

Foothills Lutheran Church

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

*Let us run
with patience
the race that
God has set
before us.*



H E B R E W S 1 2 : 1

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024*

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A Prayer Upon Entering: As wars, famines, and earthquakes happen at home and abroad, we are reminded, O Lord, that Your power is greater than the strongest forces of nature and the fiercest armies on earth. We know that nothing can destroy us when You are in charge.

King of heaven and earth, You reign supreme.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Our God Saves; Your Name; King of Kings; This I Believe (The Creed); It Is Well With My Soul

FIRST LESSON:..... 1 Kings 17:8-16

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Hebrews 9:24-28

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:38-44

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.



THE FLOWERS which grace our altar today are given to the glory of God by Michael Vivek in loving memory of his great grandparents Capt. Dr. M.P. Jesudasan and Mrs. Teresa Jesudasan for their faithful service in World War II and to the Lutheran Church.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Musical Accompaniment..... Contemporary Musicians
 Ushers.....Brian and Barb Vincent
 AV Operator.....Brenda Bode
 Coffee Team..... Vi Dusterhoft; Anne Marie Kothari

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday		Remembrance Day, <i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	10:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship
Thursday	1:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Education Hour
	10:15 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Pot Blessing Lunch

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- In Hospital:*
- Homebound:*
- For Special Intercession:*
- Family Focus:*

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (November 17) "Album-Worthy" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. If everything you've ever thought or done was captured in a photo, how many of them would you save for all to see? Hear how God redeems all our snapshots--even those that don't seem "album-worthy." (Genesis 35:3). 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.

NEWSLETTER: Copies of the November/December Foot Print are now available on the Welcome Desk. Pick up your copy today.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Sunday/Communion	Education Hour	Wednesday
November 3	157/124	49	12

**Attendance includes online participation.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,404.00	Our Budget Goal \$385,000
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$8,632.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$296,026.00	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$325,769.23	-\$29,743.23

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate 97.00; Visitor 806.00; Sunday School 25.50; Canadian Lutheran World Relief 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; Inn from the Cold 25.00; LWMLC 100.00; A/R 25.19; Chairs 325.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There were no formal classes today due to the Remembrance Day holiday. We encourage our students and their families to give thanks for those who have served us in the armed forces, and to pray for the safety of those in active service.

PLEASE HELP PASS THE PLATE: We have heard of cases where people missed the opportunity to place their offering into the plate, because the offering plate didn't come to them. Many members now give by e-transfer or direct deposit, and we are thankful for those gifts, but please help us ensure that everyone still has an opportunity to return their gifts of thanks to the Lord as you pass the plate along.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: On the green insert last week for Operation Christmas Child playing cards cannot be included in your shoeboxes. Boxes must be returned to the church by **November 24**. Also please remember to put an elastic band on your box and boy/girl label and age group.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY IS HERE! Foothills is updating our Statement of Direction and determining what ministry areas we want to focus on as a congregation in the next few years. We want all our members and regular church attendees' input into this process. Each member has received a survey in their mailbox and those with emails will also receive a version that can be submitted electronically. Those of you who attend church regularly but are not yet members can pick up a survey on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Lastly, you can also access the survey by scanning the QR code. Completed surveys can be left in the clear box on the Welcome Desk.



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. Order online at <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1986020-121761> and pay with a credit card. The **order/payment deadline is November 29**. Orders will be available to pick up on Sunday, **December 15**. Thank you for your support!



MISSION OF THE MONTH: INN FROM THE COLD

Inn from the Cold started when a number of 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.

HELP WANTED – FELLOWSHIP: Would you like to explore an opportunity to share your gift of fellowship? We are looking for additional volunteers to assist with coffee fellowship after Sunday service. This is a great chance to meet other FLC members and be part of a small team. Let me know if you are interested in creating a team of 2-4 people or joining others that are already part of a team. For information, please see Heather Sommers or call at (403) 829-2366.



MANY JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! Come and rejoice with us as we lift our voices in Advent and Christmas praise this December!! We'd love to hear your voice join us in praise and worship through song. Think you can't sing well or have never sung in a choir?? *Join us!!! Don't be shy – we have a spot and a cushion saved just for you!!* We will begin meeting for practices on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7:00 pm *sharp, in the choir loft* and will praise our Lord with song on December 1st (plus a men's choir!!) and again on December 15th.

For more info, please contact Christine Heumann at 403-710-8347 or christineheumanncy@gmail.com.

MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for **Rev. Cesar Augusto Galeano** who serves as pastor for the Church Luterna Jesus Our Savior in Santa Patricia, Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Galeano, 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.**



WE'RE SITTING (MORE) COMFORTABLY thanks to new chairs in the parish hall. We needed these chairs to replace the older wooden chairs, which were splintering and unsafe due to the breakdown of welds on the legs. We hope to purchase another 60-80 chairs as we removed more chairs than we purchased. It would also be nice to have one style of chair for our use upstairs.

The voters approved a special gift campaign to accomplish this. We invite you to Buy a Chair, much in the same way that people bought bibles or hymnals for the church in the past. The cost of a chair is \$65.00. You can contribute to this effort in any amount--simply mark your gift, "Chairs". We will place the order once the money has been received. Thank you for your support of the church - and support for those who need to take a seat!

POT BLESSING - NOVEMBER 17th: Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your FLC family? Macaroni dish, meatballs, casserole or salad. Surprise us. Please put your name and what you are bringing on the signup sheet on the Fellowship Board. But please **no desserts** as we will be having pie and ice-cream. Looking forward to a delicious time. Any questions, please contact Heather Sommers.

OUR SILVER SAINTS will be gathering on **Tuesday, November 19th** for a potluck luncheon and a games afternoon. There is a signup sheet outside the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate what food you would like to contribute for the potluck. Later we will play cards or other games that you choose to bring with you. Some may wish to help with Operation Christmas Child shoebox effort also. Come to socialize with our membership!

INVITATION: The West RMMC (Regional Mission and Ministry Council) invite you to two Ambassadors of Reconciliation online training programs. Coaching People to Reconcile, Jan 6—Feb 3, Monday Evenings 4pm-6:30pm MT. Mediating People to Reconcile, Feb 10—Mar 17. There is a small materials fee, registration is free. Please **register before December 1, 2024**. For more info contact sonjabland70@gmail.com.



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God cares
for those
who are
in need



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Sunday between
November 6 and
November 12



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you needed someone else to help you. What happened?
2. How have you helped someone else who was in need?
3. It has been said that Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. Would you agree with this? Explain your answer.



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering
M	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
T	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
W	1 Kings 17:17-24	Elijah revives the widow's son
T	James 1:27-28	Look after orphans and widows
F	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	God defends the wide
S	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The LORD watches over the outsiders who live
in our land. He takes good care of children
whose fathers have died. He also takes good
care of widows.

PSALM 146:9



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Look out for news stories this week about people who are poor or in need. Make a point of praying for these people. Use the following 'Prayer for the Poor':

*Jesus,
 You are the Word – to be spoken;
 The Truth – to be told;
 The Way – to be walked;
 The Light – to be shone;
 The Joy – to be shared;
 The Bread of Life – to be given;
 The Hungry – to be fed;
 The Naked – to be clothed;
 The Homeless – to be taken in;
 The Sick – to be healed;
 The Lonely – to be loved;
 The Unwanted – to be wanted;
 The Little One – to embrace.*

Lord Jesus, you are with the poor and needy around us. Help us to be your hands, feet and voice to them. Amen



ACTION RESPONSE

Read Mark 12:38-44. This reading tells about a widow who gave two small coins, sometimes called mites. A mite box is used to save coins for charitable purposes.

Set up a jar or box in your home as your household mite box. Throughout the year, place your loose change in it. Decide on where you will donate what is collected during the year.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Happy are those who hope in God. The Lord feeds the hungry and cares for the poor. Praise the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!



PRAYER

Lord God, thank you for watching over us. We pray for your care and protection for all who are in need. Amen.



BLESSING

May God provide you with everything you need. May he help you care for others as he cares for you.