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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

Advent 4: Sacred Knowing (Peace)

December 18, 2022

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Resurrection Band

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 Peace, we give you thanks for this holy sensing of your presence. As we take in the peace you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred knowing of “you are here for me” into the sacred knowing of “you are present for all of us.”

C: Amen.

REFRACTING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

Tom Synstegard

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN

Angels From the Realms of Glory

SERMON

Pr. Maribeth McGoven

HYMN OF THE DAY *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

APOSTLES' CREED

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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

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HYMN OF PRAISE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

REFRAMING THE SACRED

Pr. Maribeth

SENDING

BENEDICTION

BELLS

SENDING HYMN

O Holy Night

DISMISSAL

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

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Resurrection Bamd

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<u>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20</u>
Tue	<u>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1</u>
Wed	<u>1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17</u>
Thu	<u>Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20</u>
Fri	<u>Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14</u>
Sat	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20
Sun	<u>Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20</u>

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Everyone	Everyone
Ushers	Mike & Carol Jones	Mike & Carol Jones
Reader	Tom Synstegard	No service
	Communion assistants: Tom & Shane Synstegard	

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
	Advent Discussion with Pr. Maribeth – Zoom	6:00 PM
Sat	Christmas Eve Worship Service	5:00 PM
Sun	No worship service	

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 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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