

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



First Sunday in Advent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Bless our observance of Advent, O Lord. Fill these days of waiting with new insights, fresh perspectives, moments of meditation, and times of peace and quiet. Prepare us for Your presence among us. Instil in us a desire to share the good news of Your coming with one another. Draw us to Your manger-throne, and so to life that knows no end.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 331; The Saving One; 357 vs 1-2, 4;
..... Build Your Kingdom Here; 332; Hope of the Nations
FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 2:1-5
EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11
SERMON:

WELCOME! It is a joy to have you with us today, especially the visitors who have joined us this morning. We gather together this day to be fed with the life-giving word of God. If you are visiting with us today, we hope you will join us again and find the joy, peace and life we have as God's people. We also hope you will sign our guest book at the back of the church.

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.

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..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Elfrieda Heiden; Bruce Winstanley
Acolyte..... Charlie O’Krafka
Lector Stacey Bablitz
Coffee Team..... Tim, Sarah and Eden Knudtson

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	1:00 pm	LWML (Zoom only)
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Soup Supper/Advent Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	6:30 pm	Advent Tea & Talent Night
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY and the glorious hope of the resurrection to the family of Elfrieda Stewart. We pray that God would comfort this family with His everlasting love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “The Matthew Matter” is the title of today’s lesson. Jesus encounters Matthew sitting at his tax booth. He tells Matthew to follow Him, and Matthew responds immediately, inviting Jesus to his home. There, Jesus and His disciples dine with other tax collectors and sinners despite the criticism of the Pharisees. When Jesus hears their comments, He reminds them that only those who recognize the sickness of their sin rejoice in the healing He alone can provide.

THE FLOWERS that beautify the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Donna Poirier in loving memory of her parents, Cliff and Ruth Oberhammer.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday/Communion	Wednesday	Education Hour
Nov 20	104/78	8	35

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$12,917.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$365,114.68	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$389,557.69	-\$24,443.01

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 90.05; Visitor 205.00; FLSR Rental 500.00; LWML 600.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Freshly Fallen Snow" Lutheran Hour Speaker, Dr. Michael Zeigler, talks about fresh snow, fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty. (Isaiah 2:1-5). 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



DECEMBER 2ND ADVENT TEA AND TALENTS: Come Friday, December 2nd 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.

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 Welcome Desk. You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/814849-96920> and pay with a credit card. The order/payment **deadline is today**. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 11. Thank you for your support!

FOOTHILLS LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING: Monday, November 28th 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is a ZOOM meeting. We will begin with Bible study led by Pastor Bode, followed by a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome! Please contact Cheryl Lemke by e-mail: cheryl.lemke@shaw.ca or phone: (403) 851-2049 if you plan to participate and the zoom link will be sent to you.

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. We truly will benefit from your input.

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:

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!

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED!! We are very short of drivers for 2023 and asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering some time on a Thursday morning to deliver meals to shut-ins and elderly. We have drivers who do Thursday mornings (about 1+1/2 hours each) for one month, or you can do weeks at a time - whatever your schedules will allow. If you can drive for us sometime between January and June - please let me know as soon as possible as I'm doing up the schedule now!! You can call me (403-710-8347) or email me at christineheumanncg@gmail.com. Thank you for considering this mission!!



The Season of
Advent

WE ARE IN THE SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT 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 1st.

MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Srey [sur-ay] Mom currently serves as a bible teacher to women and children at the Kampot Lutheran Church. **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 Srey 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**





Growing FAITH at home

27 November 2022

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

WAITING AND WATCHING



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Do you like to wait for things?
2. Share about a time when you were waiting for something good to happen.



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

Isaiah 2:1-5
The mountain
of the Lord

2nd reading

Romans 13:11-14
The day is near

Gospel reading

Matthew 24:36-44
The day and
hour unknown

DISCUSS

In Matthew 24:42 Jesus asks his followers to be ready. How can we be ready for Jesus when he comes back someday?



ACTION RESPONSE

Make a time to bake Christmas biscuits or treats together. Using cellophane and ribbon, tie them into parcels to give away to friends and neighbours. Add a Bible verse for the Christmas season. Or think of another gift idea to share with your friends and neighbours.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, keep us awake in our faith, always ready for you to return. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please bless our Advent eating and our Advent waiting. Give us hearts that are ready and a faith that is steady. Amen.



BLESSING

May you wait and watch for Jesus. May your faith burn bright each and every day.

SO ALWAYS BE READY, BECAUSE
YOU DON'T KNOW THE DAY YOUR
LORD WILL COME.

MATTHEW 24:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

