

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



*The Baptism of Our Lord*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Beloved Lord, remind us always of the gifts given at baptism. May the Father's love poured out for us through water and the Word continue to give us comfort and strength. May Your grace shared with us continue to flow through us. And may the Spirit's wisdom continue to guide us until the Last Day.

*O Son of God, gladden our hearts with the blessings of baptism.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**HYMNS:** Be Thou My Vision; LSB 404; Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me;  
..... Called to Serve; LSB 405

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 42:1-9

**EPISTLE LESSON:** .....Romans 6:1-11

**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 3:13-17

**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!

## ***SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY***

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Acolyte..... Quinn Alcock  
Lector..... Christine Heumann  
Ushers..... Carter Stene; Jaxson Stene  
Pot Blessing..... Hosted by LWMLC

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

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	PPC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	LifeLight
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship/Communion
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 pm	Family Board Games Night
<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 LUTHERAN HOUR: "Gifted"*** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God? (Colossians 1:16). 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)

***SUNDAY SCHOOL:*** Today, we will study “A Mountaintop Wonder.” Jesus takes His inner circle—Peter, James, and John—up on a mountain. There, they see Jesus in His heavenly glory as Moses and Elijah appear alongside Him, discussing His upcoming departure. In his excitement, Peter offers to build three tents so they can remain on the mountaintop. Suddenly, a cloud—a sign of God’s presence—appears and a voice speaks out from it: “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” (Luke 9:35).

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>
Jan 01	84/44	16	n/a

\* 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	\$2,171.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$2,171.00	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	48,288.46	<b>-\$6,117.46</b>

**Non-Budget and Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 5.00; Visitor 170.00; LWML 25.00; Initial Offerings 50.00.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Our offering numbers/needs will be updated when the new budget for 2023 is adopted.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - 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.

**Today we celebrate LWML Sunday**, and during this month we are giving all our members an opportunity to support this work through our Mission of the Month.

**"FAMILY" BOARD GAMES NIGHT:** The whole Foothills family is invited to join the youth on **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** for our annual board game night from 7 to 10pm in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend and bring a snack and come prepared to try some new games and meet some new people! Please RVSP to Pastor Eric by January 11 so we have an idea of how many people to set up for.

**A NEW FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted on the Worship Bulletin Board by Deaconess Miriam's office. We appreciate the gift of fresh flowers to beautify the Lord's altar. We thank Joan Copeland for the work she has been doing in providing flowers on the altar.





**PLEASE USE YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** We made some adjustments to the numbers, so your envelope number may have changed. Please **do not** use your old envelopes anymore. God has blessed us to be a blessing, and provides for us, so that we may use His gifts to His glory. If you need offering envelopes, but don't presently have them, please let the office know.

How much should you give? Scripture says: *Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2 Corinthians 9:7 - ESV) But as we look at the Scripture guidelines for giving, we would note that we should:

- **Give regularly** - we should set aside a portion of our income weekly (and yes, even when we are absent) for the work of the Lord's church.
- **Give faithfully** - recognize that it is God who has provided all we have. He entrusts it to us, to be used properly and to His glory. This also includes the fact that we should give first to the Lord, not from the leftovers we have.
- **Give generously** - its not about our fair share or simply giving to the budget. We are to give from our hearts, especially the heart that is overjoyed at knowing the wonderful blessings of God.

May God enable us to be faithful stewards throughout the whole year!

**MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE SWITCHED THEIR GIVING** to electronic contributions and no longer require offering envelopes. We will order our 2024 offering envelopes in January to take advantage of early order discounts. Please let the church office know if you no longer require offering envelopes and we will adjust our order. If we don't hear from you, we will proceed with ordering envelopes for you. Regardless of the way, may God enable us to be faithful stewards of His gifts first given to us!

Your support in the Lord's work is highly treasured and we are pleased to be able provide you with a pre-authorized alternative of giving. Should you prefer this style of offering, please contact [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com). We will provide you with an agreement from the Bank of Montreal where you will be asked to provide your identification and financial institution details. A 'void' cheque is helpful as well. Once this form has been completed, return it to the church office.

**OUR VOTERS WILL BE MEETING** to adopt the budget for 2023 on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Voter packages will soon be available on the Welcome Desk.



**IF YOU HAVEN'T YET PICKED UP YOUR 2023 ENVELOPES**, they are still available on the table in the narthex. We appreciate your attention to this.

**DON'T  
FORGET:**

**HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR MAILBOX LATELY?** We don't want you to miss the information we seek to share, such as the latest copy of *The Canadian Lutheran*. Please check your mailbox—and why not take the mail of someone who hasn't or can't be here. It is a good way of sharing with them and helping them stay connected to the church. If we don't have a mailbox for you, please let the office know.

**CHURCH DIRECORY:** Has there been a change to your contact information – email, phone, cell, mailing address? If so, please advise us at [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com) so that a new member phone directory can be compiled



**MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Erm Roun** serves as an instructor of the faith at the Rotanakiri 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 Roun 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 and forever. **C: Amen.**

**GET BACK INTO THE BIBLE!** Many people have their New Year resolutions—why not resolve to spend more time in God's Word? We have bible reading plans for the year; our bible studies are also great opportunities to talk, to share and to see what God has to teach us. As we look for guidance for our lives in the new year, the best place to look is in God's Word. It is



**OUR LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** continues each Tuesday, as we continue our look at the second half of the Gospel of John. We're also looking ahead and will be looking at the *Epistles* of John: 1 John, 2 John, 3 John.. We welcome you to join us for this time in the Word. We meet at 10:00, and finish at 11:30.

**THE ELDERS MADE THE DECISION** to discontinue streaming the Wednesday evening service. The service itself will still be held, and Sunday will continue to be live-streamed. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have concerns regarding this, please speak to one of the elders or pastors.



## Growing FAITH at home

8 January 2023

FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

## BAPTISM OF JESUS



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What happens at a baptism?
2. How do you feel about your baptism? What does it mean to you?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Isalah 42:1-9**

The servant of  
the Lord

2nd reading

**Acts 10:34-43**

Good news of peace  
through Jesus

Gospel reading

**Matthew 3:13-17**

The baptism  
of Jesus

## DISCUSS

What took place at Jesus' baptism?  
How do you think he felt?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Pray a special baptismal prayer for one another. Using a bowl of water, each person dips a finger in the water and makes the sign of the cross on another's forehead. Say these words to one another in turn, *"Remember and be thankful – you are a baptised child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever."*



### PRAYER

Father God, thank you for your promise through baptism that we are part of your family and that you love us. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Christ our light, shine upon us. Refresh us through this meal to reflect your love to others. Amen.



### BLESSING

May the Spirit make you strong and bless you with peace.

A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAID,  
"THIS IS MY SON, WHOM I LOVE;  
WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED."

MATTHEW 3:17

VERSE OF THE WEEK

