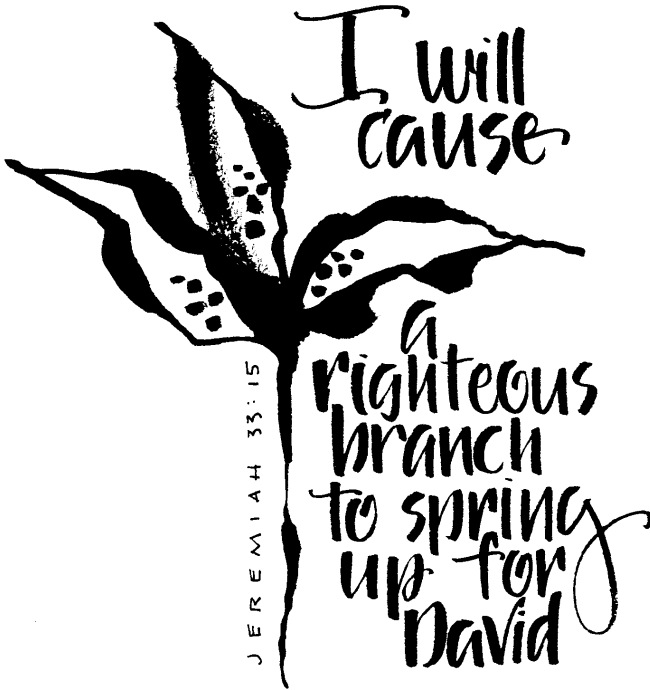


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*First Sunday in Advent*

*November 28, 2021*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Lord, the time is near when You will be born among us. Be near us as we wait for You. And keep us aware of all the signs that let us know that You are on Your way.

*O Christ, who came at just the right time, we await the time of Your arrival.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected

**HYMNS:** .... Here I Am To Worship; Hosanna (Praise Is Rising); 332; 338; 331

**MUSICAL ANTHEM:** ..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 33:14-16

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1Thessalonians 3:9-13

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 21:25-36

**SERMON:**

**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 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

Musical Anthem..... Sarah Knudtson; Miriam Winstanley

Ushers..... Ellen Wagner; Bruce Winstanley

Acolyte..... Karl Wong

**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** begins today 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 this Wednesday, 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!



***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:00 pm	PPC
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Friday</b>		Youth Movie Night
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Attendance/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday/</b>
November 21	98/91	19

*Attendance numbers include online participants*

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

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "A Response to the Problem of Evil"*** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? (Luke 1:1-4). 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	\$10,810.00	\$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$337,785.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$384,134.62	-\$46,349.62

***Miscellaneous Offerings:*** Plate 311.20; Visitor 65.00; Sunday School 0.08; Concordia Seminary 50.00; Inn from the Cold 120.00; Organ 9.30.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** The account of Deborah serves as today's lesson, "The Palm-Tree Judge." Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

**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 assist in this necessary work.



**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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** We collected 148 shoeboxes. Praise the Lord! Thank you to everyone who participated in either shopping or making donations or doing an online box. Thanks also to those who participated in the pack a box party on Friday/Saturday. My special thanks go to Elfrieda Heiden and Kim Lautermilch for all their help and support.



**MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Srey Muay** serves as a Bible teacher at Garuna Christian School in Tbong Khmoum province. She is also now studying at the Luther institute for Southeast Asia. **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 Muay 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.



**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.

**OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the church, observing COVID protocols, and we wrap up by 10:30. We invite all the men to come and join us.



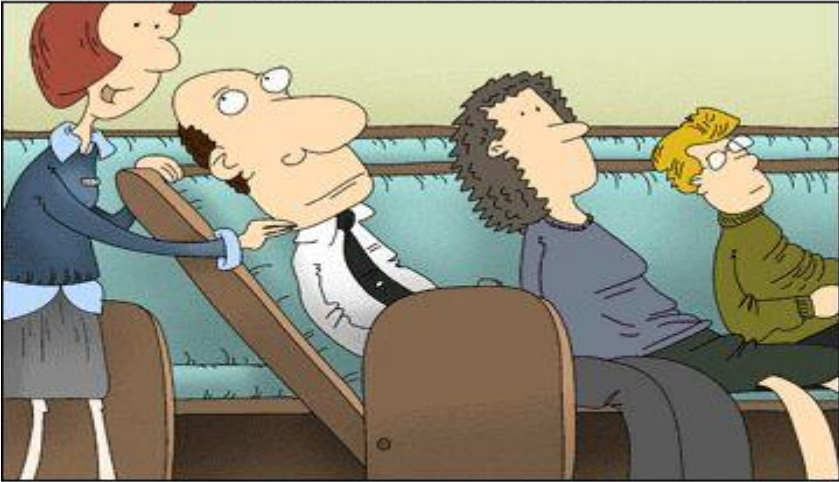
**WITH MULTIPLE CHRISTMAS SERVICES** it will be necessary to sanitize the pews before each service. With many hands this is a relatively simple task. Our caretaker, Brian Vincent, would love to have your help. Let him know, or let us know in the office, that you can assist with this.

The Oromo congregation will also be returning to worship December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will need to sanitize each week, to enable them to be able to worship. They will sanitize after their service. Again, if you can help, please let us know.

**MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE SWITCHED THEIR GIVING** to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. We will order our 2023 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 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](mailto: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.

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PARDON ME SIR ... WE ARE JUST A FEW  
MINUTES OUT FROM THE BENEDICTION AND I  
NEED YOU TO RETURN YOUR PEW TO ITS FULL,  
UPRIGHT POSITION

### ***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: 1 Corinthians 1:18*** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



# Growing FAITH at home

28th November 2021  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The coming of Jesus

## Caring Conversations



### SHARE

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

1

What is something you are really looking forward to at the moment?

2

Jesus tells us that one day he will come again in glory. How do you imagine his return? What can we do to "watch" for him to return?



## Devotions



### READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man
M	Jeremiah 33:14-16	The promise of restoration
T	1 Thess 3:9-13	Timothy's encouraging report
W	Micah 4:1-7	The Lord's coming reign of peace
T	Luke 17:22-37	The day of the Son of Man
F	Romans 13:11-14	Our salvation is near
S	Psalms 25:1-10	In you I put my trust
S	Luke 3:1-6	Prepare the way of the Lord



### TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAY

Lord Jesus, we are waiting and watching for you to come again. Help us to always trust your words. Amen.



### BLESS

May the Lord help you to stand strong in your faith and be ready for his coming again.

## Advent

Advent is a time for preparing, a time of waiting and watching. We celebrate Advent with the colour BLUE as this communicates the message of hope. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that one day Jesus will come again.

## Creative Response

Have you set up and decorated your household Christmas tree? When this is done, take some time for a Christmas tree blessing. Gather around the tree and use the following ritual.

Leader: This tree is a blessing to our home. It reminds us of all that is beautiful, and of God's goodness. It stands in our home as a tree of light, a sign of Jesus' presence with us as the Light of the World. He was the shoot that grew from the stump of Jesse to become a branch that gives us shelter.

Reader: Jeremiah 33:15-16

**All: God of all Creation, we thank you for this tree. Bless us as we gather around it. May its lights light up our hearts with your love, joy and peace. May the gifts placed under it remind us of the great gift of your Son Jesus. Amen.**

Finish the ritual with a 'countdown' towards the lighting of your tree. Have each household member point out their favourite Christmas tree decoration.



## mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, bless our home with hope this Advent.  
As we enjoy your gifts, make us ready for your coming again. Amen.

verse for the week

(Jesus said)  
"Heaven and earth  
will pass away,  
but my words will  
never pass away."

LUKE 21:33

## Service



Make some Christmas decorations using various craft materials (cardboard, coloured paper, glue, glitter etc). Give these away to neighbours and friends as a sign of Christmas cheer.



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OF GREAT BRITAIN  
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Living Faith. Growing in Life.

