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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Servant of all, may we follow Your call to be a servant by caring for the people around us, humbling ourselves before You and one another, reaching out to those in distress, and taking the time to participate actively in the work of the Church. Support and sustain us in all that we do as Your servants in this world.

O Servant Savior, may we follow Your example.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: .....Divine Setting 3, page 184 LSB
HYMNS:.....660; 411; 338; 348; 730; 516; 508; 941
FIRST LESSON:..... Zephaniah 1:7–16
EPISTLE LESSON: ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
GOSPEL LESSON: ..... Matthew 25:14-30
SERMON ..... Matthew 25:14-30

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.**



THE FLOWERS which grace the altar today are given by Pastor and Brenda Bode, in thanksgiving to God for His blessing on their anniversay.

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.

Do you have any extra pottery flowerpots or plant pots at home? *We* are looking for donations of pots to help beautify our church with plants and flowers. Please bring them to the church office or speak with Charlotte Rentz.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC ..... Hannah Edel
USHERS ..... Ellen Wagner; Brian Vincent
GREETERS ..... Jutta Colhoun
LECTOR ..... Carl Berdahl
A/V ..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Michelle Funke
COUNTERS ..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Michael Vivek
ELDERS ..... Richard Harding; Rick Nelson
COFFEE ..... The Knudtson's
ALTAR ..... Nora Jarowicz

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Education hour only
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Communion
		Young Adult gathering after worship
		Adult inquiry class after worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Elders meeting
	7:00 pm	Ladies Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Moms and Tots
	7:00 pm	Music practice
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies study
	6:00 pm	Children's choir
	7:00 pm	Long Range planning
	7:00 pm	Adult choir practice
Sunday	9:00 am	Christian Education hour
	10:15 am	Worship and shoe box blessing
		Adult inquiry class after worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Includes online participation

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
Nov 8, 2026	182	35

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	$7,596.15	**Our Budget Goal**
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	$5,245.00	$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	$300,244.37	**+/- YTD**
Total Offerings Needed to Date	$334,230.77	-$33,986.40

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings $65.25; Visitor Offerings $680.00; Sunday School $11.50; Concordia Seminary $80.00;CLWR $80.00; Inn from the Cold $25.00; LWML-mites $50.00;Refugee sponsorship $20.00; Lucy Oberhammer memorial from Boreski Family Endowment at the Jewish Foundation $1.000.00; Oromo rent $3.900.00.

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.

ADULT INQUIRY CLASS CONTINUES: If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith, and the Lutheran teachings on God's Word, this class is for you! If you are interested in becoming a member of Foothills, this class is for you! This class began on November 1, but it's not too late to join. We meet following the worship service in the multi-purpose room. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, and cannot make it, please speak with Pastor Glenn.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS: All young adults, age 18-35ish, are invited to gather together with one another following the worship service today. We 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.

Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser: **ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT** to place your order: https://fundraising.purdys.com/fundraising/campaign/000036846 to help support future youth group trips like the National Youth Gathering. You can order online (and pay with a credit card). Catalogue's are availble on the Welcome desk. Deadline is November 22. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 6. Thank you for your support!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEADLNE IS NEXT WEEK November 22! Shoe boxes and Item lists are available for pick up in the Narthex outside Miriam's office. Please drop your boxes off so they can be blessed and sent on their way next week.

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY Join us this Advent 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 so we can plan for food. As well if you would like to donate a pot of soup.

FOOTHILLS ADVENT POT BLESSING: We will have a Pot Blessing Supper



event on Friday, November 27th beginning 5:00pm dinner at 5:30 and 6:15 we will begin games, crafts, 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. Please sign up so we have enough supplies for the fun activities we have planned. 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

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.

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.

Foothills LWMLC Society is meeting on **Monday, November 23, 2026 at noon** in the Fellowship hall for some social time, Bible study and business meeting. All ladies are welcome!

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.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH for their Tannenbaum Lighting Festival on November 28 at 5:00 pm. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

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

ONLINE DIRECTORY- 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.

Witnessing to Your Faith opportunity: Despite a unanimous motion passed in the House of Commons on Nov. 8, 2024 affirming military chaplains' right to pray during military ceremonies, the Department of National Defence issued Military Personnel Instruction 03/26 on July 29, 2026 prohibiting military personnel, including military chaplains, from reciting faith-specific prayers or saying God's name during public events. Only spiritual reflections are allowed. This is an escalation of merely banning public prayer by military chaplains as part of Remembrance Day ceremonies as was the case last year, and is a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A petition calling upon the Minister of National Defence to reverse this direction and restore the freedom to pray and speak God's name at official public events opened on Nov. 2, 2026 and already has over 14,600 signatures. You can find Petition e-7902 (re: National Defence and Military Operations) by going to ourcommons.ca/petitions and click on "search". If you wish to witness to your faith in this way, please sign before Jan, 31 when the petition will be closed. Please keep those in leadership positions in our country in your prayers.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri**. CAMBODIA Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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: "Trees in Winter": Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Christ's followers are like trees in winter–seemingly barren now, but rooted in God's Word and living in the promise of Christ's resurrection and the renewal of all things. **Revelation 22:2,** on CHRB 1140AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the LH app.

Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 28

YEAR A

Encourage others to use the gifts and talents God has given them

GrowMinistries
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Sunday between November 13 and November 19



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What helps us use our talents? What stops us from using them?
2. In what ways are you using your talents to serve God? What does God promise to those who use their talents well (see Matthew 25:29)?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	**Matthew 25:14-30**	Parable of the talents
M	**Luke 19:11-26**	A king and his servants
T	**1 Peter 4:7-11**	Using our gifts
W	**Romans 12:4-8**	We have different gifts
T	**Judges 4:1-7**	Deborah
F	**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**	The Day of the Lord
S	**Psalm 90:1-12**	The power of his anger

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Encourage one another and build each other up.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A



CREATIVE RESPONSE

The apostle Paul says "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Spend some time this week affirming and encouraging one another.

For instance, you may wish to finish these sentences for each household member:

"A talent I see you have is ..."

"One thing I really appreciate about you is ..."

"Something I'd like to encourage you in is ..."

"I felt very proud of you when ..."



MEALTIME PRAYER

For food and drink
and happy days we
offer up our thanks
and praise. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, teach us to wisely use all the time we have, help us to be faithful servants who make the most of your gifts. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Think of a person in your church or community who is developing or using their God-given gifts and talents, and whom you would like to encourage as a household.

Write them an encouragement note or prepare an encouraging gift for them.



BLESSING

Child of light, may
God bless you
with faith, hope
and love, this day
and always.