

# 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”*



## Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost August 16, 2026

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

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Keep us constant in our prayers to You, O Lord. Prepare us for answers we may not expect. Provide us with solutions that strengthen and inspire us. And give us, at last, the greatest gift of all--Your presence with us always.

***Ever-present Lord, listen to our prayers.***

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service 3, p. 184

**HYMNS:**.....523; 605; 571; 550; 644; 537; 770; 924

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 56:1,6-8

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 15:21-28

**SERMON:**..... Matthew 15:21-28

**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. May this time spent 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.

**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](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).



**THE FLOWERS** which beautify our altar this day are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings by the family of Heidi Bommer.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

|                   |                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| MUSIC .....       | Hannah Edel                               |
| USHERS .....      | Tim Roth; John Voss                       |
| LECTOR .....      | Christine Heumann                         |
| A/V .....         | Eden, Paxton Knudtson; Ralf Hinterleitner |
| GREETERS .....    | Michael Vivek                             |
| ALTAR GUILD ..... | Jeff Kaminski                             |
| COFFEE TEAM ..... | Tim, Sarah, Eden, and Paxton Knudtson     |
| ELDERS .....      | Rick Nelson, Trevor Heumann               |

THIS WEEK AT FLC

|         |          |                          |
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| Today   | 9:00 am  | Adult Study              |
|         | 10:15 am | Worship with Communion   |
| Tuesday | 1:00 pm  | Funeral for Barb Vincent |
|         | 7:00 pm  | Ladies' Walk & Devotion  |
| Sunday  | 9:00 am  | Adult Study              |
|         | 10:15 am | Worship                  |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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



**BAPTIZED INTO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH** We pray that God would bless Tisya and her family, and that He would keep her in His grace, which is poured out to her this day.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**  
*Includes online participation*

| <b>Week of:</b> | <b>Worship</b> | <b>Education Hour</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
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**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

|                                       |                     |                                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Weekly Offering Needs                 | \$7,596.15          | <b>Our Budget Goal</b><br>\$395,000.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week     | \$4,950.00          |                                        |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date       | \$224,043.37        | <b>+/- YTD</b>                         |
| <b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b> | <b>\$235,480.77</b> | <b>-\$11,437.40</b>                    |

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings \$55.00; Visitor Offerings \$100.00; Concordia Seminary \$5.00; LWML-C Mites \$50.00; Mustard Seed \$75.00; Board of Fellowship (Crystal Funeral) \$125.00.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
**THE MUSTARD SEED**

The Mustard Seed Calgary offers programs and services to help homeless men and women rebuild their lives. In the past, we have had a team serve dinner. Please see the board of Human Care Ministries in the narthex or talk to Christine Heumann about how to give items and support.

With sorrow, we share the news of the passing of our sister in Christ, Barb, who was called home to be with the Lord this week. We give thanks to God for what a beautiful, kind, and caring person she was, and pray that God will surround Brian and their loved ones with His comfort and peace, knowing that she is safe in our Savior's loving arms. The funeral will take place on **Tuesday, August 18 at 1:00pm**. We will be hosting refreshments following the service, and are looking for help with things like sweets, pickles, cheese, sandwiches, etc. If you are able to help in any way, whether it's bringing or making something, even giving a monetary donation to help support, please contact the office, or Heather Sommers.



**CLEANING HELP DESIRED:** Brian Vincent will be taking leave from his duties here at Foothills, and we are looking for any willing servants to give their time and talents in helping keep the church clean. If you are eager to clean bathrooms or classrooms, offices or the sanctuary; or your interest is in other tasks like watering the garden, vaccuming, taking out the trash, dusting, washing windows, etc. please contact Tim Roth if you can help, and if you have any questions.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** On August 25 we meet at New Dynasty in Crowfoot at 12:15 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 C. so we are not waiting for you.)

**GREETERS NEEDED:** We want our church to be inviting to those who are new to our faith and congregation. Welcome greeters help visitors with any questions they may have, direct them to a seat in the sanctuary, and tell them about fellowship coffee after service. If possible, they will also introduce them to other members to make them feel welcome in our church. **Please contact Elke Bittmann if you have an interest in being a welcome greeter.**

**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AT FLC IS UNDER WAY!** OCC is an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes are filled with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and a "wow" item for children living in poverty, war zones or experiencing the fallout from natural disasters. Boxes sent from Canada are destined for Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, The Gambia, Cape Verde, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Philippines and Ukraine. The gospel message is also shared. Boxes, brochures/labels, and item lists for OCC are on the table by Deaconess Miriam's office. There will be a bin under the table for any extra items. Please pray over your box, that it will go to the child God intended it; to go to. **Please return your boxes to FLC no later than November 22.** Contact Elke Bittmann for further information.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Silvio Modesto Sánchez Osaba** who serves as pastor for the Lutheran Church Nueva Jerusalem in the Villa 15 de Julio community, Nicaragua. Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Osaba, 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:** (August 23), "Real Riches." Lutheran Hour Speaker: **Rev. Ken Klaus**. Archives August–It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. **Luke 12:15**. 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](http://www.lutheranhour.ca), or download the Lutheran Hour app.



*"While it is true that through Baptism we are first born anew, our human flesh and blood have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint, and at times even stumble. The **Lord's Supper** is given as a*

*daily food and sustenance, so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle but grow continually stronger"* (Luther). While this gift is individually received, testimony is also thereby given that those communing together share one and the same faith. For this reason, we practice closed communion, and guests desiring to commune are asked to thus speak with the pastor before the service.

**MASTERS STUDENTS FAREWELL:** As Jessica Tonn (Montreal) and Sydney Stene (Halifax) head off to pursue their master's programs this fall, we give thanks for the gifts and talents God has given them and the time and effort they have put into serving Him in our church. May the Lord bless their journey, guide their steps, strengthen them in their studies, and surround them with His presence and peace. May He richly bless this new chapter and keep them ever in His care. We will miss them and keep them in our prayers.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

PROPER 15

YEAR A

Faith in Jesus  
is always  
rewarded



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Sunday between  
August 14 and August 20



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you trusted someone to help you. Was your trust rewarded?
2. Jesus said that the Canaanite woman who came to him had "great faith" (read Matthew 15:21-28). How did she show her faith? How was her faith rewarded?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

|          |                         |                                |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>S</b> | <b>Matthew 15:21-28</b> | A woman's faith                |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Genesis 45:1-15</b>  | Joseph makes himself known     |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Matthew 8:1-13</b>   | Jesus heals many people        |
| <b>W</b> | <b>Acts 14:19-28</b>    | God opens the door to Gentiles |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Isaiah 56:1, 6-8</b> | Maintain justice               |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Romans 11:1-32</b>   | God saves Jews and Gentiles    |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Psalms 67</b>        | May God bless us still         |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

The Lord says, "Hold on to what is right  
and fair. Do what is right and good. My  
saving power will soon come."

ISAIAH 56:1



### CREATIVE RESPONSE

The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make his house a "house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7).

Use this creative prayer idea to make your home a 'house of prayer' for others. Pass around a bag or bowl of M&Ms (or equivalent sweet) when your household gathers for prayer. Let each person take a handful, but don't let anyone eat them yet. Explain that the colour of the M&Ms will indicate the direction of your prayers. Lead your household in prayer using this guide:

- For every **red** M&M, pray for a member of your family by name.
- For every **green** M&M, pray for a friend or neighbour.
- For every **orange** M&M, pray for a teacher in your life.
- For every **yellow** M&M, pray for someone in need.
- For every **dark brown** M&M, pray for a leader in your life.
- For every **blue** M&M, pray for Christians in other places.
- For any other colour, offer a prayer of your choice!



### ACTION RESPONSE

The Canaanite woman who came to Jesus for help wasn't made very welcome by his disciples (Matt 15:23).

Are newcomers welcomed at your church? What part do you play in welcoming others? Plan a way to make someone who is relatively new to your church feel more at home, or offer to serve as part of your church's greeting/welcoming ministry.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, we give you praise and gratitude, for food and drink and family too. And also for a roof above, but most of all for your great love. Amen.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to hold on to what is fair and to do what is right and good. Amen.



### BLESSING

May God show loving kindness towards you and make his face shine upon you.