

Foothills Lutheran Church

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



CHRIST THE KING

*Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 26, 2023*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: Jesus, our Shepherd and our King, reign in our hearts and our lives forevermore. Take us into Your holy place. Shower Your power upon us from Your throne. And crown all creation with Your love and faithfulness.

O Christ the King, rule over us always.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected
HYMNS: 10,000 Reasons; 790; Mighty to Save; 905; 680
FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46
SERMON:

WELCOME in the powerful and precious name of Jesus! We invite you to pray with us; sing with us; learn from God's Word with us. We are glad that you have joined us, and we hope you will come again. Please take a moment to sign our guest book at the back of the church. May God richly bless your worship here today!

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.

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!

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held on **December 3rd** to approve the budget to proceed to renovate the church kitchen. The meeting will be after the service. The PPC has approved a \$200,000 budget for this project. This is a major effort, and we appreciate your input. Information is on the Welcome Desk.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Deaconess Miriam Winstanley
 Ushers..... Tobi Stene; Brian & Barb Vincent
 Acolyte..... Maliyah Chan
 Lector Heather Sommers
 Coffee Team..... Jutta Colhoun; Michelle Funke; Ellen Wagner
 AV Operators Ralf Hinterleitner; Evan Stene

THIS WEEK AT FLC

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| Monday | 1:00 pm | LWMLC |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | LifeLight |
| | 6:30 pm | Elders |
| | 7:30 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Midweek Worship/Communion |
| Thursday | 1:30 pm | Ladies Bible Study |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Men’s Bible Study |
| Sunday | | First Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Worship/Communion Special Voters’ Meeting |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, we will study “The Last Call.” Jesus describes His second coming, when the Father will separate believers and unbelievers. He tells how the faithful, by faith, fulfill God’s will, and how the unfaithful will find themselves banished to eternal punishment. John records the words of the risen and glorified Christ in the last chapter of his revelation. There, Christ promises once again to return and gather all believers to Himself: “Surely I am coming soon” (Revelation 22:20).

ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MIISTRIES, in regular and large print are available to you on the Welcome Desk. May this help you in your Advent preparation.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of: | Sunday/Communion | Education Hour | Wednesday |
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| November 19 | 147/98 | 31 | 11 |

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$8,288.46 | Our Budget Goal \$431,000.00 |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$8,270.00 | |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$308,534.95 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$389,557.69 | -\$81,022.74 |

Non-Budget/ Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 30.00; Visitor 785.00; CLWR 75.00; Concordia Seminary 75.00; Inn from the Cold 50.00; Lutheran Hour 1.00; Flowers 50.00.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Loving Mercy" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Dr. Dean Nadasdy says those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others (Matthew 25:34-40). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 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.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP: Do you like to bake or is there a favorite cookie that the grocery store has? We are running low on treats to have with coffee and fellowship after the service. If you are interested in helping, please drop off your goodies in the kitchen and we can put them in the cupboard or freezer. Any questions? Contact Sarah Knudtson or Heather Sommers.



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! You can order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/26420-107953> and pay with a credit card. The order/payment deadline is **today**. Orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your support!

LWMLC FOOTHILLS SOCIETY is meeting on **Monday, November 27**, from 1 to 3pm, in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible Study, followed by a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome!



Friday, December 8, 2-4pm - Advent Tea at the Manor - singing Christmas carols, sharing memories of Christmas' past and enjoying goodies. Everyone is welcome. For more info, contact Jutta Colhoun at jvc_mymail@yahoo.ca or 403-280-0980.

ADVENT TEA AND TALENT NIGHT: All are invited to participate in our second annual Advent Tea and Talent Night **Saturday, December 9th 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.

OUR ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES: Beyond the Cliches

You will see the words *Faith, Hope, Love* together in so many places. The Bible links them in that great “love chapter” of Scripture: ***So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*** (1 Corinthians 13:13 - ESV)

People often speak of faith hope and love apart from the Lord who comes to save us. These words often become clichés—tied to greeting cards and warm, fuzzy sentimentalism, without any real promise or power behind them. In our Advent services we will look beyond the clichés, and see how true faith, hope and love are tied to the coming of our gracious Saviour.

We hope you will join us for these special services, which will also be online. We hope to have soup suppers, if we have volunteers to provide the soup, and these would begin at 5:30 pm each week. Worship begins at 6:30 pm so all our families can participate. Be with us, as we join in fellowship in worship and at the table, as we share our hope and joy together.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: Here is your chance to watch Handel's Messiah at a huge discount. Get your Christmas season off to a great start. I have arranged for half price tickets for the Calgary Philharmonic performance on Saturday, **December 2nd** at 2:30 pm at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. I only have a limited number left. Please see me after church or phone me. ~ *Mark Kihn*



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 1st.

MISSION PRAYER NICARAGUA: This week, we pray for **Rev. Geronimo Francisco Cano** who serves as a pastor in the Lutheran Church Cristo Vive in the Cristo Rey community and in El Calvario Lutheran Church. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Cano, 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.**



PASSING THE PLATE: The psalmist says: “*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!*” (Psalm 96:8, ESV)

Those words of the psalmist remind us that giving our offerings is an act of worship. Our gifts, which come from His gifts to us, show our trust of His goodness and declare our thanks to Him. They remind us that God is worthy of our praise and worship. We use them to rejoice in the glory He has made known to us, especially that glory of salvation in Christ.

During the days of COVID isolation and our concerns about transmission of that disease, we made the careful and wise decision to leave the offering plates by the doors, rather than “passing the plate”. We know that many of our members have changed their giving to e-transfers and online giving. Yet there are also those who miss the act of receiving offerings in our worship.

The elders have discussed this and have made the decision to begin receiving our offerings in the service. We believe that this act of worship will also help us think of our stewardship of God’s gifts in a positive light.

The past few months have been hard months for us financially. Stewardship has fallen off substantially. Our online giving has dropped even more. We thank our members for their support of this church. We thank God for all His gifts to us. We encourage your faithful stewardship and pray that God will continue to bless us as we use His gifts to His glory.



Growing FAITH at home

26 November 2023

LAST SUNDAY OF
THE CHURCH YEAR
– PROPER 29

IN SERVING
THOSE IN
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CONVERSATIONS

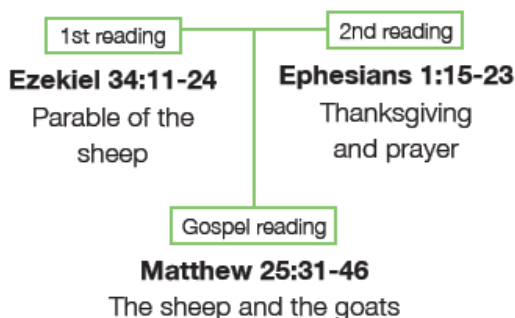
Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What does it mean to be thankful?
2. What is your favourite way to serve?



BIBLE READINGS

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



DISCUSS

One way we show our thanks to God is by sharing with others, especially those who are in need. In what ways do you do this?



ACTION RESPONSE

We are encouraged in the Gospel reading to feed the hungry and clothe the stranger. Find ways to do that this week.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to serve you by serving others. Amen.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat; thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything. Amen.



BLESSING

May God the Father give you his Holy Spirit so that you grow to know him better.

THE KING WILL ANSWER, "WHENEVER YOU DID IT FOR ANY OF MY PEOPLE, NO MATTER HOW UNIMPORTANT THEY SEEMED, YOU DID IT FOR ME."

MATTHEW 25:40

VERSE OF THE WEEK