

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”



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Giver of the Word, grant to us receptive hearts. May what You have said sink deep inside of us. May what You have started in us be brought to completion. And may what You have done continue to flourish and grow by Your grace.

O God of blessing, make us fruitful, according to Your will.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Lord Have Mercy; Desert Song;

..... Blessed Be Your Name; Always; Days of Elijah

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 55:10-13

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Romans 8:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON:..... Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

SERMON:.....

SUMMER IS A TIME for rest and refreshment, vacations and leisure activities. It is spiritually refreshing to gather with God's people and to hear and reflect on God's Word, and the promises and strength that we find there. As we worship God in the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ, our thoughts turn from the regular, worldly thoughts to thoughts of God and things spiritual. May this time in God's house today refresh your spirit and equip you to live purposefully as God's child in the days to come. If you are visiting with us today, we are certainly glad to have you join us! Please fill out a visitor card from your pew and be sure to come and worship with us again soon. If you are travelling in Canada, you can find LCC congregations at <https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/find/>.

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.



**Altar
Flowers**

THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar this day are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for God's blessings by Michael Vivek.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC	Contemporary Musicians
USHERS	Brian Vincent; John Voss
LECTOR	Kelly Dueck
GREETERS	Michael Vivek
A/V	Evan Stene; Barb Vincent
COFFEE TEAM	Robert and Ingrid Kubke
ELDERS	Rob Kaut; Tim Holm

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	10:15 am	Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ladies' Walk & Devotion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital/ Hospice:*
- Homebound:*
- For Special Intercession:*
- Family Focus:*



SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING DATE CHANGE: Our sister Oromo congregation has made an offer, which has been accepted, on a property suitable for their needs. A special voter’s meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 26th following the worship service** to approve our donation to support this endeavor.



In Sympathy

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship Morning / Installation	Education Hour
July:5th	139 / 169	2

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,966.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$190,597.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$197,500.00	\$-6,902.63

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$118.00; Visitor Offerings \$740.00; Lutheran Bible Translators \$40.00; CLWR \$80.00; Concordia Seminary \$80.00; LWML-C \$95.00; Hope Mission \$50.00; Flower Guild \$100.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH**CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS**

Canadian Lutheran Bible Translators is the agency that seeks to bring the Word of God to people in their "heart language" and provides for the work done by the Kuhns and other missionaries. The task can be daunting, but faithful servants work in places like Cameroon to make God's Word accessible to all, and your gifts help facilitate this work. Check out our bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



VBS IS JUST DAYS AWAY and we look forward to the opportunities to share the love of God and the Good News of the Living Bread which came from heaven with the children who attend. Please continue to pray for God's blessings upon the children who attend and pray for all the staff—teachers, helpers, support workers and each and every wonderful volunteer who makes this work possible. It's not too late to invite others to attend!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (July 19). **"From Groans to Glory"**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen. A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. Romans 8: 21-27 Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.

STUDENT RESIDENCE – VACANCY: Do you know a Lutheran student attending the fall 2026 semester at any of Calgary's post secondary schools? There is a vacancy at the Foothills Student Residence, rent is \$2,080 per four month semester and includes utilities. Common spaces are furnished and you will have to bring your own bedroom furniture. You will share a bathroom with one other student. If you have questions, please contact Heather Sommers.



PPC/ELDERS PORTRAITS: We request that the PPC members and Elders have their photos taken either before the Divine Service in the office or afterwards in the fellowship hall on July 12 and 19. To schedule your photoshoot, please contact Michael Vivek at (williamsjmichael2015@gmail.com), or email him a portrait of you ASAP.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Heng Kim Hai (Hi)** who serves as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Kampong, Cambodia. He also serves as an instructor for Garuna Christian school. Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Hai, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel.

THANK YOU: My heart is full of appreciation for the members that assisted in making the installation dinner such a success. From setting up tables and chairs, setting each place, washing and chopping potatoes, putting out salads, cutting ham, bussing dishes, putting everything back in the kitchen and washing a seemingly endless pile of dishes, and bringing a wonderful variety of salads, you are appreciated. What a blessing we have in our Foothills family! Blessings from Heather, Fellowship Chair.



LUNCH BUNCH: On **July 28** we will meet at **Montana's in Beacon Hill at 12:15 pm** for food and fellowship. You are welcome to bring a friend. Watch for a sign-up sheet just outside the fellowship hall so we have an accurate count for our reservation. (If you sign up, but have a change in plans, please phone Betty Ann Chandler so we are not waiting for you.)



ATTENTION! CHANGE IN DATES: On **July 15th**, we are repairing the storm drain on the lower-level parking lot, and painting both parking lots. During the day, **please park on the upper lot** or at the far end of the lower lot to allow repairs to be made.

Q: What makes a Pastor a Pastor?

A: We should actually ask, “**Who** makes a Pastor a Pastor?” It is Christ’s call through the Church that makes a man a Pastor in His Church. The Church exists for the sake of Christ—s that Christ may continue His work of bringing the forgiveness of sins and salvation to repentant and believing hearts. To carry out this work, our blessed Saviour has chosen to work through means, specifically the means of His Holy Word, and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion. It is by these Gospel means that Christ comes to His people with His good gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. In addition, Christ as chosen men through whom He would work to administer the Gospel. These men are the Pastors of His Church.

The very first pastors were the Apostles. Christ called them to this holy work and ordained them Himself. He told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was sending them, and that His work through them would consist in forgiving the penitent believer his or her sins and withholding that forgiveness from the impenitent unbeliever (John 20). This call to serve did not end with the Apostles. The Office of the Holy Ministry remain to this day and will continue until this world of sin and grace is no more.

The men who are called into the Office of the Holy Ministry are no different from any other believer in Christ insofar as they, too, are sinners in need of the mercy of God through Christ. But according to their office, as they represent Christ, pastors are called to be an example of Christian life and faith. By the grace of God they live and act in conformity with Christ according to the example He has given. No one is a minister for himself. He is a minister for others in order to serve them. Therefore, there is no ministry without the Church, that is, without the people whom a minister is given to serve. The ministry does not exist for itself. At the same time there is no Church, no congregation, no people without the ministry. There is no flock without a shepherd. The New Testament uses the picture of a shepherd and the flock to describe this relationship.

Therefore, what makes a pastor a pastor is the love of Christ which desires the salvation of sinners. The pastor is a necessary part of bringing Christ's forgiveness to His Church. Whenever you see a pastor faithfully carrying out his duties, preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments according to Christ’s command it is really Christ’s hands that you see and His voice that you hear. This gives an incomparable authority to a minister's preaching and acting as long as it is done in complete accordance with Christ and God's Word. This is the only condition. But it is an important condition.



Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 10

YEAR A

Hearing God's
Word brings new
life and growth



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Sunday between
July 10 and July 16



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)? What things have helped you to grow?
2. In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Parable of the sower and seed
M	Genesis 25:19-34	Jacob and Esau
T	Mark 4:26-32	Two parables of seeds
W	John 5:24-29	Hearing Jesus' words
T	Hebrews 4:12-13	The word of God is active
F	Romans 8:1-11	Life through the Spirit
S	Psalms 65:1-13	Praise awaits you, our God

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted.

MATTHEW 13:23





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Gather four small pots or containers.

Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil.

Place these in your home devotional area. As part of your household devotional times this week, say the following prayer:

Lord God, please keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path. Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground. Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns. Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week.

Place in a sunny window and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.



MEALTIME PRAYER

From soil and seed
you give us food to
chew. Show us the
work you want us to
do. Amen.



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, lead us
to think about and
do things that please
God. Help us to
welcome, hear and
understand your
message, and do
what it asks. Amen.



BLESSING

May God's Word
take root in your
heart and may you
grow as his child.