

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *Second Sunday After The Epiphany* *January 16, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Just as You changed water into wine, O Lord, You have changed us from sinners into saints. No longer must we dread the bitter taste of death, for You have revealed to us the sweetness of Your salvation through Your life, death and resurrection. May Your grace continue to sweeten the lives of so many more.

*O Transforming Lord, change us into the people that You want us to be.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** ..... 399; 402; 824; 815; 693

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 62:1-5

**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... John 2:1-11

**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 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; Lorne Rosenau  
Acolyte..... Karl Wong

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The Fearless Shepherd” is the title for today’s lesson. As their armies remain encamped against one another, the Philistines send for their champion, Goliath, to challenge the Israelites. The Israelites fear to challenge the giant. Young David expresses dismay at the soldiers’ lack of trust in God. Confident that the Lord will give him victory, David uses his sling and knocks Goliath to the ground before cutting off Goliath’s head with the giant’s own sword.

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Wednesday/Communion</b>
January 9	106	16/13

*\* 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	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,040.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$12,450.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$16,346.15</b>	<b>-\$3,896.15</b>

***Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Visitor 40.00; FLSR Rent 2,000.00; LWML 155.00; Initial Offerings 43.00.

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2022 is adopted.

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Hazed and Confused"*** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler God is against our pride because He wants to give Himself to us. (Luke 4:1-37) 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)

### **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 the 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.

**MISSION PRAYER:** Deaconess Leyla Suazo, serves as an instructor of the faith at Lutheran Church Gëtsemani in the city of El Viejo. **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 Suazo 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**



**THANK YOU** to those who attended our Men's Bible Study on a chilly Saturday morning. We had 10 come out, including one non-church member, and one former member. Pastor Bode led us in a study of the Apostle Paul sending out early missionaries to spread the gospel (about 50 A.D.) as recorded in Acts 13, 14, & 15. Our next gathering will be moved back a week, to February 12<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join in with us in the opportunity for Christian growth.

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is set to begin again during our Christian Education Hour. We will meet starting next Sunday at 9:00 am; the same as our Confirmation class. It is helpful if you would register for this; when you are registering for worship, just add a note behind your first name such as (study). If you register through the office, just let us know that you are going to join us. We do continue COVID protocols—masking and social distancing.



**OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING** to adopt the budget for 2022 on **Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk.

**CHURCH DIRECORY:** Has there been a change to your contact information – email, phone, cell, mailing address? If so, please advise us at [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com) so that a new member phone directory can be compiled



**IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PICKED UP YOUR 2022 ENVELOPES**, they are still available on the table in the narthex. We appreciate your attention to this.



**IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING, BUT IT IS ALWAYS WORTH REPEATING:** We see so many needs for prayer in these days. We see the problems that COVID-19 has created for so many people. We know the frustration, the isolation, the fears and uncertainty that fill the hearts of many. We know the disappointments we feel from not being able to do so many of the things together that have been part of our lives together in this place. God calls us to prayer again and again, He promises to hear and to answer. Paul says: *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6–7, ESV) May we bring our needs to the Lord, especially as we see all that COVID has done, for He, and He alone, can truly deliver us from this pandemic.

**IN THE REMAINING WEEKS OF EPIPHANY** the pastors are going to have a sermon series focussing on the Lord’s Prayer. While Luther once referred to the Lord’s Prayer as the greatest martyr, it is a great encouragement for us in our prayer life, especially as we use it as the Saviour bids us do. We hope you will be with us as we look to this gift of prayer and to our lives as praying people

**WHY READ THE BIBLE DAILY?** When you are away from home, don’t you long for the voice of those you love? We know how important it is to share with family and friends daily (look at the way people use Facebook and other social media!) The Bible is God’s Word. It is how He speaks to us. We hear His voice and stay in contact through prayer. Read your Bible! Let God speak to you! We have a variety of reading plans to help you go through the Scriptures. We’ll put some on the Welcome Desk or speak to the pastors to get a copy. If you have a The Lutheran Study Bible, you will also find a 2 year bible reading plan included on page lix of the introductory material.

### **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 Peter 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

***WE CAN ALWAYS BENEFIT FROM EXTRA HELP IN THESE DAYS*** with needs such as ushering, or helping our COVID committee. To assist with any of these areas, please contact Sarah Knudtson ([knudtson.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:knudtson.sarah@gmail.com)) or the church office.

***OUR NEXT FOOTPRINT*** will be published in February. We know that many members look for the calendars, including the list of birthdays and anniversaries. We will print a few of these and have just the calendars available on the Welcome Desk.

### ***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.



Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Share about a party or celebration you have attended. What made it special?

2

Jesus changed water into wine. What changes has he brought about in your life?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
<b>M</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5	Zion's new name
<b>T</b>	1 Cor 12:1-11	Concerning spiritual gifts
<b>W</b>	Genesis 2:18-25	God institutes marriage
<b>T</b>	Ephesians 5:21-33	Paul speaks about marriage
<b>F</b>	Hebrews 13:1-8	Marriage should be honoured
<b>S</b>	Psalms 36:5-10	Feasting in God's house
<b>S</b>	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth



TALK

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

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord, help us to make good use of the gifts you have given us.  
Amen



BLESS

May the Holy Spirit bless you with faith to believe in Jesus and with many gifts to serve him.

## Sundays After Epiphany

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

### Creative Response

Jesus' appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings, and desires to bless married couples that want him to be part of their lives.

This week is a good time for husbands and wives to share with their children or grandchildren about their own weddings, and what part Jesus plays in their marriage. They may wish to show wedding photos and reminisce with their children about the day of their wedding.



#### mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking. Make us new people, full of love for you and one another. Amen.

verse for the week

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the NEW CREATION has come: The old has gone, the NEW is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 6:17

### Service



Who in your community is preparing to be married or just recently married? Work together as a household to write a prayer for them, and all marriages. Use it this week in your household devotion times. Send a copy of the prayer to them, letting them know that you have been praying for them.