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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

Advent 2: Sacred People (Love)

December 4, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Barb Hanson

BELLS

WELCOME

REFLECTING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

PRAYER

CANDLE LIGHTING

ADVENT SONG

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Love, we give you thanks for this holy gathering of Beloveds. As we take in the love you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred presence you have promised into the sacred presence we can offer.

C: Amen.

REFRACTING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

Billie Marie Larson

FIRST READING

Romans 15:4-13

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

Pr. Maribeth McGoven

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan's Banks The Baptist's Cry*

LBW 36

(vs. 1,3,5)

APOSTLES' CREED

screen

REFILLING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION P: God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

MISSION FOCUS: ELCA Good Gifts

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

screen

HYMN OF PRAISE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

REFRAMING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

SENDING

BENEDICTION

BELLS

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends Rejoice
(vs. 2 & 3)

LBW 55

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth now into the world, and shine Christ's holy light.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Barb Hanson

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<u>Psalm 21; Isaiah 24:1-16a; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12</u>
Tue	<u>Psalm 21; Isaiah 41:14-20; Romans 15:14-21</u>
Wed	<u>Psalm 21; Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 12:33-37</u>
Thu	<u>Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 1:6-18; 2 Peter 3:1-10</u>
Fri	<u>Psalm 146:5-10; Ruth 4:13-17; 2 Peter 3:11-18</u>
Sat	<u>Psalm 146:5-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 3:1-18</u>
Sun	<u>Psalm 146:5-10; Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11</u>

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Everyone	Everyone
Ushers	Kirk & Melissa Stover	Kirk & Melissa Stover
Reader	Billie Marie Larson	Wayne Lenander
	Communion Assistants: Billie Marie Larson & Taylor Monroe	Communion Assistants: Wayne & Heather Lenander
	Candle Lighters : Jay & Heather Johnson	Candle Lighters: Duane & Cina Pidde

Prayer Concerns: All people impacted by Covid-19 in the world. The ARCC Emergency Shelter, The people of the Ukraine, All those affected by the recent hurricanes, ELCA Good Gifts; The Family of Mark Hanson, The Family of Arland Waters; Marlys Stainbrook (Carl Anderson's sister), Dorothy Pohl, Tim & Lorna Cooper, Bev & Lance Mitchell (friends of Peg Davies), Amanda Semmler, Kristine Schlagel (Carl Anderson's niece), Carl & Linda Anderson, Sharon Arvik, Billie Marie Larson, Phyllis Carlson, Deloris Lamb, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Susan K. (friend of Violet Sundermeyer), Johanna Jones, (niece of Mike Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Lori, Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Debbie Wells (daughter of Phyllis Deer & sister to Mel Stover), Suzanne Dock (friend of Carol Lenander & Larry Gass), Larry Gass, Vi Sundermeyer, Deb Britton (friend of Duane & Cina Pidde), Don (Corina Bronczyk's brother-in-law), Carla (friend of Corina Bronczyk), Ryan Wood (Darrin & Corina Bronczyk's nephew), Ron Nepl (friend of Peg Davies), Mike & Leah O'Rourke (friends of Peg Davies), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), The Evenson family

Opportunities This Week

Today	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	New Member Potluck lunch	11:00 AM
	Advent Discussion with Pr. Maribeth - Zoom	6:00 PM
Sun	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Church Council meeting	11:00 AM
	Advent Discussion with Pr. Maribeth - Zoom	6:00 P

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bible Study will resume January 8.
- The Giving Tree is decorated in the narthex with small red ornaments with gift wishes on them for the Emergency Shelter. The unwrapped gifts need to be brought to the church by Dec. 18.

- The tree also has a variety of ornaments for the ELCA Good Gifts mission of the month for December. Choose an ornament or two, write your name on the back, include your check and put it in the offering plate.

December Mission of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

We are following tradition at First Lutheran this December by once again featuring ELCA's Good Gifts and God's Global Barnyard as our mission of the month. Once again our Giving Tree in the Narthex will have suggested gift ideas. The gifts will support the sustainable development programs of ELCA World Hunger. Choose a specific gift by taking the ornament off the tree and writing your check to First Lutheran Church with "Good Gifts" on the memo line.

FLC Emergency Shelter Christmas Project

We are also following tradition and buying actual gifts for families in need in our local community. This year our gifts will go to the families residing in the ARCC Emergency Shelter. Since the families come and go, we have made "ornaments" with specific ideas and sizes. Those ornaments are also on the Giving Tree in the narthex. Choose an ornament and go shopping! Deadline for bringing unwrapped gifts to the church is Sunday, December 18th.

First Lutheran families are encouraged to participate in both kinds of Christmas gift giving.

Good Gifts can also be given by following the ELCA link from www.flcakeley.org or www.ELCA.org/goodgifts to give on-line in honor of a loved one.

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