Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

"Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service"



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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

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

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – flepastor@foothillslutheran.com
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Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord of the Resurrection, You raise Your children up to new life. Raise us up to live a life that is pleasing to You. Raise us up to serve the people around us. Raise us up at the Last Day to everlasting life.

O Giver of Life, renew our life this day.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:	As projected
HYMNS:	504; 611; 548; 954; 589; 702; 662; 621; 609; 610
FIRST LESSON:	
EPISTLE LESSON:	
GOSPEL LESSON:	Luke 9:51-62
SERMON:	Trust Me! I Know What I'm Doing! 1 Kings 19:14-18

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. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY 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.

THE FLOWERS which grace the altar are given to the glory of God by Michael Vivek, in appreciation for all the fathers and uncles at FLC, and for his own uncles.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the

glorious hope of the resurrection to Tammy Klarenbach, at the death of her husband, Chris. Both are former members our congregation. We pray that God would comfort her whole family with His everlasting love and peace.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

includes online attendance

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
June 22	116	8

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist	Deaconess Miriam
Ushers	Anne Marie Kothari; Robert Kubke
Communion Assistants	Rick Nelson; Rob Kaut
Lector	
AV/Powerpoint Operators	Evan Stene; Eden/Paxton Knudtson
Coffee Team	Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
Friday to Tuesday		National Youth Gathering in Waterloo
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

CALL EXTENDED: On June 22 the congregation met and reviewed 5 Pastoral Nominees for the Divine Call to FLC. Pastor Fraser Pearce from Adelaide, Australia was selected. The Call Committee and church leadership has contacted Pastor Pearce and is in the process of sending the official call package to him. We would expect his decision in approximately 6 weeks. Logistical and immigration timing would still need to be determined if he accepts the call.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,600.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$175,575.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$192,307.69	-\$16,732.64

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 31.40; Facility Rental 135.00; LWML-Canada 30.00.

THANK YOU! To the FLC adult choir for gracing our service with their music this morning. A reminder that, although the choir is now winding down for the season, they will be recruiting again in the fall, both for choristers and a piano accompanist. Please keep this in mind and consider coming out to worship God in song later this year. Contact Richard Harding with any questions.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS: Adult Bible Study will continue Sunday mornings through the summer. We thank Rob Kaut for teaching this when Pastor Bode is in Didsbury. Ladies' Tuesday evening Bible Study will continue as a **biweekly** walk and devotion (please watch your calendars), and the weekly Thursday afternoon Ladies' Bible Study will continue as usual.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – HOPE MISSION

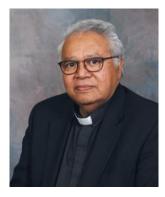
Hope Mission exists to serve, strengthen and uplift men, women, youth and children through the lifechanging gospel of Jesus Christ. Working in the Forest Lawn area of Calgary, they provide meals and



care to people in need. Much of the effort provides for children. Your gifts help them help others in need. Visit hopemission.com for more information.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (July 6) "A Little Light, Reading." Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**. The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ (Job 1:8). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, or at www.lutheranhour.ca.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Seven of our youth, one leader, and one adult volunteer will be attending the National Youth Gathering, *Unbreakable*, July 4-8 in Waterloo, Ontario. Please pray for their safe travel and their time at the Gathering, as well as for Michelle and Trevor Heumann, who will be attending as an organizing committee member and a tech volunteer.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Razafy Razafindrakoto** who serves as pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reconciliation in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Razandrakoto, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel.

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA (LCC) NOMINATIONS – LCC is accepting nominations for various lay or ministry positions within LCC. The lay positions include LCC Board of Directors, Commission on Constitution Matters and Structure, Regional Mission and Ministry Council, Board of Regents for Concordia Edmonton or St. Catherines.

If you have any interest in volunteering for these roles, please contact Dale Dusterhoft before **September 1, 2025**.



COUNTDOWN TO VBS: VBS is scheduled for the mornings of July 21-25. Thank you to all who have stepped forward to volunteer – over 20 volunteers participated in training on June 16! Our next training date is Thursday, July 10 at 10:00am. You can support this outreach effort through your prayers, or by inviting a child you know to attend. Online registration is still open on our website at www.foothillslutheran.com. Please contact Deaconess Miriam for more information!

ABC SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT AUTUST 8-10: We have a team Foothills!! 12 players from the Didsbury congregation will be joining our team. If you are still interested, please sign up as we can always make 2 teams. More information to come about potential practices in July. Email McKenna at mckbablitz@gmail.com with any questions.



TO THE LADIES OF FLC: Thank you to all the amazing ladies who came out for our first Ladies get together! There were connections made, fun had, and good food eaten. A big thank you to Jean for our devotion, and to Tobi for hosting. There were many comments made about meeting again.



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP TIME: As the past few months have been very busy and to give the coffee teams time to enjoy the summer, we will only have fellowship coffee time after service on non-communion Sundays.

A PRAYER FROM THE GARDEN: For the months of July and August, we invite you to help glorify the altar with flowers from your own garden! They can be dropped off to the church during office hours or by 9:50am on Sundays, before the Divine Service.



Please be in touch with Anne Marie Kothari or Michael Vivek with any questions.

TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER? Scripture reminds us not to neglect to gather together with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Our family in Christ can be found all over the world! If you are travelling in Canada, you can find LCC congregations at https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/find/.

Pastor Bode and Deaconess Miriam love to see bulletins from other congregations – please bring one back for us!

THE "GREEN" SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR: The Sundays following Pentecost are known as "the time of the church." Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow," no doubt due to the fact of green being the established colour, these Sundays emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral colour, but there is nothing colourless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Did you know that, depending on when Easter falls, the season of Pentecost, can last between 22 and 28 Sundays?

15TH ANNIVERSARY - DEACONESS MIRIAM: June 27th was Deaconess Miriam's 15th anniversary of her consecration as a rostered deacon, and Foothills has been very blessed through all her years of service - VBS, Sunday school, confirmation, youth and youth retreats, ladies Bible studies, leader training, choir and music, support and care for people in difficult times, and so much more. Join us after service today as we celebrate with a cake to thank Deaconess Miriam for all she does for the church, and please continue to pray for and support her in her role as DPS of our congregation - God has given us a great blessing in calling her to serve here, and we are very thankful.



Following Jesus



Sunday between June 26 and July 2 (if after Trinity Sunday)



CONVERSATIONS

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

- 1. What is something that you have put off doing? Why?
- Jesus asked people to follow him, but sometimes they
 put it off, saying "I need to do this or that first"
 (Luke 9:59-61). Is it hard for you to follow Jesus
 sometimes? If so, in what ways?
- 3. If Jesus asked you to move somewhere else to do his will, what would be hardest for you to leave behind?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.

Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
M	Luke 9:21-27	Following Jesus
т	Luke 14:25-34	Considering the cost
w	Luke 5:27-31	Levi follows Christ
т	Matthew 13:1-8	A crop is produced
F	Galatians 5: 13-25	Living by the Spirit's power
S	Psalm 16	What a wonderful inheritance!

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then he said to them all: "Whoever Wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23





CREATIVE RESPONSE

- Share any opportunities you had for witnessing about Christ during the week at school, at work, in the neighbourhood or at home.
- Invite your neighbours for a meal at your home. Get to know them and their needs.
- Make your home a welcoming place for your children's friends.
- Encourage your children to invite their friends to your church youth events, to Sunday morning worship or to a church youth or kids camp.



ACTION RESPONSE

Some followers of Jesus today still give up 'home, family, and means of income' to share him with others. Do you know of anyone who has done this (e.g. missionaries in other countries)? Ask your pastor or church friends to suggest someone to you. Find their address and write a note of encouragement and thanks to them. Pray for them this week.

Find out more about mission in the LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) here:

http://www.lca.org.au/board-for-mission.html



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for potatoes and meat. We love being your hands and feet. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we want to work for you. Please help us to let go of things that hold us back. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's love enable you to follow Jesus.