

# Foothills Lutheran Church

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



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be prepared*

M A T T H E W 25:13

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 12, 2023*

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**A Prayer Upon Entering:** We thank You this day for all the talents and abilities You have given us, O Lord. Help us to see all the ways that we can use our gifts to Your glory. Give us the courage to use the gifts You have given us whenever we have the opportunity to share them. And help us to shape and sharpen our skills into what You want them to be.

*O Giver of all that is good, work through us to bring blessings to others.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... As projected  
**HYMNS:** .Our God Saves; Holy is the Lord; King of Heaven; Offering; Forever  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Amos 5:18-24  
**EPISTLE LESSON:** ..... 1Thessalonians 4:13-18  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** .....Matthew 25:1-13  
**SERMON:**

**A JOYOUS WELCOME** to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your 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).

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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There were no Sunday School classes this morning, due to the long weekend. Families are encouraged to give thanks for those who serve in the armed forces, praying for their safety as they protect and defend those who are vulnerable in our world.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Music..... Contemporary Musicians  
 Ushers..... John Voss; Bruce Winstanley  
 Lector ..... Stacey Bablitz  
 Coffee Team..... Merv & Kareen Borgeson; Heather Sommers  
 AV Operators ..... Morgan Alcock; Michelle Funke

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	PPC
<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>	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship/Communion
		Pot Blessing Luncheon

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Again and Again and Again"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hearing many stories only once is not as good as hearing the same story many times. Hear again God's story of love, grace, and forgiveness (Matthew 18:1-4). Hear this inspirational message on CHR 1140 AM at 8:00 and/or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Streaming audio and podcasts are available at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca).

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Sunday/Communion</b>	<b>Education Hour</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
November 5	167/112	38	11

*\*Attendance includes online participation.*

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,288.46	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,831.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$295,089.95	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$372,980.77</b>	<b>-\$77,890.82</b>

**Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate 44.00; Visitor 175.00; Sunday School 6.00; Facility Rentals 195.00; FLSR 1,000.00; Ukraine 50.00; Inn from the Cold 195.00; LWML 125.00.



**FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP:** We have another Pot-Blessing coming up this coming **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, as a lunch after the service. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favourite mains, appetizers, sides or salads to bless each other this fall! We ask that you **DO NOT** bring desserts, as we actually had too much pie at our successful staff appreciation event and

will use the extra pies and ice cream for the dessert portion. Thank you to all who contributed to that event!

We also are in the planning stages of having a square dance event, though we need to work with the schedule of the dance caller who is currently out of town for a few weeks. We will keep you posted, but this may cause a delay in our expected timeline.

#### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: INN FROM THE COLD**

Inn from the Cold started when several 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 outside the library doors. Please note they no longer accept any handmade items, only new purchased ones.

**PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER:** To help support youth group trips like the 2025 National Youth Gathering, 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. You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/26420-107953> and pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is **November 26**. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 10. Thank you for your support!

**HELP BEAUTIFY GOD'S ALTAR!** Our flower chart has openings throughout November and December. Sign up for a week, and if the flowers are in memory of someone, or celebrating a special occasion, please let us know. Brenda Bode has kindly offered to coordinate this effort.



**THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024** 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 before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Next Sunday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, is the last day to bring in your shoeboxes. Boxes and brochures are available on the table outside Deaconess Miriam's office. For more information contact Elke Bittmann 403-295-0271.



**ADVENT TEA AND TALENT NIGHT:** All are invited to participate in our second annual **Advent Tea and Talent Night Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. Share your talents by reading a poem, telling jokes, displaying artwork, performing a skit with your family, doing a gymnastics or ballet routine, telling jokes, playing an instrument, singing, or whatever your gift is! All for fun and fellowship. Please bring ½ dozen of your favourite cookies or squares to share. Sign up on the Fellowship Board or contact Sarah Knudtson.

**ADVENT IS DRAWING NEAR**, and we are starting to make plans for our midweek services. We have traditionally included a soup supper as part of our Advent journey. 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.



**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. Catalogues are available on the Welcome Desk.

**MISSION PRAYER NICARAGUA:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Carlos Manuel Amador** who serves as a missionary pastor in the community of Villa Nueva. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Amador, 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.**

**LOOKING AHEAD:** December has 5 Sundays, and that means the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be a hymn-sing Sunday! That may be a special treat this time of year, as we give you the opportunity to pick your favourite carols celebrating the Birth of Christ. (and no, Jingle Bells is not one of them). Submit them to Pastor Bode or to Pastor Eric, and we'll try our best to include them, especially if there are those which we don't get to use as part of our Christmas services.

**PLEASE CHECK THE DOORS!** We had a door left ajar, creating a security risk for our building. It only takes a moment to ensure that a locked door has locked and latched properly. Please help us protect and care for the building; if you enter or exit through a locked door, we ask that you make sure the door closes properly. A quick pull on the handle will help you know the door is locked again! We also remind you of the need to practice vigilance with your possessions. Please do not to leave valuables such as keys in coat pockets in the narthex. Our extra care can prevent loss or inconvenience especially in these hectic days.





## Growing FAITH at home

12 November 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST –  
PROPER 27

ALWAYS  
BE READY  
FOR JESUS'  
RETURN



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## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. How does it feel to be running late for an appointment or an event?
2. Share about an experience you have of being late.



## BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

**Joshua 24:1-25**

The covenant  
renewed

2nd reading

**1 Thessalonians**

**4:13-18**

Believers who  
have died

Gospel reading

**Matthew 25:1-13**

Parable of wise and foolish

## DISCUSS

Jesus says that we don't know when he will return, so we need to be ready for him. What do you think it means to be ready?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Plan and prepare a family/household service activity. Think about the way each person in your family can contribute together. Some examples might be:

- Serve morning tea after church
- Plant flowers, pull weeds and mow the lawn as a surprise for a family who is in crisis.
- Attend a community working bee.
- Do another family member's daily chore.



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we are waiting for you to come again. Take us to be with you forever. Amen.



### MEALTIME PRAYER

For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.



### BLESSING

May God watch over you. May he keep your faith strong until Jesus comes again.

SO ALWAYS BE READY, BECAUSE  
YOU DON'T KNOW THE DAY OR THE  
HOUR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME.

MATTHEW 25:13

VERSE OF THE WEEK

