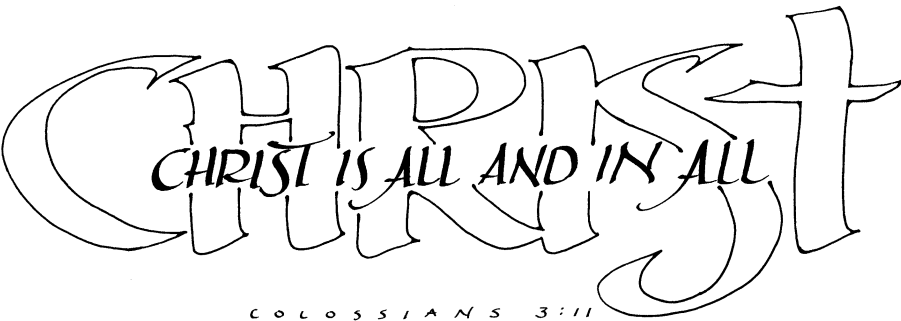


Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

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

Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor: David Bode – flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com
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Office Administrator: Amber Myers – office@foothillslutheran.com
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: O God Almighty, we are fools if we think we have the power to plan out our whole lives. Help us to be guided and directed by You and Your Word, and not by our own selfish desires and interests. May we put Your will in the forefront of our minds, ahead of our own wills and the wills of one another.

Only Wise God, impart to us Your wisdom from on high.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151
HYMNS: 782; 605; 732; 730; 555; 743
FIRST LESSON:..... Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26
EPISTLE LESSON:..... Colossians 3:1-11
GOSPEL LESSON:..... Luke 12:13-21
SERMON: *From Futility to Faith* - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

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 upon the altar are given to the glory of God and to beautify the church by Ingrid Kubke.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
Includes online participation

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
July 27	107	5

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Barb & Brian Vincent
Communion Assistants..... Rob Kaut; Austin Voss
Lector Carl Berdahl
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Evan Stene; Ralf Hinterleitner
Greeters Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion *no coffee hour
Monday	Holiday	Heritage Day – <i>office closed</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Open House with Pastor Pearce
Sunday		*no Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no adult bible study before our worship service on **Sunday, August 10.**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$4,227.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$201,511.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$230,769.23	-\$29,258.18

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 41.25; Visitor Offerings 145.00; Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada 25.00; LWML 25.00; FLC Refugee Fund 25.00.

CALL UPDATE: Pastor Pearce and his wife visited Calgary August 29-30. During their visit they spent time with our congregational leaders last Tuesday evening, and enjoyed some social time with our members on Wednesday evening. Pastor Pearce will be considering both his current call and our call to him over the next weeks. Please pray for he and his family, and for his congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Adelaide.

VBS UPDATE: A total of 70 students from 44 families attended our “God’s Promises for Me” Vacation Bible School this year. 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!



Each day an offering was collected, with half of what was given to help defray VBS costs, and half to be given to Hope Mission for their children’s programs. A total of \$547.31 was given by our VBS families.



MISSION OF THE MONTH
THE 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 seven cities across Western Canada, 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. Programs and services include: basic needs – emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and hygiene items, health and wellness, housing, employment, spiritual care, community engagement, community impact centres. Later this month, we will welcome a representative from The Mustard Seed for a short presentation after service, details forthcoming.

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.



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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 10) "**Writing Him Off**" with speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off (Luke 4:21-32). 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.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Luis Antonio Dias Turcios** who serves as pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church Star of Bethlehem in Chinandega, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Turcios, 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.



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:

Aug. 10, 2025 – 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.



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!

DEACONESS MIRIAM ON HOLIDAY: Our dear deaconess is headed to the mountains for some well-deserved R & R from **August 6 – 13**. She will be back in the office on the 14th. Let’s pray for her safe travels.

ABC SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT – NEXT WEEKEND! Please also pray for our members and the members of the Didsbury congregation as they are off to Golden, BC, that they may travel safely and enjoy the fellowship, friendly competition, and time spent outdoors.



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is your most treasured possession? Why?
2. Jesus warned people about wanting to have more and more things. He said that life is not made up of how much a person has (Luke 12:15). What does faith in Jesus give us that money can't buy?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
M	Colossians 3: 1-11	Living the new life
T	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Worldly riches are meaningless
W	Isaiah 5:8-17	The greedy are doomed
T	Luke 12:22-31	Trust God, not material things
F	1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19	Love of money
S	Psalms 107: 1-9	For he satisfies

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Beware! Guard against every kind of
greed. Life is not measured by how
much you own.

LUKE 12:15





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Setting aside a portion of your income for church giving reminds us that God is the giver of all we have and puts him ahead of our spending on other things.

Talk together about how you determine your financial giving to the church and why it is important to give in this way.

If household members (including children of all ages) do not give regularly, decide on a practice that may help them to do so. Eg. set aside money on Saturday night for the Sunday morning offering.



ACTION RESPONSE

Being "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity towards those who are in need.

Decide together on a food item or recreational activity (e.g. movie outing) to forgo this week.

Set aside the money saved to donate to a charity organisation.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Give us grace, O God, to be ever-thankful for your goodness, and ever-willing to help others in need. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to focus on the things of heaven, not the things of earth. Amen.



BLESSING

May Jesus help you to know and follow his ways.