

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

Well done  
Thou good and faithful servant

M A T T H E W 2 5 : 2 1

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 15, 2020*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Servant of all, may we follow Your call to be a servant by caring for the people around us, humbling ourselves before You and one another, reaching out to those in distress, and taking the time to participate actively in the work of the Church. Support and sustain us in all that we do as Your servants in this world.

*O Servant Savior, may we follow Your example.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** ..... 338; 411; 733; 655

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Zephaniah 1:7-16

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 25:14-30

**SERMON:**

**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 TODAY**, 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:***

**A VOTERS MEETING** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 1:30 pm**. We will meet in the sanctuary, as we need that for separation. 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.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance/Online</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion/ Online</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
November 8	68/51	12/6	29

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Organist ..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
 Acolyte ..... Sebastian Kaut  
 Cantors ..... Christine Heumann; Sydney Stene

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$5,295.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$341,538.70	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$367,788.46</b>	<b>-\$26,249.76</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Facility Rentals 75.00; Parking 20.00; LWML 95.00; Inn from the Cold 100.00; Mustard Seed 50.00; Lutheran Hour 1,000.00; Memorial Fund 50.00; Organ Fund 25.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 15) “Bigger” – Daniel 6.** Hear the next inspirational message of the book of Daniel series by our guest speaker Pastor Gerard Bolling on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS**

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

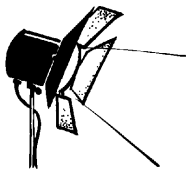
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In this week’s lesson, “A Mercy-Full Message,” Jesus tells the famous parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose peril was ignored by his own countrymen. In telling the parable, Jesus answers the question “Who is my neighbor?” for His followers as He challenges us to “go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). As a family, you could discuss ideas to help those in need in your community.

**Thank  
You!**

... to Merv and Kareen Borgeson, Joan Copeland and Barb Vincent for their help with the mass mailing to every home in our congregation. This was a big and much needed project and we truly appreciated their help.

## **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.



**AN IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Beginning November 22nd, we will require registration for worship. This applies to our Sunday services as well as our Wednesday services. Registration is important, as we seek to make the best use of the space we have available for worship. While we haven't actually had to turn anyone away because of space limitations, there have been times when we have been very close to capacity. We know that you may find this inconvenient, but as many other churches have discovered, this is essential for good order.

Our online registration is accessed by going to <https://reopen.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>. No internet? Call the office by noon on Friday to register for the Sunday service. For Wednesday registration, please call / go online by Tuesday noon.

For those who want a smaller group, consider our Wednesday services. There is ample room, and we still come together as God's people to be fed on His Word and on the Sacrament of the Altar.

**FOOTHILLS LWMLC NEWS:** Thank you, Foothills, for your generous donations of used postage stamps and eyeglasses! A large envelope of postage stamps was recently sent to Canadian Bible Society. These stamps are sold by weight to stamp collectors with proceeds going toward the purchase of Bibles for inmates in Canadian prisons. Thirty-one pairs of eyeglasses have been donated to Optiks International to be distributed to overseas missions. Please continue to place your donations in the designated bins in the church foyer. Please leave ¼" border around the stamps and take the glasses out of the cases. Thanks!

**KNITTERS NEEDED:** We are presently working on gift bags for the residents of Foothills Manor. One of the items to be included is a neck warmer. If you would like to help us with this initiative, please let me know. We plan to deliver the gift bags before the first Sunday of Advent so time is of the essence! Thanks to the generous donation of wool from "Yarn Twisters" store in Calgary, there is wool available at the church for your use. ~ Cheryl Lemke, e-mail: [cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca), phone: (403) 851-2049.

**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 next **Sunday, November 23**. Orders will be available for pick up at the church on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your support!



**VACATION:** Pastor Bode and Brenda will be enjoying a few days of vacation November 16 – 18. Pastor Eric and Deaconess Miriam will be available in the office during this time.



Encourage others to use the gifts  
and talents God has given them.

Caring Conversations

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

1

What helps us  
use our talents?  
What stops  
us from using  
them?

2

In what ways are  
you using your  
talents to serve  
God? What does  
God promise to  
those who use  
their talents well  
(see Matthew  
25:29)?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents
M	Luke 19:11-26	A king and his servants
T	1 Peter 4:7-11	Using our gifts
W	Romans 12:4-8	We have different gifts
T	Judges 4:1-7	Deborah
F	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	The Day of the Lord
S	Psalms 90:1-12	The power of his anger
S	Matthew 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, teach us  
to wisely use all the  
time we have, help  
us to be faithful  
servants who make  
the most of your  
gifts. Amen.

BLESSING

Child of light, may  
God bless you  
with faith, hope  
and love, this day  
and always.

## Sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

The apostle Paul says "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Spend some time this week affirming and encouraging one another.

For instance, you may wish to finish these sentences for each household member:

*"A talent I see you have is ..."*

*"One thing I really appreciate about you is ..."*

*"Something I'd like to encourage you in is ..."*

*"I felt very proud of you when ..."*

### mealtime prayer

For food and drink and happy days we offer up our thanks and praise. Amen.

verse for the week

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:11A

## Service



Think of a person in your church or community who is developing or using their God-given gifts and talents, and whom you would like to encourage as a household. Write them an encouragement note or prepare an encouraging gift for them.



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