

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



## *Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany*

### *January 30, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Lord, may we accept You as You are, not as we would want You to be. May we accept You as our Savior from sin. May we accept You as the Master of our lives. And may we accept You as the Ruler over heaven and earth.

*O Jesus, our Savior, Master, and Ruler,  
help us to see God's plan revealed in You.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... 362; 594; 588; 766 (1, 3-4, 9); 646; 657; 578  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1 Corinthians 12:12-31b-13:13  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 4:31-44  
**SERMON:** *Taught to Pray: Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done* – John 6:40

**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:**  
Music..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers..... John Voss; Bruce Winstanley  
Acolyte..... Karl Wong

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “The King of Glory” is the title for this week’s lesson. King David prays, thanking God for His blessings and seeking His guidance. As David worships and acknowledges the true God, he asks God’s blessing on his household and nation. David’s psalm praises and glorifies God as it looks ahead to the coming of the glorious Savior and King.

### ***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

|                  |          |   |
|------------------|----------|---|
| <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>Friday</b>    | 10:30 am | Pastor Bode at Circuit Counsellor Meeting   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10:30 am | Regional Mission and Ministry Council meets |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:00 am  | Confirmation / Bible Study                  |
|                  | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship/Communion                    |

### ***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

| <b>Week of:</b> | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>Wednesday/Communion</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| January 23      | 111               | 14/11                      |

*\* 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><br>\$425,000.00** |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week     | \$3,745.00         |  |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date       | \$26,500.00        | <b>+/- YTD</b>                           |
| <b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b> | <b>\$32,692.31</b> | <b>-\$6,192.31</b>                       |

***Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:*** Plate Offering 10.00; Visitor Offering 10.00; LWML 100.00; Organ Fund 22.15; A/R 36.22; Human Care Ministries 150.00; Initial Offerings 15.00.

***TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2021:*** We are working on the 2021 tax receipts. Check for your receipt in your mailbox over the next couple of weeks. We will leave them there until mid-February then if not picked-up, will mail them out. If you would like your receipt mailed sooner, please contact the church office.

***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!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "It's Not the Healthy"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of a pastor who preached Christ's forgiveness to a congregation of criminals. (Luke 5:17-39) 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.



**OUR MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet one week later this month. We will gather on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We invite the men of the congregation to join us.

**THE REGIONAL MISSION AND MINISTRY COUNCIL** of our West Region will be meeting online this coming Saturday. Michelle Heumann and Pastor Bode represent the Calgary Circuit. As they look at the work our congregations do together for the sake of the Gospel, pray for God's guidance and blessing upon the work He calls us to do.

The region's Circuit Counsellors will also be meeting on Friday of this week. Keep the counselors in your prayers, too!

**SPREADING THE LOVE OF JESUS THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF HOMEMADE VALENTINES:** If you are interested in creating a valentine for a shut-in or another member of our congregation who may be in need of a cheerful message, please contact the church office. This initiative is sponsored by the ladies of Foothills LWML-C Society with our special thanks to the staff for orchestrating it!

**MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Srey Mom** serves as a bible teacher at 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 Mom 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**



***DURING THESE EPIPHANY DAYS*** we are spending time reviewing the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, as we seek to learn from our Lord to pray. We hope you will join us for the remaining weeks in this series. You can also go back and find them online if you miss a service.

***CAN'T WORSHIP ON SUNDAY?*** We also have services each Wednesday, too! Some of our members have also appreciated the smaller numbers on Wednesday as we continue to deal with COVID. You can register for either service (Sunday or Wednesday) at <https://rsvp.church/r/aTJSxeNQ>

***OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY*** has started up again 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.

***HYMN STORIES: Our Father, Who From Heaven Above*** (LSB 766)

Good hymns have always carried the biblical message of the Saviour and teach the basics of the faith. Luther recognized the importance of having such hymns for the congregation to sing. That is why, early in the Reformation, Martin Luther was intent on providing hymns for congregations to sing. By 1534 Luther had created a paraphrase of the Creed: We All Believe in One True God. (LSB 954) Hymn for the Lord's Supper and for the Ten Commandments followed. It was more than a decade later that he wrote hymns for the Lord's Prayer and for Baptism.

In his hymn on the Lord's Prayer, Luther begins each stanza with the petitions of the prayer from Matthew 6:9-13, followed by a brief explanation of the petition. The final stanza is on the Amen. In singing this hymn, we pray the prayer that our Lord taught us, but we also see that Jesus uses it as a model for our prayers, so that we use the petitions to bring all of our needs before the Lord, who has assured us: "call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." (Psalm 50:15, ESV)

## ***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.

## ***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: Exodus 34:6***

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

30th January 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

God Has Chosen You

Caring Conversations



SHARE

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

1

Jesus was rejected by the people who were in his hometown. Share about a time that you felt rejected or left out.

2

How do you react to the news that Jesus will never reject or turn his back on you?



Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

|          |                  |                                      |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>S</b> | Luke 4:21-30     | The prophet Jesus is rejected        |
| <b>M</b> | Jeremiah 1:4-10  | The call of Jeremiah                 |
| <b>T</b> | 1 Cor 13:1-13    | Love is patient, love is kind.       |
| <b>W</b> | Matthew 13:53-58 | Jesus rejected at Nazareth           |
| <b>T</b> | Luke 6:20-26     | Rejected disciples are blessed       |
| <b>F</b> | 1 Peter 2:4-11   | Rejected by people but chosen by God |
| <b>S</b> | Psalms 71:1-6    | In you, Lord, I have taken refuge    |
| <b>S</b> | Luke 5:1-11      | Jesus calls the first disciples      |



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, make us strong when we are rejected because of you. Keep us trusting and following you. Amen.



BLESS

(Name) You are God's special possession, live in his light.

## Sundays After Epiphany

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

## Creative Response

In your household devotion times this week use 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a to reflect on the love shown in your home.

Ask household members to recall and name ways in which others in your home have loved them.

For example:

- 'You showed me love by being kind when....'
- 'You showed me love by being patient when...'
- 'You showed me love by forgiving me when...'

Think of people outside your household who show love to you.

Make up heart-shaped cards and write (for example) 'Love is Kind' on the front and 'Thank you for being so kind to me' on the back.

Then on the inside write a personal note thanking them for their love.

Plan a way to deliver your cards.

## mealtime prayer

Lord, give us hearts that are grateful for all your kindness. As you love us, lead us to love others. Amen.

verse for the week

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 PETER 2:9

## Service



Invite someone you haven't invited before to your house for a meal.

Decorate your house in a way that welcomes them and makes them feel special.

