

First Lutheran Church

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Advent 3: Sacred Space (Joy) December 11, 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 Joy, we give you thanks for this holy gathering space. As we take in the joy you offer. may we be a reflection of your light. expanding the sacred space of "right here" into the sacred place of "everywhere."

C: Amen.

REFRACTING THE SACRED Pr. Maribeth

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE Wayne Lenander

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10

GOSPEL Matthew 1:46b-55

SERMON Pr. Maribeth McGoven

HYMN OF THE DAY Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LBW 60

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 & ARCC Emergency Shelter

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

Joy to the World

LBW 39

(vs. 1,2 & 4)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Barb Hanson

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 42; Isaiah 29:17-24; Acts 5:12-16
Tue	Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25
Wed	Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34
Thu	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29
Fri	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7
Sat	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36
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Sun Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

This Week Next Week

Greeters Everyone Everyone

Ushers Mike & Carol Jones Mike & Carol Jones Reader Wayne Lenander TBD

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Communion Assistants: Wayne &

Heather Lenander

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 Neppl (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	
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00 AM	
	Church Council meeting	11:30 AM	
	Advent Discussion with Pr. Maribeth – Zoom	6:00 PM	
Sun	Worship Service	10:00 AM	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ➤ Bible Study will resume January 8.
- The Giving Tree in the narthex 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 with ELCA Good

- Gifts on the memo line and put it in the offering plate.
- ➤ The ARCC Emergency Shelter ornaments are gone THANK you for your generosity.

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 <u>unwrapped</u> 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. 800-638-3522