

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”



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord above, may we take Your call to come and join You seriously. May we prepare ourselves to enter into Your banquet hall rejoicing. May we truly sense how honoured and privileged we are to be invited to spend time with You. And may we be ever grateful to You for giving us so much, when we deserve so little.
Heavenly Father, let us enter into Your kingdom, by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** As projected
- HYMNS:** Better is One Day; Goodness Love and Mercy;
..... Who You Say I Am; There is a Redeemer; Because of Your Love
- FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 25:6-9
- EPISTLE LESSON:** Philippians 4:4-13
- GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 22:1-14
- SERMON** Matthew 22:1-14

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 beautify the Altar are given to the glory of God by Nelson Meyers, Gwyneth Meyers, and Richard Harding, in memoriam of Louise Meyers, Meredith Meyers, Conrad Meyers, and Nathan Meyers.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- MUSIC** Contemporary Musicians
- USHERS** Elfrieda Heiden; John Voss
- LECTOR** Kelly Dueck
- A/V** Michelle Funke; Ralf Hinterleitner
- COUNTERS** Gwyneth Meyers; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
Monday		Thanksgiving: Office closed
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30-3:00	Craft Tea
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
	7:00 pm	Long Range Planning meeting
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir practice.
Fri evening-Sat		Youth retreat
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

THANK YOU! To McKenna Bablitz and Michael Vivek for putting together the Thanksgiving display as a reminder of how God provides for all of our needs, body and soul.

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
September 27, 2026	165	36

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,779.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$270,685.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$286,250.00	-\$25,564.63

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor Offerings \$3,300.00; Flowers \$50.00; CLBT \$150.00; CLWR \$330.00; CLMS \$100.00; Concordia Seminary \$80.00; LAMP \$275.00; LHM \$100.00; LWML mites \$55.00; Refugee sponsorship \$25.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LAMP

LAMP missionaries provide spiritual witness and nurture within remote northern Canadian communities, often accessible only by plane. Various programs bring the Gospel to these areas.

Please note that there will be **no coffee hour following worship today**. We look forward to gathering together again next week for fellowship and refreshments. Thank you for your understanding!

ADULT INQUIRY CLASS: Do you ever wish that you could spend more time learning about God's Word, more about the peace that God brings to us through His Word and deed, more about the Church, more about Foothills Lutheran Church specifically? If so, this class is for you! If you would like to become a member of Foothills, this class is for you! If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, and the Lutheran teachings on God's Word, no membership required, this class is for you! We will be looking at starting this class in the next couple weeks, likely after the worship service. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please speak with Pastor Glenn.

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 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.

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

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 this craft of the month. Please see picture on the bulletin board.

LUNCH BUNCH – Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall if you plan on joining us on Tuesday, October 27 at 12:15. This month we meet at Chianti's in Crowfoot for food and fellowship.

PPC/Elders Portraits Update- A big thanks to all the Elders and PPC members for their cooperation, Elke Bittmann for coordinating this project and Tim Roth and Al Innes for installing the bulletin board in the narthex. The pictures have now been posted come have a look at the display in the Narthex. **A BIG thank you** to Michael Vivek for organizing and do the display.

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER Bill C-218: The Canadian federal government expanded Medical Assistance in Dying by removing the requirement that a person's natural death be reasonably foreseeable. Eligibility for MAID was then extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness, with automatic delayed implementation to take effect March 2027.

Although Bill C-218 was defeated last week, the Justice Minister announced the government will introduce its own bill this fall to indefinitely pause the expansion

of MAiD on the basis of mental illness. We can give thanks to God for this bit of progress. Concern remains, however, that there will at the same time be a move to allow advance requests for MAiD. If you wish to give voice to your faith in another way, you could contact your MP, or reach out to even more MP's. There is a contact list on 4mycanada.com. There is a sample letter and a sample voicemail message at evangelicalfellowship.ca. Please see Evangelism bulletin board for more information

PRAYER CHAIN: What a privilege it is as Christians to pray for those in need! We have a group of dedicated people who pray regularly for members of our congregation, our community, and the world. Please contact Dcn. Miriam if you would like to join in this task, which can be done anytime and anywhere. If you have a prayer request, please contact any of our church staff.

This week, we pray for **Rev. Walta Clercius** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French Ministries in Quebec.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Clercius, 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 18, 2026)
"The Heart of the Matter" Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. **Matthew 22:15-22.** 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.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE FAMILY PARTY: Come Saturday, October 31 10:00-11:30 am for crafts, games, a devotion, and pumpkin-carving. Bring your own pumpkin, and children can wear costumes (no witches, devils, or goblins please!) Bring your own pumpkin to carve. RSVP to Dcn. Miriam by October 26th.



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PROPER 23

YEAR A

God our King
invites all to
feast with him



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Sunday between
October 9 and
October 15



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Can you remember a party you enjoyed attending? What made it special for you?
2. Jesus told a parable about a wedding banquet (read Matthew 22:1-10). Who ended up receiving invitations and attending?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
M	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the great banquet
T	Daniel 5:1-31	The banquet of Belshazzar
W	Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-10	Esther hosts a banquet
T	Exodus 32:1-14	The golden calf
F	Philippians 4:1-9	Closing appeal for unity
S	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Choose a mealtime this week where you will all be home together and pick a theme for the menu and even dress up to match the theme.

You might choose a country (e.g. Mexican) or a decade (e.g. 70's) or something like 'movie magic'.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Isaiah 25 describes a special feast that God is preparing for his people (read Isaiah 25:6).

Plan a special meal to show your appreciation to significant people in your lives e.g. school teachers, church staff, children's ministry volunteers, mentors. Work together to organise invitations and prepare the meal. Make this an annual event on your household calendar.



PRAYER

Lord, we give our worries to you. Please help us and give us peace. Amen.



BLESSING

May God watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe.