

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”



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Lord of Word and action, you follow through with your promises perfectly. Forgive us when we don't do the same. Give us the power to keep the promises we make, to mean what we say, and to do the work you have called us to perform. May your faithfulness be our guide in all we commit ourselves to.

O God of promises fulfilled, bless all we say and do.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As Projected

HYMNS:..... My Savior, My God; My Worth Is Not in What I Own;
..... Because He Lives (Amen); Offering; Forever

FIRST LESSON:..... Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

EPISTLE LESSON:Philippians 2:1-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON:..... Matthew 21:23-32

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 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSICContemporary Musicians

USHERS Elfrieda Heiden; Tim Roth

LECTOR Christine Heumann

A/V Evan Stene; Ralf Hinterleitner

ELDERS Rick Nelson

COFFEE Ellen Wagner

COUNTERS Ralf Hinterleitner; Michelle Funke



CREATIVE RESPONSE

St. Paul writes: "Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the Spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness? If so, make me very happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and having one mind and purpose" (Philippians 2:1-2).

Play a game that requires you to work together to achieve the desired outcome.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, once again we are well fed; thank you for our daily bread. Help us not to moan or grumble; give us hearts both kind and humble. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, show us your ways, teach us your paths. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Philippians 2:3 says, "Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves".

Make this 'Humility Week' in your household. Ask each person to secretly decide on one act of service they can perform that will show concern for the interests of others. At the end of the week, talk about your acts of 'secret service' and what it felt like to serve and be served.



BLESSING

May God free you from sin and make your heart new.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday	After Worship	Voters Meeting
	12:00 pm	LWMLC Society meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice.
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion PPC BBQ after service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Includes online participation

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
September 20, 2026	148	41

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,729.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$255,241.37	+/- YTD -\$25,816.32
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$281,057.69	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts :Visitor Offerings \$150.00; Parking \$200.00; CLWR \$20.00; CLMS \$100.00; LCC-seminaries \$5.00; LWML-mites \$50.00; LWML \$30.00

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.

Remember that our Voters' meeting is today following the worship service. Packages are available on the welcome desk, as well as copies of our proposed Abuse Prevention Policy, which will come before the Voters for approval at this meeting.

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!

To our amazing church family: Thank you from the entire Bauer family for your wonderful messages, cards, delicious, delivered meals, funeral attendance, warm hugs and -- most importantly -- prayers for us as we mourn the loss of Kathy Bauer. Your kindness and Christian love are much appreciated, especially for our mother, Ellie Bauer, who continues to struggle with the loss of her firstborn. We rest assured that God's graciousness remains in our lives, and rest in the hope of the resurrection.

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.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Meets 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!

The MUSTARD SEED once again needs your help! Their stores of hygiene products are either empty or significantly depleted. You



Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 21

YEAR A

God wants us to
turn back to him
and obey him



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LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
September 25 and
October 1



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus told a parable about two sons (read Matthew 21:28-31). When it comes to following God, which son are you most like?
2. What is God's response when we change our minds and turn back to him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
M	Hosea 14:1-8	Return to the Lord
T	Acts 3:18-26	Repent then, and turn to God
W	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
T	Philippians 2:1-13	Imitating Christ's humility
F	James 1:19-25	Do what the word says!
S	Psalms 25:1-9	In you, I put my trust

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble
and consider others more important than
yourselves. Think the same way that Christ
Jesus thought.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, 5

Foothills LWMLC Society is meeting again after our summer break on Monday, September 28, 2026 at noon for some social time, a Bible study and short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!



This week, we pray for **Rev. Asefa Aredo** who serves as pastor of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and LCC's Missionary-at-Large for Oromo Outreach. **CANADA**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Aredo, 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: (October 4, 2026).

"Embrace Life" Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli Oliveros

Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. John 10:10-11. 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.

will find sheets on the Human Care bulletin board of their URGENT NEEDS LIST - please take one and prayerfully consider how you might assist this charity. Any donations can be placed in the "Mustard Seed" bucket between the washrooms. They sincerely thank you, and so do I (Christine Heumann), for helping them assist their patrons with dignity and respect.

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.**

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."

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.

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.)

CRAFT-TEA Party: Tuesday October 13th. For October, we will be making delicate tea light holders. I ask that you sign up on the fellowship board if you're interested in coming and interested in making our craft of the month, a delicate tea light holder. Please see picture on the bulletin board.

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.

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.

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/

Parish Planning Council PPC) Luncheon: On October 4th the PPC will be hosting a beef on a bun luncheon after service. We invite all attendees in worship to drop by and meet your Parish Planning Council.

The PPC for the upcoming year is as follows:

Dale Dusterhoft – President
 Austin Voss – Vice President
 Margit Hopkins – Treasurer
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 Betty Ann Chandler – Board of Evangelism
 Christine Heumann – Board of Human Care Ministry
 Heather Sommers – Board of Fellowship
 Michelle Funke – Board of Stewardship
 Tim Roth – Board of Church Properties
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