

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”

G E N E S I S 1 8 : 1 0



*in due
season*

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, we, like Martha, are indeed worried and upset about many things. Calm our troubled hearts and minds. Soothe us with Your words of hope and promise. And give to us a spirit that is willing to set all that is bothering us at Your feet, so that we may find rest.

Lord of comfort, grant us Your peace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Confession and Absolution, p. 151
..... Service of Prayer and Preaching p. 260

HYMNS: 807; 578; 536; 738; 628; 570; 566

FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 18:1-14

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Colossians 1:21-29

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 10:38-42

SERMON:*You’re Surrounded!* – Colossians 1:24-27

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.

VBS STARTS TOMORROW! This morning our volunteers are commissioned for their upcoming tasks during our worship service. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive the 85 registered children that God is sending us, and for the children, that they would have ears to hear His Word.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
includes online attendance

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
July 13	120	6

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

OrganistDeaconess Miriam
Ushers..... Brian Vincent; Ellen Wagner
Lector Brian Vincent
Communion Assistants..... Rick Nelson; Austin Voss
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Michelle Funke; Barb Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Holy Communion *no coffee hour
Monday – Friday	9:00 – Noon	VBS “God’s Promises for Me”
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Elders’ Meeting
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

THE FLOWERS which grace the altar are generously given to the glory of God by Jutta Colhoun and Michael Vivek.

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.



PASTORAL CALL EXTENDED: On June 22 the congregation met and reviewed five pastoral nominees for the Divine Call to FLC. Pastor Fraser Pearce from Adelaide, Australia was selected. The Call Committee and church leadership have contacted Pastor Pearce and sent the official call package to him. We would expect his decision by mid-August. Logistical and immigration timing will need to be determined if he accepts the call.

Pastor Pearce will be in Canada the end of this month and has made plans to come to Calgary July 29-31. Our leaders are working with him on a plan for his time here.

Please keep Pastor Pearce, his family and congregation, and our congregation in your prayers.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal \$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$2,932.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$188,794.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$215,384.62	-\$26,590.57

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 184.00; Visitor Offerings 240.00; FLSR Rent 520.00; CLBT 50.00; Youth 20.00; Youth Recovery 22.30.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS: Adult Bible Study will continue Sunday mornings through the summer. 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (July 27) **"Getting the Talk Started"** with Lutheran Hour speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter (The Executioner's Redemption) is featured. (Luke 11:1). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Adolf Schott, who passed this week and who was known to many of our members.

We pray that God would bless this family with His everlasting love and comfort. A Christian funeral service will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00 am.



MISSION OF THE MONTH – LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS OF CANADA:

Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada (LBTC) believes that no language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to the Holy Word of God. With the help of God, they strive to translate the Bible into the heart languages of the world so that every person has the opportunity to read, hear, and understand the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year marks their 50th year in service. LBTC conducts linguistic research, translates the Bible, facilitates literacy, promotes Scripture use, trains indigenous people, and cooperates with local governments and educators, national church leaders and the local community. They involve Lutherans in Canada in building awareness through recruitment and by seeking partnerships for prayer, financial support, and encouragement.

BLESSED THROUGH FAITHFUL LEADERS: We had previously been aiming to install our new officers on Sunday, July 20. **Please note that we have rescheduled this to Sunday, September 21.**

The officers will be functioning in their roles in the interim and beginning work toward implementing the congregational goals outlined at the last Voters’ Meeting. We look forward to hearing from them in our next newsletter. We thank God for His gifts to His church through the faithful service of these volunteers.

President	Dale Dusterhoft
Vice President	Austin Voss
Treasurer	Margit Hopkins
Elders	Hans Dueck; Trevor Heumann; Tim Hohm; Rob Kaut; Rick Nelson; Kellen Rosenau; Lorne Rosenau
Evangelism	vacant
Fellowship	Heather Sommers
Stewardship	Michelle Funke
Human Care Ministries	Christine Heumann
Education	Tobi Stene
Church Properties	Tim Roth
Recording Secretary	Barb Vincent
Financial Secretary	Hans Dueck

THE 2025 LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA (LCC) ANNUAL REPORT is available to all members. The highlights of the report can be found in today's bulletin insert. You can view it online at lutheranchurch.ca or by scanning the QR code found on the bulletin insert.



MISSION PRAYER: 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.

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, hear our prayer.

A FAMILY WITH A BABY ON THE WAY: One of our families is expecting their first baby in September and there are some necessities like a car seat and crib that are needed. Please prayerfully consider providing a cash gift towards making the purchases of these items possible. You can drop off your gift money to Amber in the church office. There is also a baby card for you to sign if you wish to do so. We hope to purchase these items by the end of August so submitting your gift to Amber by **August 17** would be appreciated. Thank you.



ABC SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT AUGUST 8-10: We have a Team Foothills! Twelve 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.

PASTOR HAUTZ WILL BE WITH US NEXT WEEK as guest preacher and to lead our worship. Join us, as we greet this former pastor. We are thankful for his service to us.

COMING UP IN OUR SUMMER SERMON SERIES: We asked, and you said, "I always wanted to hear a sermon about..."

Here's what's coming up in August:

Aug. 3, 2025 - Justification by faith / God's gifts in the Sacraments:
From Futility to Faith - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Aug. 10, 2025 – Job

When the Going Gets Tough, God is Still There - Job 42:1-9

Aug. 17, 2025 - What is the Lutheran view of the Millenium? / Understanding Revelation Don't Take It Too Literally - Revelation 20:1-6



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FAITH
at home

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Sitting at
Jesus' feet



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Sunday between
July 17 and July 23



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How are the members of your household (or group) alike in personality? How are you different?
2. When do you set aside time to listen to Jesus?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.

Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed
M	Genesis 18: 1-10a	A Son is promised to Sarah
T	Colossians 1: 15-28	Christ is supreme
W	2 Peter 1:3-11	Everything we need has been given
T	Matthew 6:25-33	Do not worry
F	Philippians 4:6-9	Do not be anxious
S	Psalms 127	Unless the Lord builds the house

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things. Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen the better thing, and it will never be taken away from her."

LUKE 10:41-42





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Even when we are busy we, like Mary, need to take time to listen to Jesus.

If you're not in the practice of taking a few moments each day to hear God speak to you, then why not try to do so this week?

Decide on a time each day when all of your household will be available. Set an alarm or give someone the responsibility to gather everyone together.

Try this simple format:

- Share about the events of the day
- Read a short passage of Scripture or a Bible story
- Talk about the meaning of the story or passage for your lives at the moment
- Reflect on what you have heard
- Conclude with a prayer



ACTION RESPONSE

Abraham and Sarah treated their guests like royalty (Genesis 18:1-8). Mary welcomed Jesus with her undivided attention (Luke 10:38-39).

Make plans to show hospitality to someone in your home. Think of someone outside of your usual circle of relatives and friends to invite to your home. Share Growing Faith at Home with them and include them in your household devotion time.



MEALTIME PRAYER

God, bless the food that here we see. God bless you, and God bless me. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to look to you for everything we need. Amen.



BLESSING

Child of God, may Jesus give you a faith that is steady and firm.