

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** In Your time, O Lord, everything will come to pass as You have promised. Prepare us for the time of Your return. Keep us strong and confident in the midst of destruction and evil intents. Then when the time is right, take us to be with You in the place where time is everlasting.

*O God of every time and place, Your love lasts forever.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** ..... Your Name; Better Is One Day; Faithful One;  
..... Desert Song; Blessed Be Your Name

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Malachi 4:1–6

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Luke 21:5–28 (29–36)

**SERMON:**

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL!** We are so glad that you have joined us on this special day, as we rejoice in the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, our Saviour. May this good news give you new and living hope for your life in Him. If it is your first time with us, help us to get to know you by signing our guest book, and introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope that you will join us again as we worship and praise God for His goodness to us in Christ Jesus, our Saviour.

**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.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS:** We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God’s people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).

Offering plates are at the door, both before and after service, for those who want to give their offerings in God’s house. These will be brought to the altar during the service.

In all things, let us remember that we give from the bounty that our Lord first bestows upon us. Thanks be to Him for every good and perfect gift!

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Christine Heumann; Pastor Eric & Kayla Moffett  
 Ushers..... Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene  
 Lector ..... Christine Heumann  
 Coffee Team..... Carl & Shirley Berdahl; Ellen Wagner

***THIS WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 pm	Funeral Service for Lloyd Sandau
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

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

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

***THE ALTAR FLOWERS*** that beautify the altar for the remainder of November are given to the glory of God by Donna Poirier in loving memory of her parents, Cliff and Ruth Oberhammer.

***WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY*** and the glorious hope of the resurrection to Carol Sandau and family at the death of our brother in Christ, Lloyd Sandau. His Christian memorial service will be here on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm, with Pastor Hautz leading the service. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** There was no Sunday School lesson today, due to the long weekend created by the Remembrance Day holiday. Students are encouraged to read, with their families, Luke 21:25-29. This passage tells of the signs of Christ's return. What does it encourage us to do in Verse 28?

***LAST WEEK AT FLC***

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
Nov 06	148/78	18/13	37

\* Attendance numbers include online participants

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

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b> \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$6,170.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$341,552.68	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$372,980.77</b>	<b>-\$31,428.09</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Visitor 825.00; Student Residence 500.00; CLWR 66.00; Canadian Lutheran Mission Society 100.00; Inn from the Cold 40.00; LWML 50.00; Benevolence 2,000.00; Board of Ed Recovery 65.00.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Still Holding On"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's judgment clears the way for God's new creation, in Christ. (Luke 21:28). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**PEROGY BEE IS BACK!** Saturday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kelly Dueck with any questions you may have.

**DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT TEA AND TALENTS:** Come Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm for an Advent Tea and Talents Activity event! This will be for everyone - activities for the kids, goodies to share, and talents on display! Start thinking of any talent you can share with our church family: reading a poem, displaying artwork, playing waterglasses, gymnastics display, ballet routine, family skit, musical instrument, singing or whatever you can come up with! We would love to have your submission. It's all for fun and fellowship! Bring ½ dozen of your favourite cookies or squares to share. Sign up on the Fellowship Board or contact Sarah Knudtson.

**LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES:** The annual budget meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 19, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. in the basement of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 66 – 7 Street NE. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2023 budget.

**OUR STREAMED MIDWEEK SERVICES** have seen lower and lower attendance, and we are considering going to a recorded service, posted later. We will be continuing the present schedule until the new year. If you have concerns or comments, please speak to the pastors or the elders.

## **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. Other programs work on support and prevention.

Inn from the Cold started when a number of downtown churches met to decide how to help the homeless. It provides shelter and hope to homeless families and others in need.



Families and single people are housed in the permanent facility (purchased in 2008) or churches, community centres, etc. Many families come to the Inn with nothing but the clothes on their backs. We are asking for donations again this year to support this organization in meeting the needs of their guests this Christmas season. Donated items can be placed in the box marked Inn from the Cold and is located next to the food bank box.



**PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:** To help support youth group trips like the 2023 IMPACT Youth Gathering in BC next summer, we will be selling chocolates from Purdy's, and they will be delivered in time for Christmas! Purdy's has a great selection of Christmas goodies, boxed chocolates, and sugar-free chocolate. Brochures are available on the Information Centre. You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/814849-96920> and pay with a credit card. **The order/payment deadline is November 27.** Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your support!

**THERE ARE MANY NEEDS IN OUR CONGREGATION** where we would be blessed through the help and service of God's people, working together to be a blessing to one another. We are looking for people to serve as:

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| Vice President PPC                                 | Co-chair Human Care Ministries |
| Recording Secretary                                | Altar Flowers                  |
| Meals on Wheels drivers                            | Counters                       |
| Altar Guild (Communion set-up, changing paraments) |                                |
| Additional coffee team members and food donations  |                                |

Is God leading you to help in these ways? Speak to the pastors or Deaconess Miriam, and we will put you in touch with those who will be blessed through your help!



**GIFTS FROM THE HEART:** When communities are devastated by disaster, drought or conflict, your gifts provide life-saving support as families get through crisis and begin to recover. Everywhere the Canadian Lutheran World Relief works, the response is guided by

the voices of the people they serve. Visit [www.clwr.org/GFTH](http://www.clwr.org/GFTH) to learn more.



The Season of  
Advent

**THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT** is upon us 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 and we will begin with soup suppers at 5:30. Our theme is **Christmas Cross-words**. God's promises shine through in the words of the prophet Isaiah. We will look at these wonderful words and see how the cross comes through several themes we will 'intersect' in the text. We hope you will be with us for this special time of preparation and devotion!

**A CALENDAR OF OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE** is available to you on the welcome desk. These outline the special services of the season and are also a reminder of what we celebrate. They are also a simple way to share with a friend, to invite them to join us. Pick up a copy today.

We also have Advent devotional booklets, entitled "A Son is Given". Pick up a copy on the welcome desk.

**SOUP SIGN-UP:** If you are someone who loves to make soup for the cold winter months, consider making an extra pot for one of our 5:30 pm Advent suppers. The sign-up sheet is located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex.



**THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023** will be available soon. As we draw near to the end of the year, we want to use the blessings God provides to complete the work we do together through our tithes and offerings. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. We encourage your faithful stewardship. If you need a set of offering envelopes, please let the office know **OR** if you wish to contribute via Interact transactions, in which case you will no longer need a set of envelopes, please let the office know, preferably before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Phough Mayavuth** [Pho Mayavuth] is the pastor of Garuna Lutheran Church in Pre Vey. Pastor Mayavuth also serves as a teacher at Garuna Christian School in Pre Vey. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Mayavuth, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**





# Growing FAITH at home

13th November 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – PROPER 28  
stand firm

## Caring Conversations



### SHARE

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

1

What is a hope you have for the future? What is a fear you have about the future?

2

It has been said: *"We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future."* What does this say to you?

3

What promises does Jesus give to us about the future? (Look up Luke 21:19.)

## Devotions



### READ Daily Bible Readings

<b>S</b>	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
<b>M</b>	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man
<b>T</b>	Exodus 14:10-31	Stand firm
<b>W</b>	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13	Never tire of doing what is good
<b>T</b>	Isaiah 65: 17-25	I will create new heavens
<b>F</b>	Jude 17-23	A call to persevere
<b>S</b>	Psalms 141	God is my refuge
<b>S</b>	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king



### TALK

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

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAY

Lord God, help us not to become tired of doing good. Lead us to find ways to serve you and others. Amen.



### BLESS

May God make you strong in your faith. May God give you wise words to speak up for him.

sundays after Pentecost

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

## Creative Response

Isaiah 65:17 tells us that God will "create new heavens and a new earth".

Verses 24-25 of that chapter describe a new place where "the wolf and the lamb will eat together and the lion will eat straw like the ox".

Share your personal "pictures of heaven" with each other (e.g. "I picture heaven as a place where ...").

As an additional activity, draw or paint these images. Place them up in your home together with the words of Isaiah 65:17a.

## mealttime prayer

Lord, thank you for the food you send. Keep us in faith until the end. Amen.

verse for the week

stand firm, and you will win life.

LUKE 21:19

## Service



In Luke 21, Jesus warns that some Christians will face persecution because they follow him. This is the case today in various parts of the world. Pray this week for:

- **Christians in North Korea.** In this country following Jesus is considered an act of treason, and Christians face the real threat of imprisonment and even execution.
- **Christians in Sudan, Nigeria, Iraq and in various parts of Indonesia, India and Pakistan.** Many Christians in these areas live in fear of being physically attacked by followers of other religions.
- **Christians in China.** House churches in China face the constant threat of raids from government authorities. Many house church leaders have been arrested and imprisoned in modern China.