

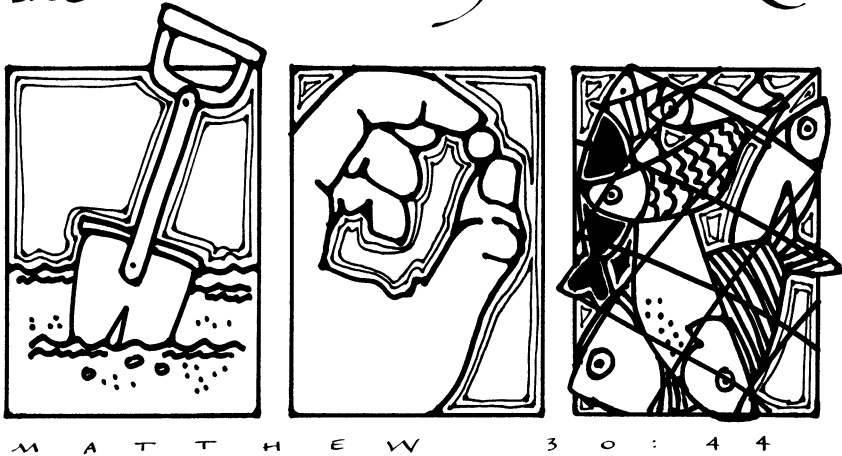
Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm

“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: You declare to us this day what Your kingdom is like, O Lord. Open our eyes to see how You make the small, the weak, the hidden, and the ordinary into great, strong, widely known, and extraordinary things which are blessed by You.
O Lord of all, thy kingdom come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As Projected
HYMNS:763; 818; Our God; How Deep the Father’s Love For Us;
..... Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)
FIRST LESSON:.....Deuteronomy 7:6-9
EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 8:28-39
GOSPEL LESSON:.....Matthew 13:44-52
SERMON:..... For or Against: Romans 8:28-39

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, we bid you “Welcome!” Whoever you are – whether a long-time member at Foothills, or a first-time visitor – our hope and expectation is that you would be blessed spiritually by your presence here today as you hear God’s Word, and join His people in worship and prayer. If you are a visitor, fill out a visitor card from your pew as a record of your visit with us. Please come and join us again when you can.

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.

SPECIAL VOTER’S MEETING TODAY: 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 **today following the worship service** to approve our donation to support this endeavor. Meeting booklets are available on the Welcome Desk.



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC.....Deaconess Miriam Winstanley; Contemporary Musicians
USHERS Tim Roth; Elfrieda Heiden
LECTOR Christine Heumann
GREETERS Elke Bittmann; Michael Vivek
COUNTERS Ralf Hinterleitner; Michael Vivek
A/V Eden / Paxton Knudtson
COFFEE TEAM Tim, Sarah, Eden & Paxton Knudtson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship
	After Service	Special Voter’s Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	PPC Meeting with Pastor Glenn
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ladies’ Walk & Devotion
Friday	1:30 pm	Crystal McGregor’s Funeral
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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



THERE WILL BE A FUNERAL

In Sympathy

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
July: 19th	159	-

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,722.00	\$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$207,429.37	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$212,692.31	\$-5,262.94

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$52.50; Visitor Offerings \$615.00; LWML-C \$30.00.

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 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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 2). "**Why Jesus Told Parables**". Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Archives August–Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself. **Mark 4**. 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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: Did you know that 29 youth and adults (plus 4 volunteers in training) all contributed in some way as a volunteer to last week's VBS? We give thanks to God for their dedicated and faithful service as registration people, teachers, helpers, activity leaders, hot dog lunch-preparers, musicians, games planners and general organizers. Thanks to them we were able to welcome 52 children, along with some of their parents, who participated in an adult study led by Pastor Glenn. Thanks be to God!

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.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED: God has always blessed us with faithful Sunday School teachers. We are looking for some new teachers for the fall. If you love children and love God's Word and are interested in combining those two in a teaching role, please speak with Deaconess Miriam to learn more about the role.

ART + YARD SALE: Jessica will be having an art/ yard sale at the parsonage on **August 6th from 4-7pm**. There will be original artwork and prints for sale, and home-made iced tea for free! Come on out to visit and support her as she prepares to move to Montreal.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Romass Svell** who serves as pastor for the Jarai community in Ratanakiri, Cambodia. Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Svell, 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.**



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does the word “Amen” mean?

The word “amen” (pronounced AH-men) is Hebrew for “**certainly**” or “**truly**.”

Martin Luther said that it really means:

“Yes, yes, it shall be so.” You probably

recognize this word from

hearing it or seeing it used in prayer.

Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every

night when you go to sleep.



Why do we use it?

God commands for us to pray. When we use the word “amen” at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that **we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers** just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!



Parents: Point out that Jesus used the word “amen” a lot in Scripture when He said things like: “Truly, truly I say to you.” Encourage your children to listen for and say “amen” at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear it amen?





Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 12

YEAR A

Jesus is the
greatest
treasure!



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Sunday between
July 24 and July 30



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus told a parable about a man who found a treasure hidden in the field and then sold everything he had to buy that field. What would you be willing to give up everything to have?
2. How precious is Jesus to you? How precious are you to him?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Parables of the kingdom
M	Philippians 3:7-11	Nothing compares
T	Matthew 6:19-21	Treasures in heaven
W	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Lay up treasure
T	Genesis 29:15-28	Jacob and Rachel
F	Romans 8:26-39	More than conquerors
S	Psalms 145:8-21	The Lord is righteous

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44





CREATIVE RESPONSE

St Paul tells us that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him, even when times are difficult or when we can't understand his workings (Romans 8:28).

In your home devotional times this week, make a list of the ways you have experienced God working for good in your lives, even in the hard times.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for his never-ending love.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Our hands we fold,
our heads we bow.
For food and drink,
we thank God now.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord God, we love you. Please help us to trust this day that you are working for good in all things. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Invite some people to join you in a treasure hunt. Make clues that take people to different locations. Use Bible verses if you can. Conclude the hunt by finding a Bible and share why Jesus is the greatest treasure.



BLESSING

May God's love hold you tight. May he give you faith to trust in his love, now and always.