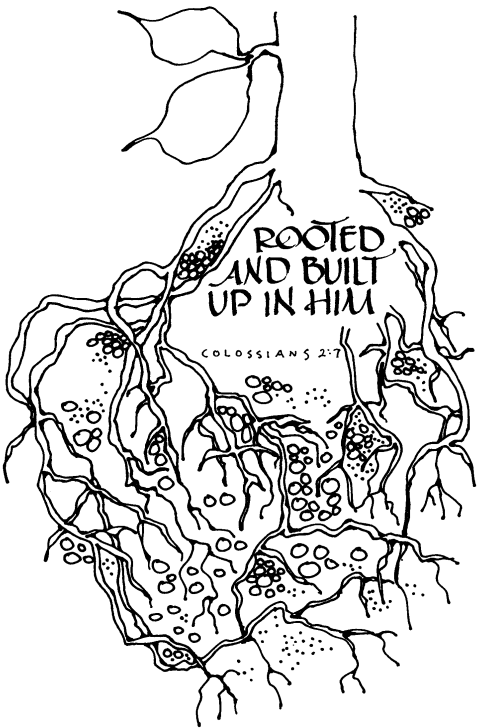


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



## *The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 27, 2025*

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

**Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor:** David Bode – [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com)  
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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Thank You, dear Lord, for the privilege of prayer. Thank You for listening to all that we have to say. Thank You for answering our requests in ways that are in line with your will. And thank You for bringing us closer to You through this wonderful method of communication.

*Lord, in Your mercy, hear us when we pray.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... How Deep the Father’s Love for Us; 691;  
..... How Great Thou Art/How Great is Our God; 790  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Genesis 18:17-33  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... Colossians 2:6-19  
**GOSPEL LESSON:**..... Luke 11:1-13  
**SERMON:** ..... *Rooted in Him* – Colossians 2:7

**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** *next on AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>* 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).

**WE WARMLY WELCOME PASTOR LAVERNE HAUTZ TODAY** as guest preacher and to lead our worship. We are thankful for his service to us.



LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communed	Education Hour
July 20	118/96	5

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Guest Pastor ..... Pastor Laverne Hautz  
Organist ..... Hannah Edel  
Music ..... Contemporary Musicians  
Ushers ..... Anne Marie Kothari; Brian Vincent  
Lectors ..... Amanda Roth; Trevor Heumann  
AV/PowerPoint Operators ..... Ralf Hinterleitner  
Coffee Team ..... Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke  
Greeters ..... Barb & Brian Vincent

THIS WEEK AT FLC

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Ladies' Walk & Devotion
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Open House with Pastor Pearce
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS:** Adult Bible Study continues 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.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,490.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$197,284.05	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$223,076.92</b>	<b>-\$25,792.87</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 95.00; Visitor Offerings 75.00; Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada 100.00; LWML 25.00.

**CALL UPDATE AND OPEN HOUSE INVITE:** Pastor Pearce and his wife are visiting Calgary during their trip to North America this month. The congregation is invited to come to an open house on **Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 pm** at the church to meet Pastor Pearce. He is looking forward to meeting the congregation as he prayerfully considers the divine call.

**VBS UPDATE:** A total of 70 students from 44 families attended our “God’s Promises for Me” Vacation Bible School last week. In addition, three parents attended the Bible study offered daily through the week. We give thanks to God for all of those who shared their time and their gifts in order to plant and nurture seeds of faith as they shared God’s Word!



**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (August 3) "**Proclaim His Glory**" with guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47) 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca), or download the Lutheran Hour App.



**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:** At our January voters' meeting the congregation voted to support the Rahmani family (who attend our church) in bringing over the rest of their family members who are in a region where Christians are being persecuted. This support involves providing backstop funding of \$60,000.00 that can be used by the family to support them during their first year in Canada. If it isn't needed by the family, it is returned to the church after one year. It is a requirement of the government that this funding be in place as part of the application for refugee status. We have been waiting for the government to finalize their refugee numbers and they have finally done that. Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) will now be applying for four members of the Rahmani family to immigrate to Canada, and Foothills has provided \$62,000.00 to the CLWR trust fund to support the application. The \$62,000.00 will come from approximately \$20,000.00 that our members have contributed to our Refugee Fund and will be topped up by roughly \$42,000.00 from our church savings. Over time, the plan is to replace this \$42,000.00 with member donations to the Refugee Fund. If you want to support the Rahmani family's immigration to Canada, please donate to the Refugee Fund, as over time we would like to replace the \$42,000.00 from church savings.

It will take at least a year and possibly two before they can immigrate to Canada, but praise God that the process has started and please pray for the Rahmani family as they are still in a dangerous area where Christians are being persecuted during this time.



**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for Rev. Romass Svell who serves as pastor for the Jarai community 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 Svell, 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.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:** The installation of our new PPC members and Elders will be held on **Sunday, September 21, 2025.**

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.

***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.



***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 two teams. Email McKenna at [mckbablitz@gmail.com](mailto:mckbablitz@gmail.com) with any questions.

***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

***A PRAYER FROM THE GARDEN:*** For the remainder of summer, 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.



***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Adolf Schott, who passed last week and who was known to many of our members. We pray that God would bless this family with His everlasting love and comfort.





Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

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Ask, seek  
and find



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Sunday between  
July 24 and July 30



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Do you find prayer easy or difficult? Why?
2. When Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray, Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4). What is your favourite part of the prayer? What part do you find it hardest to pray or to understand?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-13</b>	Jesus teaches about prayer
<b>M</b>	<b>Luke 18:1-8</b>	A parable about prayer
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	Parable about two men praying
<b>W</b>	<b>1 Samuel 1:1-20</b>	Hannah prays to the Lord
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Kings 18:16-46</b>	Elijah prays to the Lord
<b>F</b>	<b>2 Kings 19:9-20,32-36</b>	Hezekiah prays to the Lord
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 138</b>	Unfailing love and faithfulness

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek,  
and you will find; knock, and the door  
will be opened to you.

LUKE 11:9





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Prayer is a gift that God has given us to communicate with him. Consider building these different forms of prayer into your home routine:

### Praying for One Another

Pray for household members personally on special occasions, such as birthdays and baptism anniversaries. Try introducing times during the week when you specifically pray for one another.

### Praying for Others

Include a time each week to pray for people outside of your household, and for the needs of the wider world.

### Mealtime Prayers

Make mealtime graces a part of your daily life. Use the weekly mealtime resources provided in Growing Faith at Home.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

Make a habit of offering thanks to God often. Give thanks together when you return safely from a trip, when good news is received, and when milestones are reached.



## ACTION RESPONSE

One of the best ways we can serve others is by bringing their needs before God in prayer. What needs do you see in the lives of others around you?

Make a point of praying for two or three people in particular this week. Send them a card to let them know that you have been praying for them.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you, God, for this our food, for life and health and every good. May we - more blessed than we deserve - live less for self and more to serve. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to pray. Amen.



## BLESSING

(Name) God will meet all your needs.