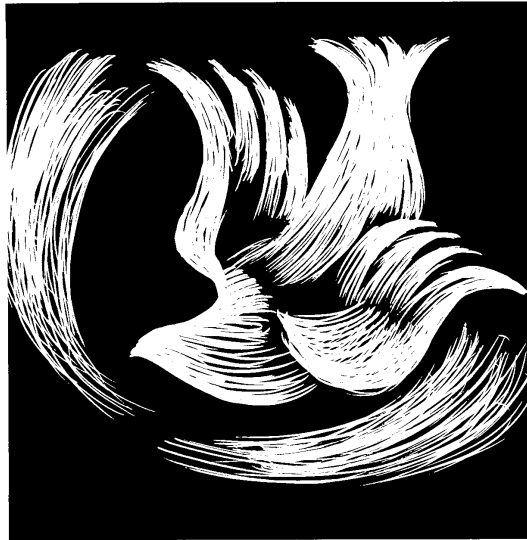


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



HE SAW THE HEAVENS
OPEN AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT DESCENDING
ON HIM.

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O God in heaven, through baptism You call each of us Your beloved sons and daughters. May Your Spirit rest upon us as we live as Your children in this world. And may we follow the example of our Brother Jesus in all we say and do.

God, who once spoke from the sky, in Your love, speak to us now.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Lord I Need You; Beneath The Waters; You Are My All In All; As It Is In Heaven

FIRST LESSON:.....Genesis 1:1-5

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON:Mark 1:4-11

SERMON: The Wonder in the Water - Mark 1:4-11

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:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (January 10) “The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction’”. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about. (Mark 2:13-28). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion/Online	Wednesday/Online/Communion
January 3	47/40/53	11/9/5

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Cantors Contemporary Musicians
 Acolyte.....Sebastian Kaut

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08*	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00*
Envelope Offerings Received Last Week	\$3,245.00	
Total Offerings Received to Date	\$3,385.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$4,788.08	-\$421,615.00

* These numbers will be updated when the 2021 budget is adopted.

External Designated Offerings: LWML 140.00.

THIS WEEK AT FOOTHILLS2910

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	Worship/Communion in-person and at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran
Sunday	10:15 am	Worship/Communion in-person and at Facebook.com/foothillslutheran

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week’s lesson is “A Crushing Truth.” The events of Christ’s crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody vignettes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—yielding up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb. Discuss how you can remember the crucifixion of Christ.

DON'T FORGET: **HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY?** We accumulate a great deal of mail that is left unclaimed for even months at a time. Please check your mailbox—and why not take the mail of someone who hasn’t or can’t be here. It is a good way of sharing with them and helping them stay connected to the church. If you’re not sure you have a mailbox, take a moment to check. If we don’t have a mailbox for you, please let the office know.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWML-CANADA

Based on the biblical story of the widow’s mite (Luke 21:1-4 KJV), “mites” – offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and synod, are collected by women of Lutheran Church-Canada. Mite contributions amount to thousands of dollars, supporting LWML-Canada district and national grants to mission projects around the world as well as implementing the LWML-Canada program. Mite offerings are gathered at meetings, preferably with prayer or special devotions.



PLEASE START USING YOUR 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES: We know that many of our members are now using e-transfer for offerings, but for those using envelopes we remind you that some numbers may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don’t presently have them, please let the office know.

We are blessed that our members have been so supportive, especially in these strange days. Your gifts enable us to carry on the mission and ministry.

How much should you give? Scripture says: ***Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- ***Give regularly*** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- ***Give faithfully*** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- ***Give generously*** - we are not to worry about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SEASONAL READING, Mark Kihn wrote a series of three 1200-word Christmas theme pieces for the Western Producer, Canada's largest circulation farm newspaper. They came out weekly in December, the last of which came out on Christmas Eve day. Two deal with the angst of an 8-yr old Manitoba farm boy contending with the onset of Christmas. The other one chronicles hockey-crazed brothers skating on the frozen farm pond. You can easily access them through Mark's article archive by googling: "Western Producer Mark Kihn."

REGISTER FOR WORSHIP: With the ongoing reality of COVID, we do require registration for worship, which at present is limited to 49 people. Registration keeps us from having to turn anyone away and allows us to make the best use of the space that we have available. 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.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess **Erm Roun** serves as an instructor of the faith at the Rotanakiri Church, Cambodia. **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 Roun 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.**



THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE—areas in which we need your help as we serve one another. Ushering is one way. Serving as cantors is another. We need greeters and hosts in these COVID days. Your help and assistance is always appreciated. Sarah Knudtson is coordinating our needed Sunday volunteers. We thank her for her service.

OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR 2021 on Saturday, January 30th.
We will provide the information as soon as it is available from the PPC next week.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Lorraine Kruger penned the words below, thinking of God's grace.
We share them with you:

Amazing Grace, how can it be,
That God in Christ, should die for me,
And from the law, has set me free
To live in joy and liberty.

Amazing Grace, how can it be,
By Grace alone, by Christ alone, by Faith alone
And it's for you and me!
Lord, grant to all HUMILITY,
And, FAITH, unto ETERNITY. AMEN.



Growing FAITH at home

10 January 2021

FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

Caring Conversations

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

1

What do you know or remember about the day you were baptised?

2

What happened when Jesus was baptised?

3

What did God do for you when you were baptised?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 1:4-11	Jesus is baptised
M	Mark 9:2-8	Jesus is transfigured
T	Acts 19:1-7	Paul in Ephesus
W	Acts 22:2-16	Paul describes his baptism
T	Job 26:7-14	Job speaks of creation
F	Genesis 1:1-5	In the beginning
S	Psalm 29	A psalm of creation
S	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord God, we have come to worship you.
We give you the gift of our hearts.
Amen.

BLESSING

Child of God, may the Lord give you his Spirit and make you sure of his love.

Jesus is baptised

Creative Response

At the time of creation, the Spirit of God was "moving over the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The same creative, life-giving Spirit of God was present and active when Jesus was baptised in the waters of the Jordan River (Mark 1:10), and is present and active whenever and wherever people are baptised in the name of Jesus (Mark 1:8, Acts 2:38).

Share a ritual of baptismal remembrance. Set out a bowl of water. Say these words in turn to each person:

(Name), you were baptised on (date) at (place). There and then God adopted you as his own and gave you the Holy Spirit. Remember today that you are his and that he loves you dearly.

Dip a finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. Then share this blessing with them:

May the Spirit of God move over you and in you, filling you with faith, hope, love and peace. Amen.



mealtime prayer

Lord God, thank you for this wonderful meal and bless it to our bodies. Amen.

verse for the week

A voice came from heaven, "You are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."

MARK 1:11

Service



God calls us to help him in taking care of his creation. As an act of community service, take a few plastic bags and walk around your neighbourhood picking up litter (remember to wear gloves).



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LITURGY, MUSIC & PRAYER



MISSION OF THE MONTH: LWML-C MITES

January 2021

The LWML is our January Mission of the Month. Through their mites they have supported many mission efforts throughout the Church. We invite you to join us in this mite challenge as we contemplate our many blessings and endeavour to meet our mission commitments.

DAY	CHALLENGE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
SAMPLE	<i>0.25 for every cup of coffee you had today</i>	4	1.00
1	<i>\$1 for every grandchild</i>		
2	<i>\$0.10 for every inch of your waist</i>		
3	<i>\$1 if you had a walk today</i>		
4	<i>\$0.25 for every family member under 18yrs</i>		
5	<i>Donate led by your heart</i>		
6	<i>\$2 if you are a tea drinker</i>		
7	<i>\$2 if you plant a garden \$3 if you do not</i>		
8	<i>\$0.25 for every year of marriage</i>		
9	<i>\$ 1 for every television in your home</i>		
10	<i>\$1 for every pet you own</i>		
11	<i>\$1 if you dye your hair</i>		
12	<i>\$2 if you still have land line phone</i>		
13	<i>\$3 if you get a manicure or pedicure</i>		
14	<i>\$0.25 for every live plant in your home \$2 for artificial plant</i>		
15	<i>\$ 1 if you burn candles</i>		
16	<i>\$1 if you eat out at least once a week</i>		
17	<i>\$0.25 for every biblical décor in your home</i>		
18	<i>\$0.50 for every vehicle you own</i>		
19	<i>\$0.50 for every load of laundry in a week</i>		
20	<i>\$2 if your husband cooks for you</i>		
21	<i>\$0.25 for every pair of shoes in your closet</i>		
22	<i>\$0.10 for every coffee cup in your cupboard</i>		
23	<i>\$0.25 for every glass of water you drank today</i>		
24	<i>\$1 if you can survive on the food in your cupboard and freezer for a week</i>		
25	<i>\$1 for every bathroom in your house</i>		
26	<i>\$0.10 for every pair of socks you own</i>		
27	<i>\$0.25 every time you texted</i>		
28	<i>\$1 if you still preserve garden produce</i>		
29	<i>\$ 1 for every electronic device e.g. computer, laptop, cell phone</i>		
30	<i>\$ 2 if you saw the sunshine today</i>		
TOTAL			