

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

A Prayer Upon Entering: You humbled yourself, O Lord, on the cross. But then You were exalted on the third day. May we humble ourselves by serving others, as You did, and may we be exalted on the Last Day.
Triumphant Lord, bless the efforts done in Your name.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: The Office at Prime
HYMNS: 850; 842; 682; 644
FIRST LESSON:.....Proverbs 25:2-10
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Hebrews 13:1-17
GOSPEL LESSON:.....Luke 14:1-14
SERMON: *The Perfect Pastor* - Hebrews 7:23–28

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 7th* 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC
Includes online participation

Week of	Sunday	Education Hour
August 24	125	8

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Worship Elders..... Robert Kubke; Austin Voss
Organist.....Deaconess Miriam
Ushers.....Tim Roth; Brian Vincent
Lector Kelly Dueck
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Tobi Stene; Evan Stene
Greeters Elke Bittmann; Diane Voss
Coffee Team..... Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
Monday		Labour Day - office closed
Tuesday	6:45 pm	Catechumen Meeting
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Sunday		Rally Day!
	9:00 am	Education Hour (all classes resume)
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Dueck family, at the death of Hans' mother, Vivian Rennie, this past week. May the Lord comfort the family with the glorious hope of the resurrection through the victorious Lord, Jesus Christ.

CALL UPDATE: We were informed last weekend that Pastor Pearce has declined the call to Foothills, though he said he enjoyed the warmth of his meetings with us in July.

A call meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 following the service. Members who wish to submit nominations should do so by **September 7**. Nomination forms are available on the welcome desk, and completed forms may be put in Austin Voss’ mailbox or sent through the office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,935.00	\$400,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$221,351.05	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$261,538.46	-\$40,187.41

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings 141.30; Parking Revenue 800.00; The Mustard Seed 50.00.

RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY! Our regular schedule of Christian Education opportunities resumes next Sunday. Sunday School, Youth Bible Study and Confirmation begin on **Sunday, September 7. Classes begin at 9:00 am**, with the opening being held downstairs in the Fireside Room. Please check out those and other opportunities to dive into God’s Word at the displays in the narthex, and speak to members of our Board of Christian Education or Deaconess Miriam for more information.

FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM: Confirmation classes begin on **September 7 at 9:00 am**. We’ll be welcoming those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. Parents attend classes with their student. There will be a meeting for first and second year students and their families **this Thursday evening at 7:00 pm**. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastor or Deaconess Miriam.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Bode will be leading Tuesday morning Lifelight Bible Study at **10:00 am starting on September 9**. Information on study topics will be forthcoming. Please join us!

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.

OUR MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume on Saturday, **September 13 at 9:00 am**. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will again be able to have breakfast and will share in that meal (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!



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 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 for more information!

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 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. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi who serves as pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario.

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (September 7) "**Dying, We Live**" with Lutheran Hour speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20)). 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.

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.

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 or 403-284-1342 or leave Amber a note.



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at home

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Being humble



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Sunday between
August 28 and September 3



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to be humble?
2. Jesus says that if we put ourselves above others, we will be humbled; but if we humble ourselves, we will be honoured. What did Jesus mean?
3. What are some ways we can show humble service to others?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Luke 14:1,7-14	Humility and hospitality
M	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
T	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
W	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Show hospitality to strangers
T	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honour
F	1 Peter 4:7-11	Be hospitable to one another
S	Proverbs 25: 6-7	Do not exalt yourself

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured."

LUKE 14:11



CREATIVE RESPONSE

When eating at the house of an important Pharisee, Jesus said: *When you host a lunch or banquet don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives and rich neighbours for they will invite you back and that will be your only reward.*

Make plans to invite someone you don't know very well to share a meal at your home.

Think together about how you can work as a household to make them feel as welcome as possible.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, you care for the poor and lift up the humble. May we be thankful and never grumble. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to be humble just like you. Help us to welcome all people in your name. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Allocate days during this week when different household members will be honoured by others.

Set a special place at your table for the honoured person and talk about acts of service that can be done on their special day (e.g. make their bed, tidy their room, do chores on their behalf).

At the end of the week share what it was like to be served by others and to serve them.



BLESSING

God be with you today, in all that you do and all that you say.