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"



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We thank You this day for all the talents and abilities You have given us, O Lord. Help us to see all the ways that we can use our gifts to your glory. Give us the courage to use the gifts You have given us whenever we have the opportunity to share them. And help us to shape and sharpen our skills into what You want them to be.
O Giver of all that is good, work through us to bring blessings to others.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: ..... As projected
HYMNS: ..... 10,000 Reasons; My Lighthouse; King of Kings; ..... Hear Our Praises; This is Amazing Grace
FIRST LESSON: ..... Amos 5:18-24
EPISTLE LESSON: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL LESSON: ..... Matthew 25:1-13
SERMON ..... Matthew 25:1-13

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**.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC ..... Contemporary Musicians
ACOLYTE ..... Maddox Chan
USHERS ..... Ellen Wagner; John Voss
LECTOR ..... Brian Vincent
A/V ..... Evan Stene: Eden/Paxton Knudtson
COUNTERS ..... Michelle Funke; Zachary Heywood
COFFEE ..... Anne Marie Kothari; Colleen Judiesch

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Baptism (Rosenau)
		Faith at Home, Money & Me
		Adult Inquiry Class following the service
Monday	7:00 pm	PPC Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	1:30 pm	Craft tea
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult choir practice.
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Education hour only
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
		Young Adults Gathering after service
		Adult Inquiry Class following the service

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for God's comfort for all who mourn, especially the family of Christine Sander, which includes Mark Sander and his family. May they be comforted by the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus, their Saviour.

BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, and into God's family here at Foothills, is Watson William Rosenau, son of Kellen and Kristy Rosenau. His sponsors are Matthew and Tahnee Jones. We pray that God would bless Watson and his family, and that He would keep him in His grace, which is poured out to him this day. We also extend a warm welcome and thankful appreciation to Pastor Eric Moffett for joining us on this wonderful day and bringing God's means of grace in Holy Baptism to Watson.



LAST WEEK AT FLC

Includes online participation

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
Nov 1, 2026	157	19

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	$7,596.15	**Our Budget Goal**
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	$7,681.00	$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	$294,999.37	**+/- YTD**
Total Offerings Needed to Date	$326,634.62	-$31.635.25

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings $2.35; Visitor Offerings $1,620.00; Sunday School $15.00; CLWR $100.00; LWML Mites $30.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: INN FROM THE COLD

Homelessness is a problem in Calgary, and like the Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold seeks to help. Other programs work on support and prevention.

WATER RESTRICTIONS – The City of Calgary has implemented water restrictions in our area. Please limit water use as much as possible at the church until they are lifted.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE – please check your mailboxes in the Narthex for the new Canadian Lutheran Magazine and the Online Directory consent form. As well, the newest Foot Print is available on the welcome desk and the church website.

ADULT INQUIRY CLASS CONTINUES: 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! This class began on November 1, but it's not too late to join in. We meet following the worship service for the next number of weeks. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please speak with Pastor Glenn.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS: The young adults (age 18-35-ish) will be meeting, following worship, on the first and third Sundays of the month, gathering together for a combination of faith formation, fellowship, and fun. The next time together is scheduled for Sunday, November 15.

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY Join us this Advent season for a time of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual preparation as we gather for our Midweek Advent Devotion and Soup Supper. This is a family event and all are welcome! Dinner at 5:30pm Bible Study at 6:30pm starting December 2, 2026. Please see the signup sheet on the fellowship board to let us know if you plan to attend, and if you would like to donate a pot of soup.

LOOKING FOR A MEETING ROOM? The spare office next to Deaconess Miriam's office has been tidied up and the door will be open on Sunday mornings. It offers a spot for small meetings or a quiet discussion without interruptions. Please feel free to use it at anytime that is available.

FAMILY ADVENT POT BLESSING:. We will have a Pot Blessing Supper event on Friday, November 27th beginning at 5:00pm. Dinner will be at 5:30 and at 6:15 we will begin games, crafts, and marshmallow roasting along with visiting and fellowship. The evening will also include decorating of the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary. Please invite friends and family to join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. A sign up sheet has been posted on the Fellowship Bulletin board. Questions and suggestions can be sent to dtstene@shaw.ca. We look forward to sharing this evening together.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY: All ladies are invited to our 2nd annual Christmas party and gift exchange on Saturday, November 28 at 1:00pm at Tobi Stene's home, 247 Church Ranches Way. Please bring an appetizer and a gift valued between $10-$20 for a gift exchange. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Fellowship board. Rides will be available for anyone needing one. For any questions, please contact Kelly.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser: To help support future youth group trips like the National Youth Gathering, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. You can order online at https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000036846 and pay with a credit card. Catalogue's are availble on the Welcome desk. The order/payment deadline is November 22. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 6. Thank you for your support!

CRAFT TEA - November 10th. Come for tea and fellowship! 1:30 - 3pm in the library. Please sign up on the fellowship board.

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.

Online Directory – Work is underway. Consent forms are now available in your mailbox in the Narthex. Only those that return the signed form will be put on the secure login directory. The deadline is January 31, 2027. Please email Michael Vivek at williamsjmichael2015@gmail.com with any questions about this project.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED we are looking for Greeters, Choir members, Praise band musicians, Coffee teams, Youth bible study leaders and record retention Please take a look at the volunteer board in the Fellowship hall for more information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS UNDER WAY! Shoe boxes and Item lists are available for pick up in the Narthex outside Miriam's office. **Please return boxes to FLC no later than November 22.**

LUNCH BUNCH: On November 24 meet at Nolan Hill's State & Main 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.)

As **Remembrance Day** approaches, let us lift up in prayer the chaplains in our Canadian Armed Forces. Pray that even though they are now more restricted in what they may say and do to support those who serve, that God would bless them and their efforts. Pray for those in leadership roles in our country, that God-pleasing decisions would be made and religious freedoms that have been taken away would once again be restored. A number of Christian entities have respectfully responded. A copy of Lutheran Church Canada's response to the new regulation is posted on the evangelism bulletin board in the fellowship hall or available at https://www.canadianlutheran.ca/a-response-to-the-canadian-armed-forces-military-personnel-instructions-03-26/



This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. **CAMBODIA.**
Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, 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: November 15, 2026 **"Fruitful Trees"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen. The tree of Christ's cross bore life-giving fruit. **Genesis 1:11-12; 1 Peter 2:24** 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 at home

PROPER 27

YEAR A

Always be ready for Jesus' return

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Sunday between November 6 and November 12

CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How does it feel to be running late for an appointment or an event? Share about an experience you have had of being late.
2. Jesus says that we don't know when he will return, so we need to be ready for him. What do you think it means to be ready?

BIBLE READINGS

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

S	**Matthew 25:1-13**	Parable of wise and foolish girls
M	**Matthew 24:36-44**	Keep watch
T	**Joshua 24:1-25**	The covenant renewed
W	**Micah 7:1-7**	Watching in hope for the Lord
T	**Luke 21:29-36**	Be always on the watch
F	**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**	Believers who have died
S	**Psalm 70**	Hasten, O God, to save me

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So always be ready, because you don't know the day or the hour the Son of Man will come.

MATTHEW 25:13



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Draw or print off a picture of an oil lamp.

Read the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Girls and talk about what is involved in keeping our 'spiritual lamps' burning until Jesus returns.

Write your ideas onto the picture and display it in your home (if you have an actual oil lamp, set this up too).

As a related craft project, make paper lanterns – visit the website **www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-a-paper-lantern-in-6-easy-steps/** for simple instructions.



ACTION RESPONSE

Plan and prepare a family service activity. Think about the way each person in your family can contribute together.

Some examples might be:

- Serve morning tea after church
- Plant flowers, pull weeds and mow the lawn as a surprise for a family who is in crisis.
- Attend a community working bee.
- Do another family members' daily chore.



MEALTIME PRAYER

For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are waiting for you to come again. Take us to be with you forever. Amen.



BLESSING

May God watch over you. May he keep your faith strong until Jesus comes again.