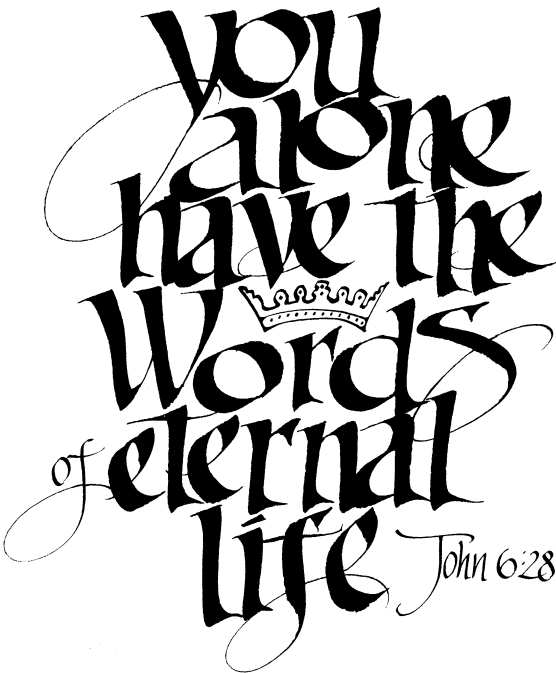


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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*“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”*



*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 25, 2024*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Give us insight into who You truly are, O Savior, and help us to listen more closely to what You came to tell us. May Your words of eternal life, Your messages of forgiveness, and Your good news of grace deepen our faith and enliven our spirits.

*O Son of God and Son of Man, reveal Your salvation to us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Office at Matins, p. 219  
**HYMNS:** ..... 602; 853; 865; 585  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 29:11-19  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... Ephesians 5:22-33  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 7:1-13  
**SERMON:** *The Fickle Heart* - Mark 7:1-13

**WELCOME** to all members and visitors with us this morning. Jesus told His followers to go and make disciples, and we exist here to carry out that task, by baptizing and teaching the Word of God. We invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest book at the back of the church before you leave.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY** as our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service.

**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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers.....Elfrieda Heiden; John Voss  
Lector ..... Heather Sommers  
AV Operator..... Tobi Stene

**PASTOR ERIC** and 2 members of our Board of Education are in Waterloo this weekend for a National Youth Gathering meeting. We pray for safe travel and a productive meeting.

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Today</b>	11:45 am	Adult Information Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Walk & Devotion
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

### ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

### ***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
August 18	132/87	5	13

*\*Attendance includes online participation and those at the ball tournament.*

### ***OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS***

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,915.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$222,867.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$244,326.92</b>	<b>-\$21,459.92</b>

***Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Plate 40.00; Visitor 670.00; Parking 400.00; Inn from the Cold 30.00; LWML 30.00; Mustard Seed 170.00; Refugee Fund 250.00; VBS 50.00.

**50 YEARS!** On August 17th, Tim and Tracy Roth celebrated 50 years of marriage. Please join us **today** after service for cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall, to celebrate this blessed occasion!

**LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA** celebrates 50 years! For details of the celebration, check out the LBTC poster on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. A schedule of events can be seen there.



## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

### **MUSTARD SEED**

The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in five cities across Alberta and British Columbia, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. We have served dinners in the past, but your gift always offers care to someone in need.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "When the Monsters Come"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer Archives August. We can never be too vigilant against the devil's attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15-41:34). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).



**OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, "RALLY DAY"** will be **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. On that day, Sunday School classes resume. We will have Bible studies for youth and young adults and our regular adult Bible study. Confirmation classes also begin that day. Our Christian Education Hour begins at 9:00 am. Youth and young adults will meet in the youth room; Confirmation in classroom 4 and Sunday School opening will be in the fireside room. Take time to be in the Word and to grow in the wonders of God's love for you!



**OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet for the first time this fall on Saturday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will again be able to have breakfast and will share in that meal at 9:00 am (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

**PASTOR MIKE AND KARA KUHN** and family will be with us on Sunday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, to share with us their work in Cameroon with Lutheran Bible Translators–Canada. Pastor Kuhn will preach that day and will also be making a presentation during the Christian Education hour that day (9:00 am). You are encouraged to come and hear about their work and to welcome them to our worship that day. May God continue to bless the work that LBTC does in bringing God's Word into the "heart language" of people throughout the world.



**AN UPDATE ON REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:** At the last voters meeting the congregation asked the PPC to gather more information on the mechanism and requirements to sponsor a family from Afghanistan to move to Canada. We discussed working with Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) as they work with the government and congregations on sponsoring refugees and can provide guidance on what would be required from our congregation.

We had a meeting with CLWR and they have told us that they have a quota for refugee sponsorship from the government and the quota has been reached in 2024. They indicated that we would need to apply to sponsor a family in 2025 and that the application process would start this fall. We will be having further meetings with them in September and should be able to provide more guidance to our congregation after those meetings.



**RALLY DAY BBQ:** Rally Day is the start of the year for education programs at FLC. Invite your family and friends to share God's Word and join us for a BBQ after service. No need to worry about the weather as we will be in the Fellowship Hall unless you prefer to eat outside on the front lawn. Volunteers are still needed to make this BBQ a success, please sign up on the Fellowship Board. Any questions, contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers.

**MISSION PRAYER:** 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. **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.**



**OUR "LIFE WITH GOD" ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** will meet again **today** from 11:45-1:15 pm. These classes will be led by Pastor Bode following worship on the Sundays when he is *not* in Didsbury. September's schedule should be back normal (although we won't meet on the Labour Day weekend).

We have had a good response to this opportunity to be in the Word, and you can still be part of it! We want to help you know and understand what God says to us in the chief teachings or doctrines of Scripture. This course provides all of us an opportunity to study what our church believes, teaches, and confesses from the Word of God. It is an opportunity to gather with other believers as we seek to learn more from God's Word, and to be strengthened in our lives as His people. For those who are new inquirers, this course would serve as membership class.

***WE'LL SOON BE PLANNING OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM,*** preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam.

***MAILBOX LOCATION CHANGES:*** You may or may not notice that the location of your mailbox has changed. This was an attempt to tighten up space and make it more user-friendly for those who picked up mail from the bottom row. We do hope that you will check your mailbox—and learn its new location!

***STUDENT RESIDENCE SPACE AVAILABLE:*** At present, we have 3 students in the residence for the fall semester. If you know of someone who will be attending university this fall and would benefit from this economical accommodation, please contact the church office.

***AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY*** it is a good time to remind you of our *Parking Policy for Student Parking*. Using some of our spaces for student parking has always been a benefit to students but cannot impede the work we do as a church. We have established the following guidelines:

- A Priority Qualified Student (“PQS”) is allowed a parking space at no charge. A PQS is a student attending the University of Calgary who is an active, communicant member of the church. (They attend and commune regularly.)
- A Qualified Student (“QS”) is a student that is a member of Foothills Lutheran Church who is not active; however, their parents or grandparents are active as described above. A qualified student will be granted parking privileges at half the public rate (\$200.00 per semester).
- Remaining spaces (there is a limit of 32 available in total) will be rented to those who apply, at a cost of \$400.00 per semester.

Parking issues and concerns consume a great deal of time and energy. We have to police the lot, and that is also why we ask you to let us know if you are going to be here, even for a short time. Without controls, we cannot provide safety for everyone or even guarantee we have the parking we need for our programs and activities. If you are a student looking for parking in the fall, please contact the office in the very near future.



## Growing FAITH at home

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the Holy  
One of God**



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Sunday between  
August 21 and August 27



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something in life you find difficult or struggle with?
2. Some of the people who were following Jesus couldn't accept his teachings and went away (John 6:60). In what ways is following Jesus hard for you?
3. The apostle Paul writes 'be strong in the Lord and his mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). What strengthens your faith or helps you to keep on following Jesus?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>John 6:56-69</b>	Many disciples desert Jesus
<b>M</b>	<b>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</b>	The tribes renew the covenant
<b>T</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:10-20</b>	The whole armour of God
<b>W</b>	<b>Exodus 32:1-20</b>	The golden calf
<b>T</b>	<b>Matthew 19:16-22</b>	A young man goes away sad
<b>F</b>	<b>1 John 2:18-28</b>	The departure of some
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 34:15-22</b>	The Lord is with you

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

JOHN 6:68-69





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Draw or make a suit of armour out of heavy paper or cardboard and include the following pieces: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet and sword.

(With younger children you can use these items to play a game of "dress-up.").

Throughout the week, read the description of the "armour of God" in Ephesians 6:13-17. Note that this armor is not promoting violence but the "gospel of peace" (v.15).

Be aware of how the Holy One of God protects you with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit and word of God. Take time to discuss what each part of the armour of God means to you.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Ephesians 6:18 states, "At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all of God's people".

One of the most important ways we serve others is by praying for them. Make up a list of members of your congregation or people in your social media circles and other relationships to pray for by name this week. Place the list in a prominent place in your home or carry the list with you throughout the week.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

You give us bread for living, O God. Save us from living for bread. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, no one else can give what you give. Help us to listen to your words and trust in you today and always. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the eyes of the Lord be on you and God's ears be attentive to your cry.