

Sunday Celebration

23rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ November 13, 2022 ~ 10:30a
Lutheran Church of the Foothills ~ Tucson, Arizona



Assembly speaks responses in dark print.

P: Presiding Minister leads
A: Assisting Minister leads
L: Lector/Proclaimer leads

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Foothills

We are grateful to have you joining us in worship today. Please note the following information so that your time with us is spiritually uplifting and comfortable.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of Lutheran Church of Foothills or any other church to have a place at the Lord's table. There is no age requirement. It is God's table, not ours, and all are invited. If you are spiritually hungry, come and be fed.

How to Commune: At the ushers' invitation, come up the center aisle to the Pastor and hold your hands out to receive the host (wafer). After placing the host in your mouth, you may pick up an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice to drink. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. After you drink the cup, place your empty cup in the lined basket before returning via the side aisle to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher and communion will be brought you.

Offering: Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. You can place your offering in the basket in the back of the center aisle before service begins, give online at our website, or scan the QR code found in the worship liturgy. "Sunday Dollars," loose dollars placed in the basket, are automatically designated for our current month's Community Service emphasis.

Recordings: This service is being recorded and live streamed.

Pray-Ground: We enjoy having our children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front, pulpit side of the sanctuary designated the Pray-Ground, where children can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them when they are using the Pray-Ground, in case they need assistance.

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Hearing Assistance: Please switch to a T-coil setting on your hearing aids to take advantage of the induction loop. The ushers can provide you with headphones to wear during the service if you so desire.

Large Print Bulletins: If you desire a large print bulletin, please request one from the ushers as you enter the worship space.

Prelude “Finlandia”

Jean Sibelius

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Naomi Hartman

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

P: Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven [☩] and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God’s abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word”

(ELW 673)

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Prayer

A: We pray together. (*A brief silence.*) O God:

the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading Malachi 4:1-2a

L: A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

L: A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify.

¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Special Music “If Music Be the Food of Love”

*Henry Purcell/arr. Henry Heveningham
Ulrich Michael, saxophone*

Children’s Message

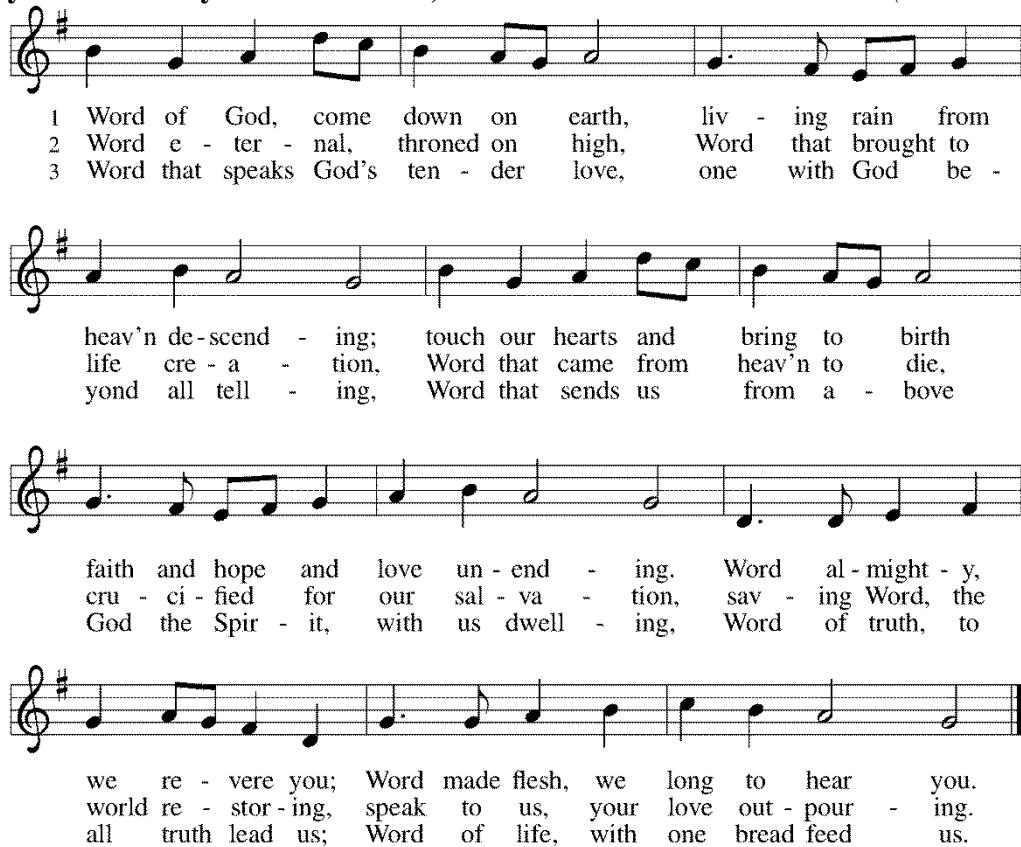
Pastor Naomi Hartman

Sermon

Pastor Naomi Hartman

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” (WOV 716)



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear - you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, sr. b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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A New Creed (*United Church of Canada, 1968*)

A: Let us confess our faith together in the words of A New Creed:

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, has come in Jesus, the Word

made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

A: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

A: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick. Today we name Shari, Carolyn, Brad, Isabella, Beverly, Linda, Ken G., Shauna, Terry and Marc, Barbara, Eva, Jane, Hope, Caitlyn, Ken C., Janet, Bill, Carla, Jose, Ron, Lance,

Rosemary, Vicky, George, the family of Brian Brown, Sue, and all affected by the fighting in Ukraine. We also pray for those we now name aloud or silently. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy.

receive our prayer.

A: We join together in our Community Service prayer for November:

Gracious and giving God of all people, teach us how to continue to welcome refugee families this Thanksgiving season by providing much-needed food through grocery store gift cards. We continue to lift up in prayer those among us who are seeking a better life through hard work, faith, hope and love. Guide the Immigration and Refugee Services Department of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest in their disbursement of these cards to the families in the days leading up to Thanksgiving Day. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

A: I invite you to share the peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Our Offering of Gifts

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Place your offering in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary, make your offering online at <https://www.foothillslutherantucson.org> or scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone.



At this time the ushers will bring the offering baskets forward to the Assisting Minister.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Communion Prayer (by Susan Flanders)

P: God be with you

And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

P: Holy God, through the seasons of our lives, we struggle to know you; we wrestle with questions and doubts and what it means to be faithful, to lose our lives to save them, to take up our crosses and follow you.

We try to hold fast to all that is good and true, but even so, we sometimes cause hurt; we betray others, and we are not faithful to our best selves. We long to know your saving presence with us, especially when life challenges us to be brave and wise. We look for ways forward out of sadness and pain, for ourselves and for all people. Like Jesus' disciples, after he had gone from them, we look for signs of your love and strength, signs of life's deep meaning and goodness.

In faith, we find those signs, especially when we remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his

disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; this is my blood, poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

May these gifts of bread and wine indeed be signs and substance for us of your presence within us and throughout creation, and may they strengthen us to live with power and compassion in the assurance of your blessing.

AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

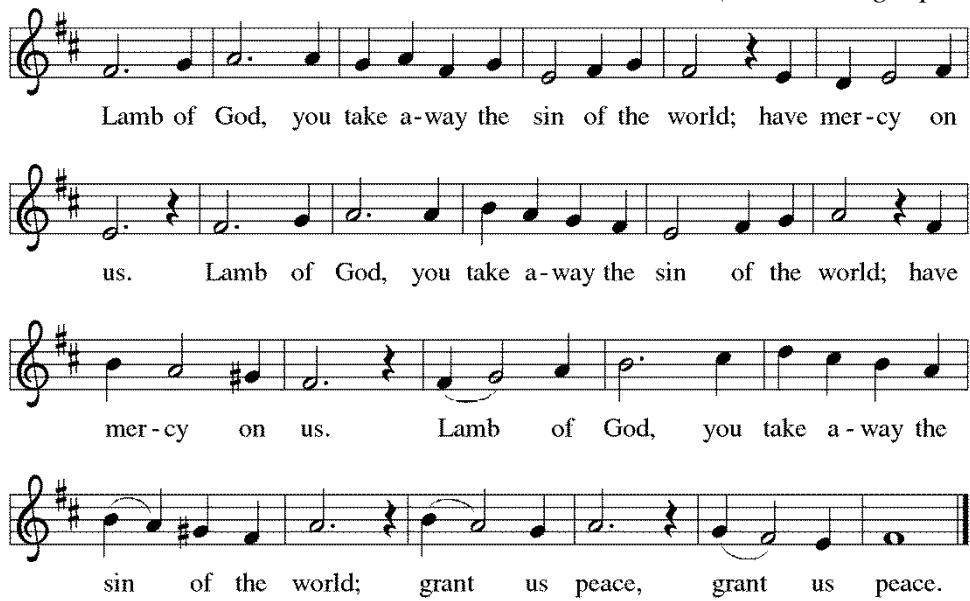
Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Please be seated.

Communion “Lamb of God”

(ELW Setting 4 p. 154)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We experience the presence of our Lord in gifts of bread and wine, and all are welcome to Christ's table. Worship musicians and volunteers will be served first; then the ushers will direct the assembly forward row by row.

Song during Communion “As the Grains of Wheat”

(ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo- ple from
all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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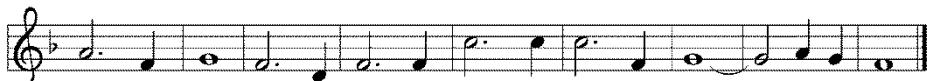
Song during Communion “Taste and See”

(ELW 493)

Refrain – All

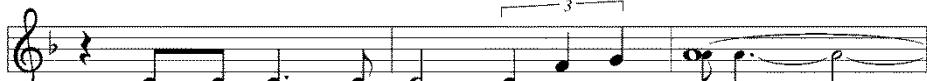


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

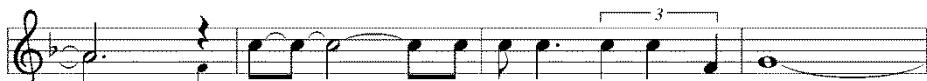
Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.

2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.

3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

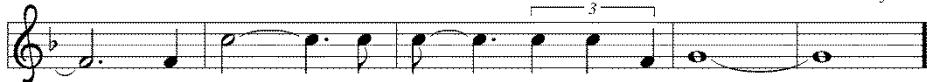


Praise shall always be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all . . . praise God's name.
You'll want for noth-ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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Blessing after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Mission Moments

A: If you have a ministry message to share, please come forward to the microphone so all can hear you.

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Sending Hymn “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(ELW 841)

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet light,
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaug - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is is
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Sending

A: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

American melody

We thank those who are serving for worship this morning:

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Naomi Hartman

Assisting Minister: TJ Ford

Ushers: the Meyer family

Proclaimer: Andy Bade

Communion Servers: Vicky Kuzel & Lonnie Jenkins

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Pianist: Dr. Ji Sun Lee

Celebration Choir and Music Director: Dr. Andy Bade

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About our Community Service Prayer for November

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and works to help stabilize people in crisis and transition in 4 main areas of service: aging and disability, children and family, emergency, and immigration and refugees. With volunteers and community Co-Sponsor Teams, The Immigration and Refugee Services branch of LSS-SW builds self-reliant foundations for approximately 400 refugees each year. Their services include housing, case management, navigating life in a different culture, employment support, K-12 education services, a youth mentor program, and more. See more information on the Community Service table in the lobby.

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About “A New Creed”

“**A New Creed**” is an affirmation of faith used widely in the worship services of the United Church of Canada. It was originally adopted in 1968 by the 23rd General Council. Originally known as “A Contemporary Expression of Christian Faith,” it began with the line “Man is not alone.” It was amended in 1980 to make its language inclusive, and again in 1994 to add the words “to live with respect in Creation.”

The creed is not meant to replace the ancient Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed, but to act as a supplement to these statements of faith.

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Lutheran Church of the Foothills is a member of the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As a Reconciling in Christ community, we welcome all to our congregation.



Our church newsletter, “Weekly Footnotes,” is distributed for the community of Lutheran Church of the Foothills via email or postal mail (to subscribe, visit the bottom of the homepage of our website). Printed copies are available on the Activities Counter in the lobby.

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Council:

Executive committee: Laura Hollengreen, Bryan Daum, Liz Zidel, Gary Anderson.

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