

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

THE GRASS WITHERS.
THE FLOWER FADES.
BUT THE WORD
OF THE LORD
STANDS FOREVER.



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Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

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A Prayer Upon Entering: May we prepare Your way this Advent, O Lord, as John the Baptist did--preaching and teaching, baptizing and believing what the prophets had foretold. Help us to boldly proclaim what Your coming means to the world ... and to each of us.

Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, come into our world and bring us Your salvation.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 343; 344; 347; 357

FIRST LESSON:.....Isaiah 40:1-11

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL LESSON:Mark 1:1-8

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:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/ Online	Wednesday/ Online	Education Hour (includes online)
November 29	57/51/53	9/11	21

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Acolyte Paxton Knudtson
 Cantors Tim and Sarah Knudtson

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Offerings Received Last Week	\$7,285.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$360,753.70	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$392,307.69	-\$31,553.99

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Visitor Offering 350.00; LWML 100.00; Insurance Recovery 162.00; A/R 26.52.

THE LATEST COVID CONCERNS have brought more changes, but fortunately, the new protocols have not brought any changes to our worship gathering. We do want to lead by example, showing ourselves to be honouring the law and caring about those around us. To aid in that and to provide the highest level of comfort for our people, we have determined that our Bible classes and Confirmation will all be online via Zoom until the beginning of the year. There will not be a Sunday morning Bible study in-house, and Sunday School will be at home with a Zoom opening, and parents using materials provided by the church.

We know we are all struggling with the limitations and requirements brought on by COVID-19. God grant us all patience and understanding, as we work together for the sake of all we are as a church.

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS

Monday	7:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting
	7:00 pm	Music Practise in Sanctuary
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study– contact Pastor Bode
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study - contact Deaconess Miriam
Wednesday	1:15 pm	Ladies Bible Study– contact Deaconess Miriam
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Front to Back Bible Study – contact Pastor Bode
	7:00 pm	LifeLight - contact Deaconess Miriam
Sunday	10:15 am	Worship in-person and at Facebook.com\foothillslutheran Purdy Order Pickup

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (December 6) “Seek My Face” – Daniel. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

MISSION OF THE MONTH – ROBERT OHLINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Supports students entering church work programs, that we may be an asset and help in their preparations for service to the Lord.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE: Effective immediately, we require registration for worship. This applies to both our Sunday and 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. If you need to cancel, you can do this online. If you have any difficulties, please call the office.

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.



PURDY'S FUNDRAISER: Thank you to everyone who ordered chocolates through Purdy's for the youth group fundraiser. We raised \$888! The National Youth Gathering registration fee is \$495/person, plus travel, so essentially this fundraiser raised enough to send one youth to Winnipeg in 2022! Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you placed a Purdy's order, it will be available for pickup after the worship service on December 13 in the Fireside Room via the Preschool doors. You'll need to leave the sanctuary as directed by the ushers, then go around outside and back in through the basement doors, in order to allow foot traffic to flow out of the sanctuary without getting congested. If you aren't able to pick up your order on the 13th, please call the church to find a time when someone will be in the office during the week.

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Marvin Antonio serves two congregations, El Calvario Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in La Joya (Nicaragua). **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Antonio, 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 Season of
Advent

THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT prepares us to greet 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 (also available at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran). We hope you will be with us for this special time of preparation and devotion! We 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 that 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 two 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. This week: O Come, Branch of Jesse; O Come, Key of David.



Growing FAITH at home

6 December 2020

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Caring Conversations

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

1

Talk about how you have been comforted during a time of need.

2

Tell about a time you have felt God's comfort in your life.

3

Mark 1:1 speaks of the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Reflect on how this good news is filled with the comfort of God's love and forgiveness.



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:1-8	The beginning of the good news
M	Isaiah 40:1-11	Comfort my people
T	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Promise of the Lord's coming
W	1 John 4:16-21	God is love
T	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for God's mercy
F	Malachi 3:1-4	God promises a messenger
S	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	A prayer for God's peace
S	John 1:6-8, 19-28	John's witness to the light

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, make us ready to be your messengers of comfort, love, and forgiveness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of love and comfort, fill you with the good news of Jesus Christ and give you peace.

Now is the time to prepare
the way of the Lord

Creative Response



As a household decorate and number enough envelopes for each day left before Christmas.

String them on a ribbon or cord and hang it up.

Place a symbol, Bible verse or small treasure (s.g. an ornament, or lolly) in each envelope and seal it.

Take turns opening a packet each day.

The anticipation grows as the line of packages decreases and Christmas approaches.



mealtime prayer

God our Saviour, thank you for this food and all who prepared it. Help us to prepare the way for you.
Amen.

verse for the week

A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness
prepare the way
of the LORD, make
straight in the
desert a highway
for our God."

ISAIAH 40:3

Service



We can share God's
message of love with
others by doing deeds of
kindness.

Using card or other materials, make a "road" to attach to a wall in your home. Write the words of Mark 1:3 on your road. As your household journeys through the second week of Advent, use sticky notes to record any acts of service you perform. Attach these notes to your road. Pray that your acts of service may help others to see and know Jesus.

