

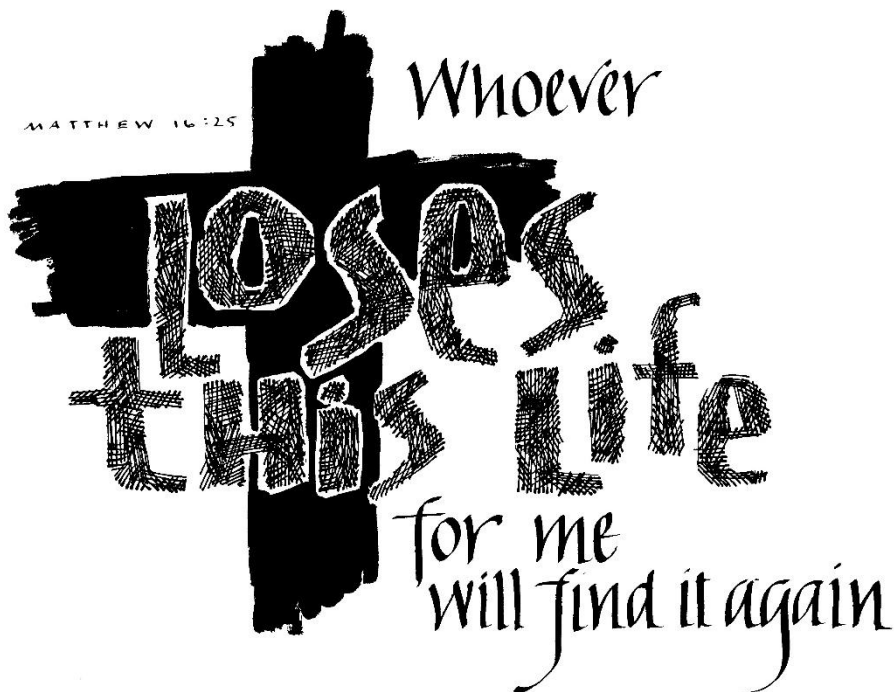
Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Almighty God, we have come this day to hear Your Word and receive Your grace. Enter our hearts and minds and teach us to follow You. Give us courage and strength to be Your faithful disciples.

O Christ crucified for us, we cling to your promises.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:As Projected

HYMNS:.....Here I Am to Worship; In the Cross Alone I Glory;

..... My Worth is Not in What I Own; You Are My King (Amazing Love);

.....Lead Me to the Cross; Above All; Refiner's Fire; Jesus Messiah

FIRST LESSON:..... Jeremiah 15:15-21

EPISTLE LESSON:..... Romans 12:9-21

GOSPEL LESSON:..... Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON:..... Matthew 16:21-28

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.



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	Contemporary Musicians
USHERS	Anne Marie Kothari; Lorne Roseneu
LECTOR	Carl Berdahl
A/V	Ralf Hinterleitner; Christine Heumann
GREETERS	Elke Bittmann
ALTAR	Nora Jarowicz; Micheal Vivek
COFFEE TEAM	Ellen Wagner; Michelle Funke
ELDERS	Rob Kaut; Tim Hohm

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Today	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion
Wednesday	11:00 am	Paul Kurtz funeral
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Study
	7:00 pm	Board of Education meeting
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Study
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

THERE WILL BE A FUNERAL for Paul Kurtz **on Wednesday, September 2 at 11:00 am**. There will be a reception to follow that you are invited to as well. During this time, we pray that God would comfort Paul's family with His everlasting love and peace.

We pray for God's comfort also for the Benz family at the sudden passing of Laurie on August 19. Her funeral was held Friday, August 28.

LAST WEEK AT FLC*Includes online participation*

Week of:	Worship	Education Hour
August 23, 2026	113	7

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,596.15	Our Budget Goal \$395,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$2,536.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$233,629.37	+/- YTD -\$17,043.71
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$250,673.08	

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offerings \$20.00; Visitor Offerings \$900.00; FLSR \$2,080.00; Concordia Seminary \$5.00; LWML-C \$10.00; Benevolence Fund \$3,000.00; FLC Youth Gathering fund \$236.00; Memorial (Barb Vincent) \$50.00; Fellowship bottle returns \$30.30

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!

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!

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.

CLEANING HELP FOUND We would like to thank Jolene Zimmer for stepping up to be the temporary custodian in Brian's absence.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS: With joy and gratitude, the Altar Guild welcomes Nora Jarowicz who has prayerfully decided to join the guild. Due to the sudden and unexpected passing of Barb Vincent, Brenda Bode will resume the role of Communion Coordinator along with Nora. We humbly ask the congregation to pray for, support and encourage them as they serve God with their time and gifts. To those who are interested in serving God this way, there will be an orientation in the fall. More details will be given in the coming weeks. Any questions please contact **Brenda Bode**.

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.**

ARE YOU GOOD AT MATH? 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!

LUNCH BUNCH: On September 29 we meet at Milestones in Royal Oak 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.)

THE CRAFT TEA IS BACK! Starting on September 8th (1:30-3:00pm). You will have an opportunity to make one OR both of the crafts that are planned. If you prefer, you can bring your own craft, or just come for tea and fellowship! Check the Human Care Bulletin Board for pictures of the crafts. If you plan on coming, there is a sign-up sheet on the Human Care bulletin board to ensure there are enough cutouts for all attendees. If you have any ideas for crafts for Christmas (decorations, rock painting, card making), I would love to hear them! Pictures are also welcome if you find a great craft. If you have any questions, please contact me at (403)710-8347 or christineheumannncgy@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 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 boxes to FLC no later than November 22.** Contact Elke Bittmann at church or email her at for further information.

Lutheran Hospital Ministries: Is looking for volunteers to visit at Calgary Hospitals, Hospices and Long Term Care Centres. Our next training session is Sept 30th, Oct 7th, and Oct 14th from 6 to 9:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church upstairs in the Parish Hall. If you feel this is a calling for you, please contact **Pastor Rekken at (587) 228-2597** or the office to register.

Help Needed: A fellow visitor of Lutheran Hospital Ministries is desperately looking for a used car that can get her to and from work locations and visits. Should you hear of a used car looking for a new home, can you please contact **Kristina Taldorf at 403-681-0870**. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Luther Hospital Ministries.



This week, we pray for **Rev. Angel Antonio Salazar Macías** who serves as a pastor for the Lutheran Church Jesus The Good Shepherd in the Potosi community, the Lutheran Church Bread and Life in the Monte Olivos community and the Lutheran church Principe De Paz in the Las Marias community in **Nicaragua**. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to

make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Macías, 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: (September 6), **"Come and See"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there. **John 1:46** Hear the message on CHRB 1140AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the LH app.



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Look together at Romans 12:9-21.

Brainstorm a list of all the things these verses encourage Christians to do (e.g. love others, honour others, be joyful, pray, bless).

Record these in your personal or family journal and ask God to show you how you can live these things this week.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for
all we eat and
all we wear, for
daily bread and
nightly care.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help
us to never give
up on you. Keep
us excited about
serving God.
Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Work together as a household to make small crosses out of card or popsicle sticks.

Write the words 'Take up your cross and follow me' on each cross.

Commit to carrying your crosses with you this week as a reminder of Jesus' call to follow him in all things.



BLESSING

May God keep your
faith in Jesus alive
and strong.



Growing
FAITH
at home

PROPER 17

YEAR A

**Taking up your
cross and
following Jesus**



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Sunday between
August 28 and
September 3



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you find difficult to do? What makes it so?
2. Jesus says "if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it" (Matthew 16:25). What do you think he means by this?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
M	Matthew 10:32-39	Losing life to find it
T	Matthew 20:17-28	Jesus again predicts his death
W	Luke 9:57-62	The cost of following Jesus
T	Exodus 3:1-15	Moses and the burning bush
F	Romans 12:9-21	Love in action
S	Psalms 26:1-8	Vindicate me, Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"If any of you wants to be my follower,
you must turn from your selfish ways,
take up your cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24

