

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

*Let us run  
with patience  
the race that  
God has set  
before us.*



H E B R E W S 1 2 : 1

*Last Sunday of the Church Year*

*November 21, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We know that You are near, O Lord. Help us to live in a way that shows how happy we are that You are on Your way to take us back to be with You in heaven. May our words and actions express the great hope, excitement, and joy we have in what the future holds.

*O Coming Christ, we eagerly wait for You.*

### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Divine Service 1, p. 151

**HYMNS:** .....516; 336; 527; 384; 508; 804

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 51:4-6

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Jude 20-25

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Mark 13:24-37

**SERMON:** *When The End Is Only The Beginning* – Isaiah 51:4-6

**WELCOME:** We gather to rejoice this day in the goodness 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 TODAY** 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:**

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; John Voss

Acolyte..... Eliza Voss



In Sympathy

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the Roth Family at the death of Tracey's father, Walter (Wally) Holmberg. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love and comfort.

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Circuit Winkel
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>		Youth OCC Volunteering
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 am	Advent Sunday Worship

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>
November 14	129	18/16

*Attendance numbers include online participants*

***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Between Now and Eternity There Is Much to Do!"***

Guest Speaker: Rev. Hector Hoppe In Christ, God forgives our past and secures our future. Dr. Hector Hoppe says, here in the present, there is much we can do. (Jude 1:20-25). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

***OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS***

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,605.00	\$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$326,975.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$375,961.54	-\$48,986.54

***Miscellaneous Offerings:*** Plate 65.25; Visitor 50.00; Inn from the Cold 70.00; LWML 50.00; Organ 50.00.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The Downfall Wall” is this week’s lesson. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God’s battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls fall and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared.

**YOU HAVE BEEN PATIENT, DEAR MEMBERS** with our efforts to maintain a traffic flow that allows us to distance as much as possible. Now that we are dealing with winter weather, we ask you to help us keep that flow under control by keeping your coats with you. This will prevent the need for people to go back and forth and creating congestion in the narthex. Like so many things during COVID, we know this is an inconvenience, but we are thankful for the efforts we all put in to showing care and concern for one another.

**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.

**LWMLC:** Meeting Monday HYBRID 1:00 -3:00 pm. Pastor Bode will lead us in Bible Study and then we will have our business meeting. All ladies are welcome! You can participate in person or by ZOOM. To help us accommodate you, please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at [cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca](mailto:cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca) or phone her at (403) 851-2049 if you plan to attend.

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 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins November 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!





**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: Deaconess Paubla Ermisenda Zapata** serves Lutheran Church Nueva Gerusalén community villa.

**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 Zapata 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 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/GFTH2021](http://www.clwr.org/GFTH2021) to learn more.

### **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: Psalm 96:2** Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

## ***OUR COMMUNION PREPARATION***

Many of our members have used the cards in the pew racks to help them with their preparation for Holy Communion. We removed the cards and the pencils because of the difficulty of proper sanitization in these days of COVID-19. To help you, we have the questions from the card below, along with the prayers before and after Communion that were in the hymnal. We pray that this will help you prepare your heart as you come to the Lord's Table.

By celebrating Holy Communion, I give witness that:

- I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord.
- I have examined my life in the light of God's Word and have confessed my sinfulness to God.
- I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.
- I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins.
- I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life.
- I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways.

### ***A Prayer before communing:***

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### ***Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament***

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT*** is a call to prepare for the coming days of our Lord's appearing, including the celebration of His coming as the Babe of Bethlehem. We are in our planning and preparation stages, and are planning services for Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm (as needed/desired). We will post these on our registration site early in December. We will not be accepting any registrations until that time. Yet you can let your pastors and elders know that you plan to be here, so that we can determine how best to provide for our worship in those days.



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

21 November 2021

LAST SUNDAY  
OF THE  
CHURCH YEAR

## Caring Conversations

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

1

What would you do if you were a king or queen for a day?

2

Jesus is a King. What sort of King is he? When and how does he reign?

3

What does it mean to you that Jesus is your King?



## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth
<b>M</b>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Judgement before the Ancient One
<b>T</b>	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
<b>W</b>	Mark 15:1-15	Pilate questions Jesus
<b>T</b>	John 8:31-47	The truth will set you free
<b>F</b>	2 John 1:1-9	Walking in the truth
<b>S</b>	Psalm 93	The majesty of God's rule
<b>S</b>	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
you are the  
King of truth.  
Help us to  
listen to you.  
Amen.

### BLESSING

May Jesus, your  
King, bless you with  
his love. May he  
help you to know his  
forgiveness and give  
you power to serve  
him. Amen.

# Jesus is the King of Kings

## Creative Response

### Endings and Beginnings:

Take time this week to discuss your experience of church life over the past year. What were some highlights? What were some challenges, disappointments or difficulties? In what ways did you learn or grow?

**Pray together for God's blessing upon your church and your involvement with it over the next year.**

Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. How will your family get ready this year? Some ideas include an Advent wreath with four candles, a Jesse Tree or learning the names of Jesus.

**Plan and gather the things you will need to journey through Advent.**

### mealtime prayer

Blessed be to God, our King, for health and food,  
for love and friends, for everything his goodness  
sends. Amen.

verse for the week

He has made us  
members of his  
royal family.  
He has made us  
priests who serve  
his God and Father.  
Give him glory and  
power for ever and  
ever! Amen.

REVELATION 1:6

## Service



As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in your congregation who have served you over the past year - pastors, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders and so on.

Give them a small gift, note or card in appreciation for their contributions.

