or just go for a stroll from time to time. If you have another library near you to add our list, we would happily include it. Please speak to either Michael V. or Betty Ann C. if you would like to join our team of 5 walkers.

The Board of Evangelism is continuing to accept the donation of gently used New Testaments. If you go to a used book sale, a used book store, or just have one sitting on your shelf you haven't used it in a while, Michael V. will ensure it goes to a Little Free Library that hasn't yet had one placed. So far we have placed 17 New Testaments. Thank you for your partnership in this endeavor to share God's Word with our community.

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!

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UNDER WAY! Shoe boxes and Item lists are available for pick up in the Narthex outside Miriam's office. 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 are bins 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.

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.

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 REQUEST: KITCHEN HELP! 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/



This week, we pray for **Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec, Canada.

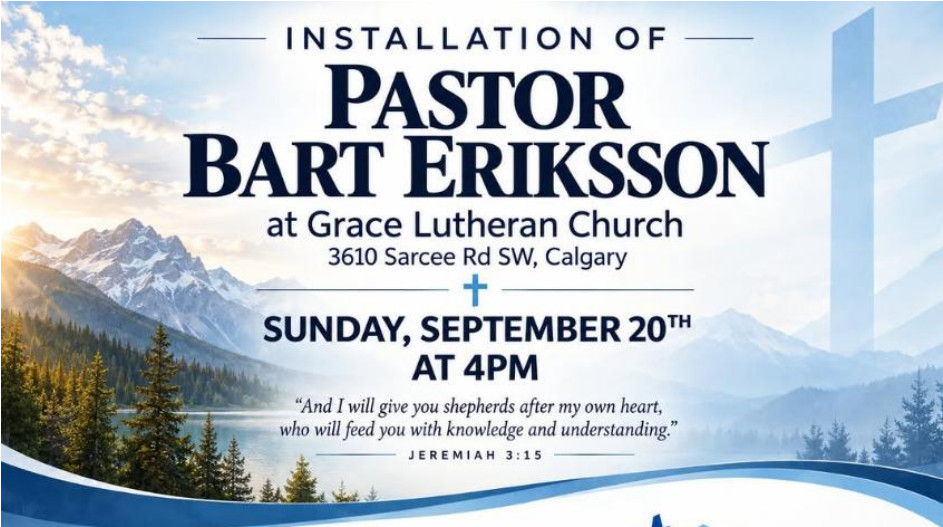
Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Jacobsen, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 27).

"Teachable" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. Matthew 21:31 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.

REV. BART ERIKSSON INSTALLATION: We rejoice with our brothers and sisters at Grace Lutheran Church, Calgary, as their new pastor is installed this afternoon at 4:00 pm. A light supper will be served following the service. All are invited to attend. Grace Lutheran Church is at 3610 Sarcee Road SW.



— INSTALLATION OF —

PASTOR BART ERIKSSON

at Grace Lutheran Church
3610 Sarcee Rd SW, Calgary

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
AT 4PM**

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."*

— JEREMIAH 3:15 —



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Sunday between
September 18 and
September 24



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly.
2. Jesus told a parable about some vineyard workers (read Matthew 20:1-16). How do you think you would have felt if you were one of those hired first? How would you have felt if you were one of those hired last?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers
M	Titus 3:3-7	The generosity of God
T	1 Timothy 6:17-19	God provides richly
W	Ephesians 1:3-8	The riches of God's grace
T	Exodus 16:2-15	Manna from heaven
F	Philippians 1:21-30	Life worthy of the Gospel
S	Psalms 145:1-8	Every day I will praise you

VERSE OF THE WEEK

You are merciful, Lord! You are kind
and patient and always loving.

PSALM 145:8



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Blessing one another at the beginning and/or the end of the day can be a very powerful and significant daily faith ritual.

Use the blessing for this week to bless one another. Mark the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms as you say the words.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God so generous,
God so good, we
thank you for our
daily food. Bless
our meal and with
us stay, guide and
keep us through this
day. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord you are
so generous to
us. Help us to
be generous to
others. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Psalm 145:4 says: "Each generation will announce to the next your wonderful deeds."

Talk about people from older or younger generations who have shared Christ with you.

Draw them a picture, make them a card or write them a note to say thanks. If possible, invite them to your home to share a meal with you.



BLESSING

May the Lord
bless you with a
generous heart.