

Foothills Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm

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



First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025

Education Hour.....9:00 am
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Advent Lord, come to us and share with us Your peace. Break down the walls that sin has set between us. Bring an end to all division and discord. Turn our attention away from weapons of destruction, and turn us toward the tools of justice, love, and service.

O coming Christ, grant us Your peace.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: 332; 337; 411; 334; 357; 636; 343

FIRST LESSON:..... Isaiah 2:1-5

EPISTLE LESSON:.....Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON:.....Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON:..... *Are You Lost in the Dark?* - Isaiah 2:5

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 TODAY 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.

LAST WEEK AT FLC

| Week of | Sunday | Education Hour |
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| November 23 | 104 | 29 |

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

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| Organist..... | Hannah Edel |
| Altar Guild | Barb Vincent |
| Flower Guild | Anne Marie Kothari |
| Ushers..... | Barb & Brian Vincent |
| Communion Elders..... | Hans Dueck; Rob Kaut |
| Lector | Heather Sommers |
| Acolyte | Elliana Legroulx |
| Counters | Hans Dueck |
| AV/PowerPoint Operators..... | Ralf Hinterleitner; Morgan Alcock |
| Coffee Team..... | Heather Sommers; Fiemna Ekpombang |

THIS WEEK AT FLC

| Today | | First Sunday in Advent |
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| | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship with Communion |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Ladies' Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Advent Worship with Communion |
| Thursday | 1:30 pm | Ladies' Bible Study |
| | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir |
| | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir |
| Saturday | 9:00 am | Men's Breakfast |
| | 1:00 pm | Children's Service Practice |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Education Hour |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday Worship |
| | 12:00 pm | Faith at Home: Money and Me |

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

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

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS

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| Weekly Offering Needs | \$7,692.31 | Our Budget Goal |
| Envelope Gifts Received Last Week | \$10,065.00 | |
| Envelope Gifts Received to Date | \$327,855.32 | +/- YTD |
| Total Offerings Needed to Date | \$361,538.46 | -\$33,683.14 |

Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts: Plate Offering 140.00; Visitor Offering 275.00; Sunday School 23.00; FLSR Rental 1,040.00; Inn from the Cold 20.00; FLC Youth 925.00; FLC Refugee Fund 250.00.



IT HAS PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD to call to Himself the soul of Lucy Oberhammer. Lucy passed into eternity and into the arms of her Saviour this past Monday, November 24, 2025. Her Christian funeral service will take place here at Foothills on **Monday, December 8 at 11:00 am**. We pray for God’s comfort for all who mourn her departure, especially her daughters Pat and Charlene and their families. *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

CALL EXTENDED: On October 29, the congregation voted to call Pastor Paul Roggow, currently serving at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kitchener, Ont. Please pray for Pastor Roggow and his congregation as he deliberates this call.

OUR MONTHLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY is this **Saturday, December 6 at 9:00 am**. We invite the men of the congregation to join us. We will have breakfast and share in that meal (free-will offering), with our study following. We wrap up at 10:30 am. Come for the fellowship and the food, both earthly and heavenly!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: In today’s “Waterworks” lesson, we learn about how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge—no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God’s ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

NEXT VOTERS’ MEETING: Our next regular Voters’ Meeting will be held **after church on January 25**. The budget for 2026 will be presented for approval at this meeting.

ADVENT TEA AT THE MANOR: Help bring some Christmas cheer to your neighbours! The LWMLC ladies will host this annual, festive event this **Friday, December 5, 2025 at 2pm**, at neighbouring **Foothills Manor** (3118 - 34 Ave NW). Everyone is welcome to join us in singing Christmas carols, to share memories and enjoy some treats.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR: (December 7) "**Chosen for What?**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God calls believers to trust and follow Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans 15:7) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 am Sunday mornings, at www.lutheranhour.ca, or download the Lutheran Hour app.



MISSION PRAYER: This week, we pray for Deacon Khorn Sopha who serves as Assistant Director of Lutheran Heritage Foundation in Cambodia, and will be ordained as a pastor at the end of this year.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Deacon Sopha, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Inn from the Cold

For over 25 years, Inn from the Cold has supported families in finding stability during times of crisis. They empower independence and foster resilience, guided by the belief that every child and family should have a safe and stable place to call home.

To help bring that vision to life they provide three main programs: homelessness prevention and diversion, emergency family shelter, and supportive housing.



THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 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**.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox and brought it to church, or who donated online to Operation Christmas Child. The 61 boxes and assorted additional items were delivered to the drop-off location this week, and we trust that the gifts will be received with joy and God's loving Gospel message.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES: Take time to check out the Advent devotional booklets available on the welcome desk. Parents, Sunday School children have been provided with a booklet written especially for children. We pray that these resources will help you to prepare your hearts to celebrate the Saviour who has come, who comes, and who will come again.

OUR ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES: EVERY HEART PREPARE:

Advent is the church's season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we will reflect upon three common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: *Evergreens* (December 3rd), *lights* (Dec. 10th), and *the crèche* (Dec. 17th). Then, on Christmas, we will focus on the *wrapped presents*, which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.



We hope you will join us for these special services on the first 3 Wednesdays in December at 6:30 pm, which will also be online. May *Every Heart Prepare*, as we look forward in hope and expectation to the coming of the Lord.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES: We hope that you will plan to join us in our special services of Christmas.

On December 14 our Sunday School children will present His Name is Jesus during our regular 10:15 am service.

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 4:00 pm and 11:00 pm, with Holy Communion offered at the 11:00 pm service. As this is a change this year, please note the times available.

Our Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:15 am.

We have also scheduled a New Year's Eve Vespers Service on December 31 at 6:30 pm.

God bless your Advent preparations!



Growing
FAITH
at home

27 November 2022

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

WAITING
AND
WATCHING



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CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Do you like to wait for things?
2. Share about a time when you were waiting for something good to happen.



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Isalah 2:1-5
The mountain
of the Lord

2nd reading

Romans 13:11-14
The day is near

Gospel reading

Matthew 24:36-44
The day and
hour unknown

DISCUSS

In Matthew 24:42 Jesus asks his followers to be ready. How can we be ready for Jesus when he comes back someday?

**ACTION RESPONSE**

Make a time to bake Christmas biscuits or treats together. Using cellophane and ribbon, tie them into parcels to give away to friends and neighbours. Add a Bible verse for the Christmas season. Or think of another gift idea to share with your friends and neighbours.

**PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,
keep us awake
in our faith,
always ready for
you to return.
Amen.

**MEALTIME PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, please bless our Advent eating and our Advent waiting. Give us hearts that are ready and a faith that is steady. Amen.

**BLESSING**

May you wait
and watch for
Jesus. May
your faith burn
bright each and
every day.

SO ALWAYS BE READY, BECAUSE
YOU DON'T KNOW THE DAY YOUR
LORD WILL COME.

MATTHEW 24:42

VERSE OF THE WEEK

