

# 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### *August 24, 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:** O Lord, we honour You this day. We set aside this time to be with You. Bless us with thoughts that are focused on You. Grant us comfort through prayer. And fill our hearts with peace.

*Lord of the Sabbath, may we find rest in You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected
- HYMNS:** ..... In the Cross Alone; Lord, Have Mercy; I Give Thanks;  
..... How Can I Keep from Singing
- FIRST LESSON:** ..... Isaiah 66:18-23
- EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... Hebrews 12:4-24
- GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 13:22-30
- SERMON:** ..... *Cleansed and Forgiven* - Psalm 32:3-5

**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 September 7<sup>th</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).



**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
August 17	112/82	5

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Worship Elders.....	Rick Nelson; Rob Kaut
Music.....	Contemporary Musicians
Ushers.....	Anne Marie Kothari; Tobi Stene
Lector .....	Stacey Bablitz
AV/PowerPoint Operators.....	Evan Stene; Barb Vincent
Greeters .....	Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss
Coffee Team.....	Heather Sommers; Christine Heumann

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
	after service	Presentation from The Mustard Seed
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Ladies' Walk & Devotion
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (August 31) "**Life Narrows Down**" with guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28). 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.

**PASTOR BODE AWAY:** Pastor Bode will be on vacation starting this afternoon, returning to the office September 2. Should there be an emergency requiring a pastor during this time, please contact the church office or Deaconess Miriam at 403-998-6000 and we will make arrangements with a local pastor.

**CALL UPDATE:** Pastor Pearce and his wife Margaret visited Calgary and the staff & members of FLC at the end of July. He has promised that he will give us an answer as soon as possible. Continue to pray for God’s will to be done; for His guidance for Pastor Pearce and his family; and for his congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Adelaide.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,730.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$217,416.05	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$253,846.15</b>	<b>-\$36,430.10</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 70.00; Visitor Offerings 100.00; Parking Revenue 400.00, LWML 25.00; The Mustard Seed 200.00.

**JOIN US TODAY AFTER SERVICE** as 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.

**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.

**NEW PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SEMINARY:** On July 31 the Concordia Lutheran Seminary Board of Regents issued a call to Rev. Jonathan Kraemer (currently serving at All Saints’ Lutheran Church, Edmonton), to the position of President. He has accepted that call and is currently working with his congregation and the Seminary to determine a start date. Please keep Rev. Kraemer, his congregation, and Concordia Lutheran Seminary in your prayers through this transition.



**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Henry Evelerth Ramirez** who serves as pastor for two congregations in the Leon area of Nicaragua.

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

**FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:** We'll soon be preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastor or Deaconess Miriam.

**THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY!** Before we know it, we will be back to our regular fall schedule. Various Bible studies such as LifeLight will begin, and watch for an update regarding our monthly Men's Breakfast.

Of course, Sunday School, Youth Bible Study and Confirmation begin on **Sunday, September 7 - Rally Day!** Classes begin at 9:00 am, with the opening being held downstairs in the Fireside Room.

Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information on classes, meetings and the 'regular' activities of our congregation.

**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.

If you know of someone who may be interested in parking here at the church, please share this information with them. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will resume **September 11** with a parent meeting and a short rehearsal. Children age 4-10 meet twice monthly to learn God's Word through song. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam for more details.

**DID YOU KNOW** that Pastor Bode conducts a service once a month for the residents of Cambridge Manor? The service is held at 11:15 am, typically on the third Monday of the month.

If you know someone at Cambridge Manor (the Brenda Stafford residence in University District), please invite them to come and join in that service!

**DEAR FOOTHILLS FAMILY,** Thank you for your generosity with gifting funds to a family in our congregation to support their purchase of some necessary baby items prior to their little one's arrival early in September. If you have any questions or concerns about this gift please contact Pat Rosenau at [pat.rosenau59@gmail.com](mailto:pat.rosenau59@gmail.com)



**CALLING OUT FOR MUSICIANS!** Our Contemporary Music Team is looking for more talent to add to our services! We are in particular need of lead guitarists, pianists, and drummers. We meet at 7:00 pm on the Wednesday before each contemporary service for rehearsals. Interested? Contact Sarah Knudtson at: [knudtson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:knudtson.sarah@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you!

**FLC's ADULT CHOIR:** Rehearsals resume weekly at **7:00 pm on Thursday, September 18**. All are welcome! We are still looking for an accompanist, but in the meantime are working on our a cappella singing. The choir will participate in every traditional service, supporting the hymn-singing, as well as preparing anthems for special occasions. Please contact Richard Harding at [rmharding@shaw.ca](mailto:rmharding@shaw.ca) for more information!

**2025-2026 MEMBER DIRECTORY:** Please provide any updates to your family's phone numbers, mailing or email addresses to the office before **September 10**, as we will be working on an updated Member Directory for 2025-2026.

[office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com) or 403-284-1342 or leave Amber a note.

Thank you!



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

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Remember  
the Sabbath



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Sunday between  
August 21 and August 27



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share a place you like to rest best.
2. Explain why resting is good.
3. Why does God want us to set apart time for him?  
How do you do that?



## 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 13:10-17</b>	Jesus heals on the Sabbath
<b>M</b>	<b>Genesis 2:1-3</b>	The seventh day
<b>T</b>	<b>Exodus 20:8-11</b>	Remember the Sabbath day
<b>W</b>	<b>Isaiah 58:5-14</b>	Worship that pleases God
<b>T</b>	<b>Luke 6:1-5</b>	Picking grain on the Sabbath
<b>F</b>	<b>Luke 6:6-11</b>	Another Sabbath healing
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 92</b>	A Sabbath day psalm

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Remember the sabbath day  
by keeping it holy.

EXODUS 20:8





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

God spoke to his people through the prophet Isaiah about his holy day. He said: "Honour my holy day. Do not work on it. Do not do just anything you want to. Do not talk about things that are worthless. Then you will find your joy in me."

How does your household observe the Lord's Day? Try these ideas:

- After you go to church talk together about what took place there. What did God do for you? What did you learn? How might you apply what you have learnt this week?
- Make time on Sundays to share your 'Highs' and 'Lows' from the past week and to talk and pray about the upcoming week.
- Set aside quiet time each Sunday in your home – a time without TV, music or other forms of media.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Isaiah 58:7 says: Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Plan one action this week in response to this verse.

For example you might make a donation to a food bank or an organisation that feeds the homeless or volunteer your time to help them distributing the food. You may give clothes to an op shop or volunteer at an op shop. You may visit an elderly relative.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Our God, who gives us daily bread, our thanks to you we raise. Be present at our table here, and fill our hearts with praise. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please set us free from all that cripples us. Lift us up to praise and worship you. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the joy of the Lord be your strength.