

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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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: We lift up our hearts in praise to You, O Lord. Raise our spirits by continuing to declare Your love to us, and heighten our joy as we wait for all Your promises to be fulfilled.

O Lord lifted up, we keep our eyes on You.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:Office at Prime
HYMNS: Refiner’s Fire; 711; 735; Faithful One
FIRST LESSON:..... Genesis 15:1-6
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Hebrews 11:1-16
GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 12:22-34
SERMON: *When the Going Gets Tough, God is Still There* - Job 42:1-9

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 17TH 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/Communed | Education Hour |
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| August 3 | 118/80 | 6 |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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| Worship Leaders | Robert Kubke; Austin Voss |
| Organist | Hannah Edel |
| Musicians | Contemporary Musicians |
| Ushers..... | Ellen Wagner; John Voss |
| Lector | Bill McLeish |
| AV/PowerPoint Operators..... | Michelle Funke; Barb Vincent |
| Greeters | Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss |
| Coffee Team..... | Violet Dusterhofs; Colleen Judiesch; Anne Marie Kothari |

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Today | | *no Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship |
| Thursday | 1:30 pm | Ladies' Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship with Holy Communion |
| | | *no coffee hour |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 17) "**The Stuttering Man of Destiny**" with guest speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Join to listen to Dr. Hoffmann as he recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12)
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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$7,692.31 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$5,565.00 | \$400,000.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$207,076.05 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$238,461.54 | -\$31,385.49 |

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 12.50; Visitor Offerings 120.00; Oromo Rental 3,900.00; LWMLC 75.00; The Mustard Seed 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.



STAFF HOLIDAYS: Our dear Deaconess is away in the mountains for some well-deserved R & R. She will be back in the office on the Wednesday the 14th. We pray that she has a safe and enjoyable time. Our office administrator, Amber Myers is also on staycation this week. We thank Carol Kehler for helping in the office for a few days this week. Pastor Bode will be in the office Monday and Tuesday and can be reached in cases of need.

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 dropping off your gift in the office by **August 17** would be appreciated.



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 next:

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

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.

KEEP THE DATE - AUGUST. 24, AFTER SERVICE: Mr. James Gardiner, CEO of the Mustard Seed, Calgary, will be giving a presentation in the fellowship hall about all the great opportunities that the Mustard Seed is involved in. There will be sandwiches and sweets, so please stay and hear about all that the Seed is doing to help individuals break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. More information is coming and will be posted on the Human Care bulletin board.

**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.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Rev. Cesar Augusto Galeano who serves as pastor for the Church Luterna Jesus Our Savior in Santa Patricia, Nicaragua.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Galeano, 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.

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!

ABC SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND! Please 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.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to our regional pastor, Rev. Robert Mohns, at the death of his father, Earl, this past week. May the Lord comfort the family with the glorious hope of the resurrection through the victorious Lord, Jesus Christ.



AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY it is a good time to remind you of our *Policy for Student Parking*. We have established the following guidelines, and application forms are available through the office.

- 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.



Growing
FAITH
at home

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Sunday between
August 7 and August 13



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you had to wait for something.
2. Jesus tells us to be always ready for him to return (Luke 12:35-40). What can we do to be ready for him?
3. How do you feel about Jesus returning? How has God made you ready?



BIBLE READINGS

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

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| S | Luke 12:32-40 | Seek treasures in heaven |
| M | Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 | Great examples of faith |
| T | Matthew 6:19-24 | Store up heavenly treasures |
| W | Genesis 15: 1-6 | The Lord's covenant |
| T | Matthew 13:44-46 | A parable about treasure |
| F | Ecclesiastes 9:7-12 | Wisdom for living |
| S | Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23 | Bring my faithful people to me |

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Wherever your treasure is, there the
desires of your heart will also be.

LUKE 12: 34





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus told his followers to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party.

This week, choose a night when everyone is home and have a special meal. Choose the menu, the decorations and what you will wear.

At the beginning of the meal, light a candle for each member of your household and say these words (from Luke 12:35):

“Be dressed and ready for service and keep your lamps burning. For Jesus, our master, is coming”.



ACTION RESPONSE

Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God.

Who have been examples of faith to members of your household?

Write letters to these people, thanking them for their example.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Food on our table.
Grace in our lives.
Praise in our hearts.
Thank you, God!
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you are our
true treasure.
Help us to put
you first in our
hearts today.
Amen.



BLESSING

May you be ready
to receive God's
treasure.