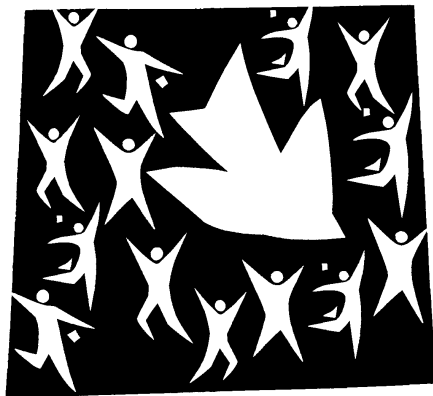


Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*You are the
BODY of CHRIST
and individually
members of it*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

Third Sunday After The Epiphany

January 23, 2022

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Savior, teach us this day to listen to Your Word and to recognize that Scripture is indeed being fulfilled in this house of worship and in the places where we live. May we learn never to doubt, and always to trust in You.

O Christ, our Teacher, may the words of Your mouth sink deep into our hearts.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 779; As It Is In Heaven; 766 (vs. 1-2, 9); Blessed Be Your Name

FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:16-30

SERMON: *God's Holy Name* (Lord's Prayer First Petition) John 17:4, 26

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; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley

Ushers.....Brian Vincent; Ellen Wagner

Acolyte.....Paxton Knudtson

THE FLOWERS which beautify our altar today are given to the glory of God by John and Diane Voss in loving memory of Hilda Schollenberg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we will study “The Faith-Full Friends.” The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that “the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David” (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul’s insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Sadly, Saul’s anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God’s will, warns David to flee from the king.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	1:00 pm	LWMLC Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Circuit Winkel
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth
Saturday	1:00 pm	Voter's Meeting
Sunday	9:00 am	Confirmation / Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Attendance/Communion	Wednesday
January 16	113/71	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	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$10,305.00	\$425,000.00**
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$22,755.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$24,519.23	-\$1,764.23

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: FLSR Rent 2,000.00; LWML 170.00; Mustard Seed 20.00; Organ Fund 1,020.70; Initial Offerings 55.00.

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Caught" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus' words and story, even more so. (Luke 4:38 - 5:16) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at 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.

Thank You **OUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:** You have again shown your love for us, the pastors and workers in this church with a gift this Christmas. We are blessed through your thoughtfulness and appreciate your kindness. We truly hope that you know we return that love and appreciation to you. We thank God for you, for your kindness and for your support. May He continue to bless us in our work and service together, to the glory of His name!



HYMN SING SUNDAY: January 30th is a 5th Sunday of the month. As we have in the past, we will try to do this as a hymn sing Sunday. Share your requests with Pastor Bode or Pastor Eric by Monday of next week.

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY MEETING Monday by Zoom 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Pastor Bode will lead us in Bible Study and then we will have our business meeting. All ladies are welcome! Please e-mail Cheryl Lemke at cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone her at (403) 851-2049 if you plan to attend.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Va Savet serves the Lutheran Church in Kampot, 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 Savet 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**



OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING to adopt the budget for 2022 on **Saturday, January 29th**, beginning at 1:00 pm. Voter packages are available on the Welcome Desk. The registration form for the meeting is now posted online. Go to: <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ> to register.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY began today during our Christian Education Hour. We meet starting 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.



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, for He, and He alone, is our strength and hope!

TO HELP US IN OUR PRAYER LIVES we have two special efforts: the pastors will preach on the Lord’s Prayer during the remaining weeks of Epiphany. Our Lenten Leaders’ Bible Study will also focus on prayer. We are looking at offering two “cohorts” for this bible study—in person and online. We’ll have more details about our plans in the coming days.

We hope that you will be with us for this special sermon series, as we learn from our Lord how to pray, and the blessings of the prayer He taught to the disciples and to us.

LOOKING FOR ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A DAILY HABIT OF BIBLE READING? 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. They are available 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.

PLEASE CHECK THE REFRIDGERATOR DOOR when you are using the fridge. We often assume it will close properly, but it has not been sealing and has been left ajar several times. That means the fridge runs more. Please be a good steward and take a moment to check that it is closed properly.

Q: What is the rationale behind the three readings from the Holy Scriptures each Sunday?

A: The reading of the appointed texts of the Holy Scriptures in the Divine Service dates back to the practice of the Jewish people in the synagogue. This was practiced by our Lord in His hometown synagogue where He read a portion from the prophet Isaiah (St. Luke 4:16). The Church Father Justin Martyr (A.D. 150) tells of Scripture readings in the Divine Service “*for as long as time permits.*” By the fifth and sixth centuries, certain texts or pericopes (pronounced “per-ik-ohpees”—from the Greek meaning “*cutting around*”) became associated with certain Sundays and festival days. Later these would become firmly established throughout the Western Church. The Lutherans of the Reformation time retained this system of reading the Holy Scriptures in the Sunday Divine Service because it was a time-honoured, time-proved way to proclaim God’s Word in the Church. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church issued a completely new series of Scripture readings. This lectionary (reading) series is a three-year series, each year focusing primarily on one of the three synoptic Gospels (St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke). In addition, the three-year series allows for greater scope in the presentation of Old Testament readings and Epistle readings than was previously known in lectionary systems of the past. In the new system, it is also possible, over the course of several Sundays, to maintain a continuous reading from one of the Epistles. By the late 1970’s this system had been moderately revised for Lutheran Churches and is now commonly used by Lutherans of all stripes throughout North America.

Of the three readings, the Gospel Lesson is the highpoint. The reading of the Holy Gospel is the peak of the first half of the Divine Service, for it proclaims the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ. The sermon, which many look upon as the highpoint, actually stands in service of the Holy Gospel, acting as the means for illuminating and explaining the Gospel text. The Holy Gospel sets the theme for the day and from the earliest of times has been given a place of pride and honour in the readings at the Divine Service. As Origin (an early Christian writer from about A.D.212), once said, “*The Holy Gospel is the crown of all Holy Scriptures.*”

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 Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.



Growing
FAITH
at home

23rd January 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Freedom Through God's Spirit

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

What would your life be like if you were in prison or blind?

2

Jesus said that he came to declare freedom for the prisoners and sight to the blind. You have been set free from sin – how does this impact your life?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
M	Nehemiah 8:1-10	Ezra reads the law
T	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Unity and diversity in the body
W	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals in the synagogue
T	Acts 14:1-7	Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue
F	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	The power of God's Word
S	Psalm 19	Heavens declare the glory of God
S	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected



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, thank you for making us part of your body. Help us to work together to do your work. Amen.



BLESS

In Christ you are free! May God's Spirit strengthen you as you share the good news.

Sundays After Epiphany

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

Creative Response

Blindfold a member of the household for the duration of a meal or evening. Sit down and talk about the experience.

Research what it means to be held captive in the world today and find some examples.

Pray for these people.

Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.



mealtime prayer

Come Lord Jesus; fill us with your spirit and this food. Amen.

verse for the week

The spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

Service



When Jesus attended the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practise together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church. For example, cleaning, serving coffee, ushering.