

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



Second Sunday in Advent

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Advent Lord, come to us and unite your people here on earth. May faith in You bring together people of every tribe and nation. May forgiveness turn enemies into friends. And by the power of Your presence, may we grow to love each other more and more.

Coming Christ, unite us by Your love.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE:A Carol Setting for Holy Communion

HYMNS:344; 342; 347; 575; 333; 756

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 11:1-10

EPISTLE LESSON:Romans 15:4-13

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON: God's Gift of Hope – Romans 15:4, 12-13

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!

THE FLOWERS that beautify the altar this month are given to the glory of God by Walter Zwick in loving memory of his wife, Lois.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
Ushers..... Heather Sommers; John Voss
Acolyte..... Kieran Chan
Lector Christine Heumann
Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhoft; Colleen Judiesch; Anne Marie Kothari

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday	6:30 pm	Sunday School Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Elders
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup & Bun Supper
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday		Youth – Mustard Seed Sorting
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Purdy Order Pick-up

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: “A Water Wonder” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jesus sends His disciples before Him in the boat while He goes to pray. Late in the night, Jesus appears to them, walking on the water. Thinking they see a ghost, the disciples first react in fear until Jesus identifies Himself to them. Peter, seeking further proof, asks to come to Jesus on the water. Despite initial success, Peter allows fear to enter his heart and begins sinking. Peter cries out for rescue, and Jesus takes him by the hand, stills the storm, and brings him safely into the boat.

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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of:	Sunday	Wednesday/Communion	Education Hour
Nov 27	129	22/15	33

* Attendance numbers include online participants

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$1,895.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$367,009.68	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$397,846.15	-\$30,836.47

Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 40.00; Visitor 230.00; Sunday School 13.00; CLWR 50.00; Lutheran Hour Ministries 10.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

Through Lutheran Hospital Ministries of Southern Alberta trained visitors give support to Lutheran patients in Calgary and area hospitals and care centres through compassionate listening, prayer, and Scripture. Visitors are always needed, and regular training is scheduled. Your gift helps provide the resources and staffing that makes this ministry a blessing to those in the hospital and care centres of our area.



THANK YOU to those who have been helping lead the Sunday morning adult Bible study, including Hans Dueck; Rob Kaut and Mark Kihn. Please join us Sundays at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all of those who participated in the perogy bee last Saturday. A fun time was had by all. It was our largest group yet, 25 perogy pinchers! We successfully made close to 2300 perogies!!

DURING THIS SACRED SEASON OF ADVENT 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!



The Season of Advent

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.

MISSION PRAYER: Rev. Sorn Sein is the pastor of Sihanouk Lutheran Church in Ville Province, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Rev. Sein, 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.**



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 JOYOUS SEASON OF CHRISTMAS is a wonderful time to share your joy and worship of the Newborn King. We continue to hear that many people would consider coming to worship, if only someone would invite them.

Our festive services are as follows

- ☆ Dec 24 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 11:00 pm - Candlelight Carol Services
- ☆ Dec 25 10:15 am: Christmas Day Family Celebration (Communion)
(also online)
- ☆ Jan. 1 10:15 am: New Year's Day Service (Communion)

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SERVICE will be part of our worship on Sunday, December 18th. The children will have rehearsals on Saturday, December 10 and 17. Please keep the children and the teachers in your prayers, as they prepare to share the good news of the Saviour's birth with us in this special part of our Christmas celebration.

WHY DIDN'T ANYONE ANSWER THE PHONE? If you call the office between 9:00 and 9:30 and no one answers the phone it is because we are in office devotions. Please remember that we are here and not ignoring you, but we are taking time together in the Word and in prayer.

SOME ADVENT THOUGHTS...

THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH IS SECOND IN IMPORTANCE only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the Time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God's great and gracious gift of Himself.

The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25, or the Sunday closest to the Festival of St. Andrew (November 30), and ends with midday prayer on December 24.

The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

In Advent, we wait for our coming King.

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-2

Micah 5:2

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

ADVENT PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS:

The color for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King. Violet can also be used during Advent as a symbol of our repentance in preparation for our coming King.

We do not sing the *Gloria in Excelsis* in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angels' song at Christmas, so during Advent we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation.

It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season. This wreath has four candles—one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus' coming.

We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh.





Growing FAITH at home

4 December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

ADVENT IS A
SEASON FOR
PREPARING



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What is something you need to prepare for?
2. What do you do to prepare?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

The branch
from Jesse

2nd reading

Romans 15:4-13

Accept one
another

Gospel reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way
of the Lord

DISCUSS

John the Baptist called on people to repent because God's kingdom was near (Matthew 3:2). What does it mean to repent?



ACTION RESPONSE

Is there someone in your church or local community who will not be sharing Christmas with their relatives this year? Plan to invite them to be part of your Christmas celebrations.



PRAYER

Lord God, help us to make straight paths for others to hear about your saving love. Help us to be prepared to tell others about you. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for all you have prepared for us to share and eat and enjoy. Help us to prepare the way for you. Amen.



BLESSING

May God give you great joy and peace as you trust in him.

A MESSENGER IS CALLING OUT IN THE
DESERT, 'PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE
LORD. MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.'

MATTHEW 3:3

VERSE OF THE WEEK

