

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

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THOSE WHO
TURN MANY
TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL GLITTER
LIKE STARS
FOREVER

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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A Prayer Upon Entering: As wars, famines, and earthquakes happen at home and abroad, we are reminded, O Lord, that Your power is greater than the strongest forces of nature and the fiercest armies on earth. We know that nothing can destroy us when You are in charge.

King of heaven and earth, You reign supreme.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Revelation Song; I Will Follow; Better Is One Day;
..... Across The Lands; King Of Heaven

FIRST LESSON:..... Daniel 12:1-3

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-25

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:1-13

SERMON: *What's Holding You Back?* – Hebrews 12:1-2

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the godness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION WEDNESDAY as 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians
Ushers..... Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene
Acolyte..... Faith Dueck

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Jesus Keeps Filling" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. In one way or another, we are all broken, cracked vessels. Life leaks out, but Jesus keeps filling (2 Samuel 14:14). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday
November 7	137/96	15

Attendance numbers include online participants

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,724.00	\$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$318,370.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$367,788.46	-\$49,418.46

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate 15.00; BC Mission Boat 30.00; Inn from the Cold 95.00; LWML 175.00; Benevolence 50.00; Organ 28.30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today's lesson, "The Unlikely Ally," the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city.

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. They have been transforming families' lives in Calgary since 1997. Help Inn from the Cold support families that are or may become homeless. Your gifts assists in this necessary work.

THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT begins November 28th 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, beginning December 1st. Our theme will be “Behold!” A calendar of our Advent and Christmas services is available on the welcome desk. We hope you will be with us for this special time of preparation and devotion!



LWMLC: Would you like to help our LWMLC bring Advent/Christmas cheer to Foothills Manor residents and congregational shut-ins? You could do so by joining the Sunday School children in coloring a placemat for one of them. Finished placemats will then be laminated. If interested, please speak to Deaconess Miriam. Placemats will have to be completed and brought to the church by **November 21st**.



AS WE APPROACH THE END OF THE YEAR we want to remember that we are to be good stewards of God's gifts to us. Stewardship is the giving of our time, talents and treasures out of thankfulness for all that God has done for us. Giving of our treasures involves giving back to God what he has already blessed us with. Everything we have comes to us as a blessing from our Lord. Giving some of our treasures to our church or towards helping our neighbors when we are blessed with abundance is what God has instructed us to do. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Please prayerfully consider all the blessings that you have and what can be given back in offerings to our church. This past year has been a difficult year for the congregation financially, and we are currently running behind our offerings goal as a congregation in our church budget. We ask you to prayerfully consider additional giving both this year and next to help continue to fund the work of our church.

MISSION PRAYER: **Rev. Hei Va** is the Pastor of Prey Vey Lutheran Church and serves on the Board Directors of Cambodia Lutheran Church. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Va 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.**



A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION to observe the 65th anniversary of President emeritus Rev Dr. Edwin Lehman's ordination will take place at Concordia

Lutheran Church, Edmonton on Sunday, November 14th at 3pm. Rev Dr. Lehman served as Lutheran Church–Canada's first Synodical President. We do thank God for the faithful service of Dr. Lehman to his Lord and the Church.

The family had planned this as a surprise, and with the restrictions we haven't published this before, but you can join the service online through the congregation's website www.concordialutheran.ca.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Thank you to the everyone who participated in this event. Many thanks to our anonymous donor who supplied money for many of the shoeboxes. Know that each box will go to a child who may never have receive a gift. The good news of salvation in Jesus is shared with the children who are invited to a 12-week discipleship course.

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening.” Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: **John 1:1–3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

WE THANK Sarah Knudtson and Heather Sommers for their efforts to clean the kitchen and to purge it of items left unused during these long COVID days. We also thank Heather for her efforts to clean out the calcium buildup in the dishwasher as well as clean the ovens. We are hoping that we will soon be able to use the kitchen again to host coffee hours. God grant that to us!

Thanks also to Christine Heumann for her efforts to clean, tidy and organize the choir music collection. We appreciate your service to church, ladies!

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Q: *Is it all right for Lutherans to make the sign of the cross?*

A: Yes! Luther, in the Small Catechism, directs that our morning and evening prayers begin with the sign of the cross. Luther also wrote that we should teach our children to make the sign of the cross and say, “Help me Lord Jesus!” when they are afraid. The sign of the cross may also be made during the Invocation; the Absolution; the announcement of the Gospel; at the words, “the resurrection of the dead/body” in the Nicene and Apostle’s Creeds; at the words, “Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord,” in the Sanctus; at the consecration of the bread and wine; just before receiving Christ’s Body and immediately after receiving His Blood; and at the Benediction.

The sign of the cross was a very early devotion of the Church, dating from the time of Tertullian (A.D. 200). Originally called “the Sign of the Lord,” the devotion was used to begin and end the day, as an encouragement in temptation or trial, and as a means of mutual recognition in times of persecution. From earliest times, the sign was used in the Baptismal and confirmation liturgies.

The sign of the cross symbolizes many things: that we worship the triune God; that we are redeemed by Christ Who died on the cross; and that in Baptism we were marked by the cross of Christ forever. In making the sign of the cross, we affirm and proclaim who we are and to Whom we belong. Making the sign of the cross may also be considered a type of silent prayer in that it speaks to God and communicates to Him that we confess Him to be our God.

The sign of the cross is made by drawing the right hand from forehead to breast, and then from right shoulder to left shoulder, returning to the center afterwards (some Lutherans make the sign Latin style - from the breast to the left shoulder and then to the right shoulder). The words, “in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” usually accompany the sign.



Growing FAITH at home

14 November 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Caring Conversations

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

1

What is a Christian?

2

When do you meet with other Christians?
What do you do together?

3

Hebrews speaks of 'motivating one another to acts of love and good works' – why is this important?

4

Who has encouraged you in your faith?
Whom might you encourage?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Mark 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age
M	Daniel 12:1-3	The resurrection of the dead
T	Hebrews 10:11-25	A call to perseverance
W	1 Samuel 26:21-25	David spares Saul's life
T	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
F	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
S	Psalm 16	A life centered on the Lord
S	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord, you have been faithful to us. Help us to remain faithful in worshipping you.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord give you a glad heart that your soul may rejoice and your whole body may rest secure.

Hold tight to your faith.

Creative Response

Psalm 16:7 says; "I will praise the Lord. He gives me good advice. Even at night my heart teaches me."

When we read or listen to God's Word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night.

Even as we sleep God's Spirit is at work, ministering to us and leading us.

Spend a few moments reading or listening to God's Word before you go to sleep this week. Parents, use the Bible or a Bible storybook for bedtime stories with young children.

Memorise Psalm 4:8, "I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety."



mealtime prayer

Lord, you fill us with joy when we are with you;
and your blessings to us never end. Thank you,
God! Amen.

verse for the week

"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The one who promised is faithful."

HEBREWS 10:23

Service



encouraging others is important to our daily health and our Christian faith.

We all experience discouragement.

The Christian faith allows us to be honest with the challenges and difficulties around us and at the same time know that current trials and tribulations do not get the last word.

Find ways to support someone going through a difficult time.

Pray for them and with them.

