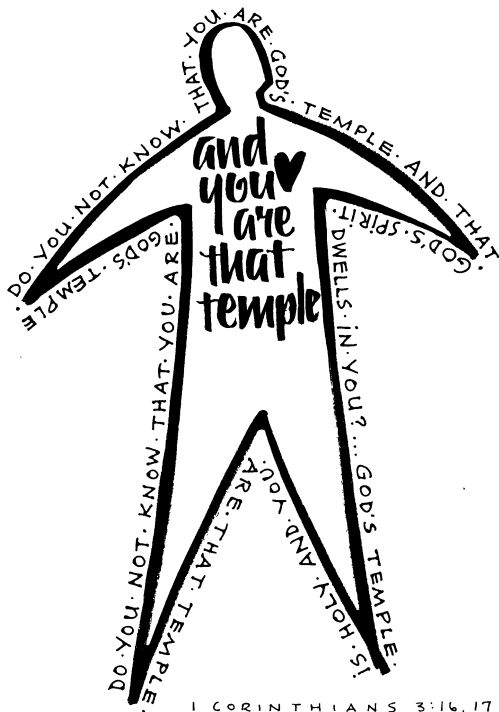


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, we await Your coming to take us home to be with You in heaven. As the earth begins to crumble and fall, keep our eyes focused on You. As others proclaim to be the Christ, keep us confident in our commitment to You. And as fears and doubts circle around us, keep us sure of Your promises to us.

Everlasting Lord, take us to the life to come.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Morning Prayer.....p. 235

HYMNS:Desert Song; 735; Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me; 348

FIRST LESSON:..... Deuteronomy 8:1-10

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON: *What A Day That Will Be!* - Ezekiel 34:11–16

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:

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Art Hanger at the death of his brother, Jim Hanger; and to the Schultz family at the passing of Erika's brother-in-law, Raymond Evens. We pray that God would comfort these families with His everlasting love.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/ Communion/Online/	Wednesday/Online	Education Hour
November 15	71/59/45	12/7	28

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Natalia Bishop
 Cantors Mark Kihn; Ellen Wagner

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$5,185.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$346,723.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$375,961.54	-\$29,237.84

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor Offering 2,000.00; Memorial 150.00; Organ Fund 326.05; Confirmation Gifts 100.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 22) "Politics in Perspective" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Political turmoil is nothing new and political security is only temporary. We can't escape politics. However, Dr. Michael Zeigler offers good news of a kingdom that cannot be overthrown and will never pass away. (Daniel 7:1-14). Hear this inspiration message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. 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	Circuit Winkel, St. Matthew, Calgary
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study at Foothills and via Zoom – contact Deaconess Miriam
	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 Advent Worship/Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “A Prayer Lesson” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. With Jesus’ disciples, we, too, implore, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord’s Prayer from memory.

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 today, 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, as we come together as God's people to be fed on His Word and on the Sacrament of the Altar.

Thank you to the members of FLC's COVID-19 Committee, Christine Heumann, Lorne and Pat Rosenau for their efforts to help us in these days.

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.



THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins November 29th, and we look forward in joyful expectation to the Lord who comes to save His people. We invite you to make our midweek Advent Services a special part of this preparation. Services are Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran). We hope you will be with us for this special time of preparation and devotion!

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



As Christmas approaches, the Calgary Pregnancy Center is looking for items to include in their Christmas Client Care packages. Due to COVID, items must be NEW and can be dropped off at the church office or I can pick up when convenient. For questions, please contact Heather Sommers at (403) 829-23696. If you are interested, below are some of the items requested.

Nice journals and 2021 day-timers/schedulers
Adult coloring books and coloring supplies
Phone chargers and/or headphones
Pajamas, nightgowns, bathrobes and slippers

Scarf, mitts and toque sets
Bath and body products for Moms
Fleece throws/blankets
Gift cards or bus tickets

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Va Savet serves the Lutheran Church in Kampot as an instructor of the faith. **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 Savet 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**

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: Give a meaningful gift from the comfort of home with Canadian Lutheran World Relief's Gifts from the Heart catalogue. Your gift to a loved one will provide meaningful, tangible items for people around the world facing hunger, poverty, and the threat of COVID-19. No matter which gift you choose, the gifts you give will change lives and touch your loved ones! Visit www.clwr.org/GFTH to learn more.

ON THE WELCOME DESK: Please note the many things available to you, such as:

- The *Agenda & Minutes* for the December 5th Voters' Meeting.
- *Gifts from the Heart*, opportunities to give gifts that also become gifts to those in need.
- *Advent Devotional Booklets* from Lutheran Hour Ministries, to assist you in your celebration of the coming Saviour.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICES will focus on the ancient “O Antiphons”. The hymn “O, Come, O, Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357) is a rendition of these medieval antiphons, also called the “Greater Antiphons.” An Antiphon is a selection of Scripture and prayer chanted responsively by the officiant and assembly. The purpose of the Antiphon is to set the focus for the reading selected for that particular day of the Church year.

The O Antiphons were to be sung during Vespers one on each day seven days before the feast of the Nativity of Christ: from December 17th through the 23rd. Each Antiphon focuses on a Scriptural title for Christ as He is named in Biblical prophecy and a petition to Christ to come fulfilling the promise made through that title and prophecy. We’ll look at several each Wednesday, and hope you will join us for this countdown to Christmas, and celebration of the Christ who comes to save us. Services are at 6:30 pm, both in-person and online.

DO YOU STILL NEED OFFERING ENVELOPES? Many of our members have switched their giving to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. We already have our 2021 envelopes; however, we will order our 2022 offering envelopes in January to take advantage of early order discounts. Please let the church office know if you no longer require offering envelopes and we will adjust our order. If we don’t hear from you, we will proceed with ordering envelopes for you. Regardless of the way, may God enable us to be faithful stewards of His gifts first given to us!

Your continued support in the Lord’s work is highly treasured and we are pleased to be able provide you with a pre-authorized alternative of giving. Should you prefer this style of offering, please contact office@foothillslutheran.com. We will provide you with an agreement from the Bank of Montreal where you will be asked to provide your identification and financial institution details. A ‘void’ cheque is helpful as well. Once this form has been completed, return it to the church office.



Growing
FAITH
at home

22 November 2020

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

In serving those in need, we
serve Jesus.

Caring Conversations

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

1

What does it mean to be thankful?

2

One way we show our thanks to God is by sharing with others, especially those who are in need. In what ways do you do this?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 25:31-48	The sheep and the goats
M	Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35	Care given to the needy
T	Romans 12:13-21	Share with the needy
W	Proverbs 11:16-30	The fruit of the righteous
T	Ezekiel 34:11-24	Parable of the sheep
F	Ephesians 1:15-23	Thanksgiving and Prayer
S	Psalms 95:1-7	Let us sing for joy
S	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
help us to serve
you by serving
others. Amen.

BLESSING

May God the
Father give you
his Holy Spirit so
that you grow to
know him better.

Sundays after Pentecost

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

Creative Response

Create a 'Thanksgiving Box' to use this week. Decorate the outside of a shoebox or choose something else. Keep this box on your table.

Each day ask household members to reflect on their day, recall things for which they are thankful, and write these down on slips of paper to place in the box.

At the end of the week, open the box and read what has been written.

Say a prayer of thanks for all God has done for you and given to you.

mealtime prayer

Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything. Amen.

verse for the week

The king will answer,
"Whenever you did it
for any of my people, no
matter how unimportant
they seemed, you did it
for me."

MATTHEW 25:40

Service



Spending some time together as a household this week recalling your church involvement during this past church year.

Look at any photos, video or memorabilia you may have.

Discuss:

- What were the highlights?
- In what ways did you learn or grow?
- Who shared their faith with you?
- With whom did you share your faith?

To mark the start of the 2020-2021 church year, take a photo of your household at your place of worship. Place this photo on your fridge or a display board in your home. As the year goes by, add other photos from your 20/21 church experiences and involvements and give thanks!