

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



M A T T H E W 25:13

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: We thank You this day for all the talents and abilities You have given us, O Lord. Help us to see all the ways that we can use our gifts to Your glory. Give us the courage to use the gifts You have given us whenever we have the opportunity to share them. And help us to shape and sharpen our skills into what You want them to be.

O Giver of all that is good, work through us to bring blessings to others.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:as projected

HYMNS: Better is One Day; King of Heaven; Whom Shall I Fear; Cornerstone

FIRST LESSON:..... Amos 5:18-24

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

SERMON: What’s Your EQ (Eschatology Quotient) - Matthew 25:1-13

WELCOME TO ALL, especially our visitors this morning! We are happy to have you with us to praise the Lord together. Visitors, please honour us by signing our Guest Register before you leave, and, if you do not have a regular church home, please consider joining us here at Foothills.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY, in which our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service. Anyone is welcome to come to the Altar for a blessing, please simply cross your arms across your chest and we will know how to respond.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Next Sunday, **November 15th**, is the last day to bring in your shoeboxes. Boxes and brochures are available on the table outside Deaconess Miriam’s office. For more information contact Elke Bittmann 403-295-0271.



LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/ Online	Wednesday/Online	Education Hour
November 1	98/71/42	11/5	19

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte.....Eden Knudtson
 Cantors Contemporary Musicians

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$8,835.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$336,243.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$359,615.38	-\$23,371.68

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 40.00; Visitor 415.00; Parking Revenue 50.00; CLWR 50.00; Concordia Seminary 50.00; Inn from the Cold 50.00; LWML 170.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ Fund 271.65; Confirmation Gifts 875.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 8) “Tied into the Same Lifeline” – Daniel 5 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Humble pie is on the menu at an ill-fated feast. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study at Foothills and via Zoom – contact Pastor Bode
 7:30 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom - contact Deaconess Miriam
Wednesday 1:15 pm Ladies Bible Study in person or via Zoom - Deaconess Miriam
 6:30 pm Midweek Worship/Communion in-person and
 at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday 7:00 pm Front to Back Bible Study at Bodes’
 7:00 pm LifeLight at Foothills
Sunday 9:00 am Education Hour
 10:15 am Morning Worship/Communion
 Shoebox Deadline

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “Ephphatha . . . be opened” (Mark 7:34), Jesus says to a deaf man as He places His fingers in the man’s ears and touches his tongue in this week’s lesson, “A Hearing Aide.” The man’s ears open and his tongue releases, but Jesus warns the crowd not to tell anyone. The good news cannot be contained, however, and those who witness the miracle share the story. Discuss, “How can we share the Good News with our friends and family?”

MISSION OF THE MONTH – INN FROM THE COLD

Homelessness is a problem in Calgary, and like the Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold seeks to help. The needs have grown, as COVID creates additional problems. Your gift helps in a time of great need.



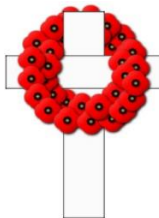
PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: To help support youth group trips like the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Winnipeg, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered to the church in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. Brochures are available online (<https://bit.ly/2G13UYB>) or on the Information Centre. If you wish to pay for your orders with a cheque, please make it payable to Foothills Lutheran Youth, attach it to the order form found in the brochure (add GST, but shipping is free for fundraising orders!), and leave it in Michelle Heumann's mailbox. Or you can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/814849-78753> to pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is November 23. Orders will be available for pick up at the church on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your support!

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Danelia Reyes serves as an instructor of the faith at Jesus Christ King of Kings Lutheran Church in Granada. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Reyes by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**



IT'S LONG OVERDUE, BUT WE'VE SCHEDULED A VOTERS MEETING for **Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm.** This time gives us the opportunity to use the sanctuary, which we will need to do for the space. It allows time for sanitization, too. We will still need to follow all the protocols for physical distancing and check-ins; masks will be required. We know we are all struggling with the limitations and requirements brought on by COVID-19. We continue to beseech your patience and understanding, as we work together for the sake of all we are as a church. We hope you are able to join us.

WE ARE PREPARING A MASS MAILING that will go out to every home in our congregation. This is a big project, and we are looking for a few volunteers to help fold letters and stuff envelopes. It is our hope to do this at the beginning of next week. Can you help? Please let Pastor Bode or Carol know. We need to do this by Wednesday at the latest!





Caring Conversations



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

1

How does it feel to be running late for an appointment or an event? Share about an experience you have had of being late.

2

Jesus says that we don't know when he will return, so we need to be ready for him. What do you think it means to be ready?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of wise and foolish girls
M	Matthew 24:36-44	Keep watch
T	Joshua 24:1-25	The covenant renewed
W	Micah 7:1-7	Watching in hope for the Lord
T	Luke 21:29-36	Be always on the watch
F	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Believers who have died
S	Psalms 70	Hasten, O God, to save me
S	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are waiting for you to come again. Take us to be with you forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God watch over you. May he keep your faith strong until Jesus comes again.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Draw or print off a picture of an oil lamp. Read the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Girls and talk about what is involved in keeping our 'spiritual lamps' burning until Jesus returns.

Write your ideas onto the picture and display it in your home (if you have an actual oil lamp, set this up too).

As a related craft project, make paper lanterns – visit the website www.instructables.com/id/How-to-make-a-paper-lantern-in-6-easy-steps/ for simple instructions.



mealtime prayer

For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

verse for the week

so always be ready, because you don't know the day or the hour the son of Man will come.

MATTHEW 26:13

Service



Plan and prepare a family service activity. Think about the way each person in your family can contribute together.

Some examples might be:

- Serve morning tea after church
- Plant flowers, pull weeds and mow the lawn as a surprise for a family who is in crisis.
- Attend a community working bee.
- Do another family members' daily chore.