

Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 am-2:00 pm

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



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2026

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

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Pastors Emeritus: Rev. Eldon Ohlinger & Rev. David Bode

A Prayer Upon Entering: We thank You, Lord, for putting Your confidence in your apostle Peter to begin your Church here on earth. And we thank You, too, for putting Your confidence in us to continue the work of spreading the Gospel. Give us strength and courage in this challenging endeavour, and help those who come after us to keep this Church alive by Your grace.

***O Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church,
lead us on.***

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:.....As Projected

HYMNS: 645; 587; Cornerstone;
..... Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42); Hope of the Nations

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Romans 11:33-12:8

GOSPEL LESSON:..... Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

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.



THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar this day are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His blessings by Ingrid Kubke.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

MUSIC..... Hannah Edel and Contemporary Musicians
USHERS Elfrieda Heiden; Tobi Stene
LECTOR.....Faith Dueck
A/V Evan Stene; Michelle Funke
GREETERS.....Diane Voss
COFFEE TEAM..... Ingrid and Robert Kubke
ELDERS.....Rick Nelson, Trevor Heumann
COUNTERS

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Ladies' Walk & Devotion
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Those Who Mourn: for the family of Paul Kurtz who passed away on August 17th; for the family of Barb Vincent, for Brian and all who mourn her loss; continued peace and comfort for all these families.

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
August 16, 2026	138	10

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,050.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$231,093.37	+/- YTD -\$11,983.55
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$243,076.92	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$50.00; Visitor Offerings \$100.00; FLSR \$520.00; LWML-C \$30.00; VBS \$10.00.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: If you haven't had the opportunity, or just did not know that Bible study was happening on Sunday mornings, we'd love to have you join us at 9:00am in the fellowship hall and discuss... anything! The Bible, whatever is on your heart and mind, or anything you'd like to talk about. Maybe you had a conversation this week with someone, or saw something on the news or social media and wanted to discuss it in connection to God's Word. We'd love to see you!

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.)

REQUEST FOR GREETERS: 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 at church for further information.

Rally Sunday is September 13! As summer draws to a close, we look forward to resuming our regular Christian Education activities. On September 13 Sunday School, Confirmation, and other opportunities to spend time in God's Word will begin again. Come for Education Hour and Worship, and then enjoy a hot dog lunch with your fellow members!

We need Counters!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as counters after Sunday worship. Counters help with the important task of counting and recording the weekly offering. If you are willing to serve in this simple but meaningful

ministry, please speak with **Hans Dueck**. Thank you for helping us faithfully steward the gifts God has entrusted to our congregation!

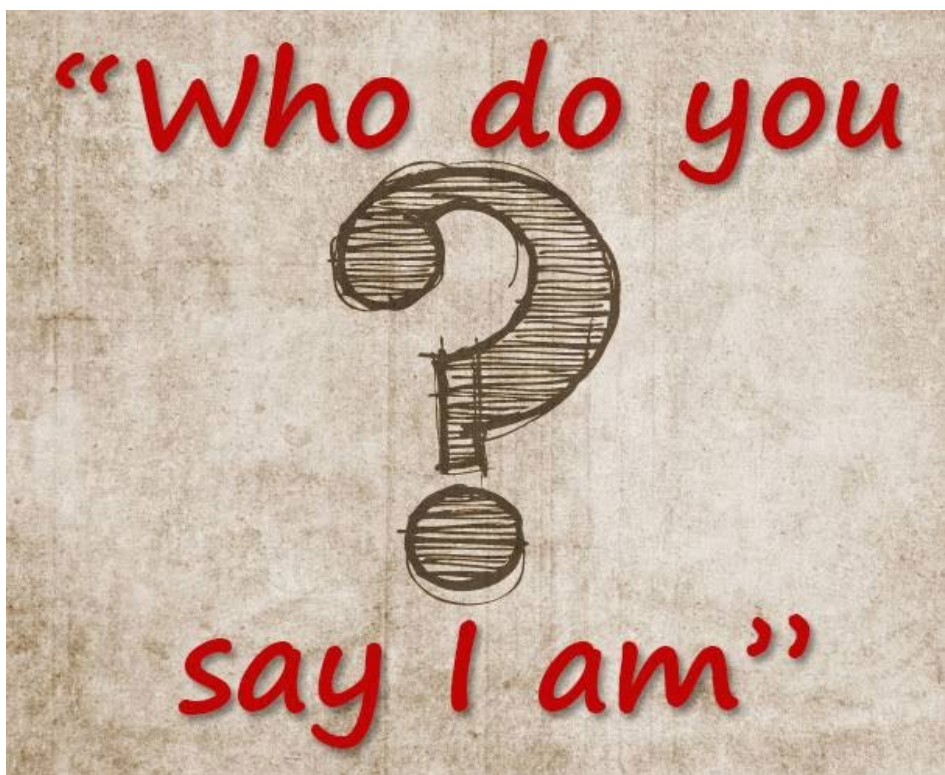


This week, we pray for **Rev. Henry Everlert Ramirez** who serves as pastor for two congregations in the Leon area.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Ramirez, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (August 30), "Tell Me a Story!" Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer](#) Archives August—God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary.

Mark 4:1-20, 26-34. 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.





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Sunday between
August 21 and August 27



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you had a different view from someone else.
2. What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ
M	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Birth of Moses
T	John 11:17-27	Martha's confession of Christ
W	Matthew 27:50-54	The confession of soldiers
T	Acts 9:20-31	Saul's confession of Christ
F	Romans 12:1-8	A living sacrifice
S	Psalms 138	The Lord will vindicate me

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

MATTHEW 16:15-16



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Romans 12:1 Paul encourages Christians to offer their whole bodies in service to God.

As part of your home devotions this week, draw a large outline of a body (or trace around someone).

Talk about how we can use different parts of our bodies to serve God and confess our faith in Jesus.

Write your ideas onto the paper and hang your body drawing up somewhere to use it as a focal point for action and prayer during the week.



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to his people: telling others the gospel and Bible stories, helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others.

Name the gifts you see at work in different members of your family. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your church, family and community.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say and do today. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord make you strong and brave to speak up for him.