

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”



AT HARVEST TIME I
WILL TELL THE REAPERS
COLLECT THE WEEDS
TO BE BURNED · BUT
GATHER THE WHEAT
INTO MY BARN.

MATTHEW 13 : 30

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We are Your plantings, Lord. Help us to bloom wherever we are planted--even if we are surrounded by the devil's "weeds" of sin and evil. May we continue to bear the fruits of Your Spirit, and may we continue to stay deeply rooted in Your Word.

God, our Planter and Preserver, keep us growing by Your grace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service 1, p. 151
HYMNS: 913; 576; 761; 585; 827; 663; 892
FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 44:6-8
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 8:18-27
GOSPEL LESSON:..... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
SERMON:.....A Weed Problem: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

GREETINGS TO YOU, and welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are glad that you have made it a priority today to come to this place of worship to bring your praises to God and to hear His Word. Our prayer is that your time spent here today will strengthen and nourish you in your spiritual lives and that God would, by His Word, enable you to live a life pleasing to Him. **If you are visiting** with us today, please fill out a visitor card from your pew, and join us again soon. God bless you all as you worship today.

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TODAY: Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. We ask that all who plan to attend Holy Communion read and sign the card in the pews and give it to an usher as you come up for Communion.

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 His blessings by Jutta Colhoun.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
USHERS..... Brian Vincent; Robert Kubke
LECTOR..... Heather Sommers
GREETERS..... Diane Voss
ALTAR GUILD..... Barb Vincent
A/V..... Christine Heumann
COFFEE TEAM..... Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke
ELDERS..... Rob Kaut

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
Monday – Friday	VBS (from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm)	
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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



THERE WILL BE A FUNERAL

In Sympathy

**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.



LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
July:12th	160	5

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,060.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$200,657.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$205,096.15	\$-4,438.78

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$35.00; Visitor Offerings \$150.00; Lutheran Bible Translators \$120.00; CLWR Refugee Sponsorship \$10.00; Concordia Seminary \$5.00; Office Reimbursement \$103.00; Board of Fellowship \$16.70.

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 THIS WEEK 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). "**Worth the Wait**". Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**. The certainty that Jesus offers is not theoretical or experimental. It's the certainty of a promise, of a secure relationship. **Matthew 13:44**. 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.

PPC/ELDERS PORTRAITS DUE TODAY: We request that the PPC members and Elders have their photos taken either before service in the office, or afterwards in the fellowship hall **today**. If you have any concerns, please contact Michael Vivek.



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.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Rochom Binh (Rock-om)** who serves as a missionary pastor for the Jarai community in his village in Ratanakiri, Cambodia. Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Binh, 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.**

THANK YOU to Margit Hopkins, Irma Stockler, and Stacey Bablitz for working on the church flower beds, and for beautifying the Lord's house with your talents. Margit and Irma have grown two tomato plants that were propagated from seeds that Mark Kihn planted years ago; a bit of a memorial section to the flower bed.



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.)



We live in the last days (the days from Christ's first coming until His second coming). All around us are the signs of the times (famines, earthquakes, wars and rumours of war, false prophets)! Our greatest treasure as we await His second coming is His present and continual coming to us in Word and Sacrament. As we receive the unmistakable sign of His love for us today in the Lord's Supper, we are thus strengthened in our faith. For scriptural reasons we practice closed communion, and guests are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does “worship” really mean?

Most people use the word “worship” to mean something we do to honor God. Because of this misunderstanding, many people believe that a church service is what we do for God. The word “worship” comes from the root words “worth” and “ship.” These two words describe God rather than the ones praising Him. These words describe a God who is *worthy* of being honored and adored because of His love for us. God gives us His love through His Word and Sacraments. Worship is not something we do, but rather something that God does for us!



What makes the Divine Service so important?

The Divine Service is not about what we are doing for God, but who God is and what He does for us in the ways He has promised: His Word and Sacraments. That's why Lutherans call it *Divine Service*. God is serving us! What a wonderful God we have!



Parents: The Divine Service is like listening to one long reading from the Bible. Everything in the Divine Service has been given to us through God's Word. Explain this to your children, reminding them that it is God's Word that delivers God's salvation to us!





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FAITH
at home

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the future



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Sunday between
July 17 and July 23



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to hope? How is hope different from wishful thinking?
2. What do we, as Christians, hope for? How does this hope help us when times are difficult?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	The parable of the weeds
M	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
T	Revelation 14:14-20	Harvest at the end of time
W	Genesis 28:10-19	Jacob's dream at Bethel
T	Romans 8:12-25	We are God's children
F	1 John 4:13-18	Perfect love drives out fear
S	Psalms 86:11-17	Teach me your way, Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

God's Spirit doesn't make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him our Father.

ROMANS 8:15



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Jesus' parable, he spoke of good seeds that were planted by God and weeds that came from the devil.

Set up two containers – one with seeds the other with weeds. When you gather together this week, share what has been 'seedy' in your lives (good things from God) and what has been 'weedy' (wrong, sinful, evil).

Pray for each other, asking God to protect you from evil and to help good things come to you and through you.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.



PRAYER

Teach us your ways, Lord. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event. www.cleanup.org.au



BLESSING

May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom. May you belong to him, now and always.