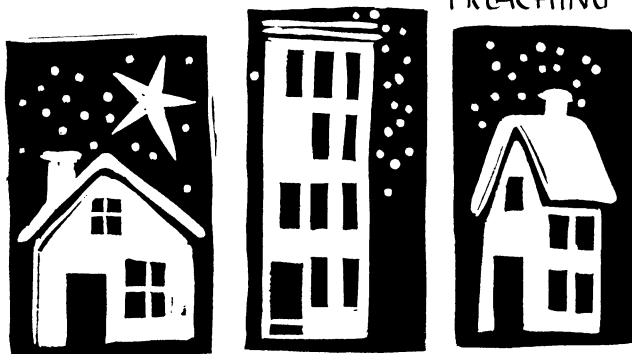


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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

AND TELL HIM  
ABOUT MY  
PREACHING



THE  
*Good news*  
TO THE POOR.  
MATTHEW 2 : 5

*Third Sunday in Advent*

*December 11, 2022*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** O Advent Lord, come to us and bring joy to the world. By Your birth, announce to us the good news that sorrow will cease, pain will disappear, and healing will come our way. May we, like the angels, sing, "Glory to God in the highest" with happiness in our hearts.

*O Coming Christ, may Your glad tidings fill us with joy.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** ..... King of Heaven; One Thing Remains;  
..... O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1-2, 5;  
..... Joy to the World; Always; All the Earth will Sing Your Praises  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 35:1-10  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... James 5:7-11  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 11:2-15  
**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](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!

**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**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians  
 Ushers..... Lorne Rosenau; Ellen Wagner  
 Acolyte ..... Emmy Legroulx  
 Lector ..... Heather Sommers  
 Coffee Team..... Michelle Funke; Heather Sommers; John Voss

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>		Purdy Order Pick-up
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 pm	LWMLC
	7:00 pm	Youth Planning
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 pm	Soup & Bun Supper
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School Children's Service Worship/Communion

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

***In Hospital:***

***Homebound:***

***For Special Intercession:***

***Family Focus:***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** “A Confident Confession” is the title of today’s lesson. Jesus asks His disciples two very direct questions: “Who do people say I am?” and “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:13, 15). Peter’s bold confession, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16), prompts Jesus to commend his words and proclaim this truth as the rock upon which the Church will be built. When Jesus foretells His death and resurrection, Peter objects and becomes a hindrance to Jesus’ mission. Jesus rebukes Peter and keeps His focus on the cross.

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
Dec 04	143/97	24	31

\* Attendance numbers include online participants

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$7,895.00 .00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$374,904.68	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	\$406,134.62	<b>-\$31,229.94</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 40.30; Visitor 240.00; Sunday School 31.75; FLSR 500.00; CLWR 175.00; Concordia Seminary 1,775.00; LWML 50.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Beauty We Can't See"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent (Isaiah 28:5). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM and/or 1060 AM at 8:00 Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**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.

**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. Our last Advent Service is this coming Wednesday at 6:30 pm and we will begin with soup supper 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!



**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.

**MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Thean BunTha** [Thee-an] currently serves the Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is currently studying at the Luther institute for Southeast Asia. **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 BunTha 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SERVICE** will be part of our worship next Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are available on the tables outside Deaconess Miriam's office. If you need offering envelopes, and don't see a set with your name on them, please let the office know. **Continue to use your current envelopes until December 31<sup>st</sup>, then please use the new envelopes starting January. 1<sup>st</sup>, as numbers may have changed.**



**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)

**LWMLC SOCIETY MEETING:** Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This is an in-person event. We'll begin with Bible Study led by Pastor Bode followed by a short business meeting. The Fellowship Hall will be set up to allow for social distancing and masks are optional. You are welcome to come at 12:30 to socialize beforehand. Bring your own lunch; coffee and goodies will be served. All ladies are welcome!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January – March 2023 are now available on the Welcome Desk. Please pick up your copy today.

**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

11 December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

ADVENT IS A  
SEASON OF  
FAITH AND  
HOPE



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### CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What helps us to keep our faith in Jesus?
2. How would you describe having hope in Jesus?



### BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

Joy of the  
redeemed

2nd reading

**James 5:7-10**

Patience in  
suffering

Gospel reading

**Matthew 11:2-11**

Jesus and John  
the Baptist

### DISCUSS

The apostle James encourages us to be patient until the Lord's coming and not to lose our faith (James 5:7-10). What things cause people to fall away from trusting Jesus?



### ACTION RESPONSE

As you arrange gifts for one another, prepare a Christmas gift to present to a local charity supporting those less well off, or make up a box of non-perishable food items to give to a local food pantry.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us the patience to wait for you. Keep us firm in our faith. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for you are good and faithful. You meet our needs of body and soul. In you we trust and hope.  
Amen.



### BLESSING

God is coming to save you. May he calm your fears and give you a brave heart.

BE PATIENT AND STAND  
FIRM, BECAUSE THE  
LORD'S COMING IS NEAR.

JAMES 5:8

VERSE OF THE WEEK

