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Christmas  
Day

**The Savior  
is Given**

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Salvation*

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*Sunday, December 25, 2022  
The Nativity of Our Lord*

# *First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First*

## **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.



Merry Christmas! We welcome you to First Lutheran Church for our Christmas Day Celebration Communion Service!

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received communion instruction should come forward with arms crossed upon their chest for a baptismal blessing.

OPENING HYMN: "Joy to the World"

**LBW 39**

THE INVOCATION

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WE CONFESS

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Dear God, we spend so much time fearing to draw near to You, indeed running away from You, because we fear your judgment upon us for our sins. We fear this, despite how often you have promised to forgive, for our faith is weak. And so we thank you that when you came to earth, you came as a little baby, an infant! – the least threatening, the least judgmental figure we know. Like the shepherds and the wise men, we are drawn to you, no longer anxious or preoccupied with our sins, but focused only on your infant smile and your loving embrace. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

**P** Dear friends: When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph to tell him that Mary would soon bear a child, he said, "She will bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." His name *is* Jesus, and he lives to fulfill the angel's words. In the name of Jesus, who came to save us, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

HYMN: "Away in A Manger"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of majesty, open our eyes to see the light of your presence in the world around us; open our ears to hear your message of mercy and grace revealed through the birth of your Son, who took on our human existence. Sustain us through the Word made flesh, so that in you we might be your body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

**P** The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

PSALM 2:1-13 (Read responsively by half verse)

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## SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

**P** The Word of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord **C** Thanks be to God

HYMN: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

**LBW 45**

SERMON: **"THE SAVIOR IS GIVEN"**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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THREE-FOLD AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**LBW 60**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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### **SOCKS BOX**

Thank you to all who donated socks for the homeless, we collected 111 pairs of socks! Thank you so much.



### **PLEDGE AND TIME & TALENT FORM**

If you forgot to bring in your pledge envelope, please do so soon. This helps our budget committee plan for the next year.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are expected soon! Once they arrive, they will be available in the narthex.

### **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you would like to make a year-end contribution for 2022, please have it into the church office on Thursday, December 29th by 11am. Thank you.



**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be on Sunday, January 29th. **Annual reports are due Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.** You may email the reports to Dianna at [secretary@kirklandflc.org](mailto:secretary@kirklandflc.org). Report booklets will be available Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP**

Rev. Brad Hales will present "It's all about relationships" via Zoom. This is presented as a non-credit class through the NALC. Please see the bulletin board for more information, this class will start on January 5, 2023.



# *Christmas Memorial Garden*

*(remembering and honoring with love and affection our families and loved ones, both past and present)*

## **GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**My son, Joel William,** by Trudy Loomis

**Jim Loomis,** by his family

**Ken, my husband, and Roger, my son,** by Loraine Krabbe

**Our Parents and our daughter, Dominique,**

by Richard & Peggy Wince

**Robert & Doris Slater,** by Lenny & Sue Peterson

**Irving & Evelyn Peterson,** by Lenny & Sue Peterson

**Elmer & Ruby Ecklund and my husband, Marvin Ecklund,**

by Beulah Hall Ecklund

**Loved Ones,** by Jean & Roger Bauer

**Our Parents: George & Dorothy Tindall, Russell & Pauline**

**Lacefield,** by Russ & Judy Lacefield

**Pat Lacefield, Russ's brother,** by Russ & Judy Lacefield

**Our Grandparents, Albert & Virginia Keller, and Dale & Nancy**

**Block,** by Ryan & Jennifer Block and David & Laura Block and

families

**My grandparents, George & Dorothy Tindall, and**

**Russell & Pauline Lacefield and my son, Braxton,**

by David & Laura Block, Reagan and Delaney Cook

**Logan Thomas Marshall,** by Jennifer & Ryan Block, Erik Marshall

and all of Logan's beloved family

**Karl & Carol Haag, James Haag's parents,** by James & Sara Haag

**Our parents, Bud Vodden & Luella Vodden and Darlene Wiebanga**

**and cousin, Terry Wiebanga,** by George and Jill Vodden

**Debra Nolf,** by Robert & Lisa Coyle

## **THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND**

### **GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Curly Sanford, my husband,** by Elsie Sanford

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES**

### **GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Curly Sanford, my husband,** by Elsie Sanford

**My husband, Herb, son, Tim, and all other relatives who gave gone on before us,** by Dolores Plote

## **KIRKLAND FOOD PANTRY**

### **GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**All Our loved ones,** by Vernon & Jane Johnson

**Curly Sanford, my husband,** by Elsie Sanford

## **CHOIR MUSIC FUND**

### **GIVEN IN LIEU OF FLOWERS IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

**Elmer & Ruby Ecklund and my husband, Marvin Ecklund,**

by Beulah Hall Ecklund

**Curly Sanford, my husband,** by Elsie Sanford

**Loved Ones,** by Jean & Roger Bauer

**My dad, Herb and my brother, Tim** by Lynne & Dennis Peterson

**Our brothers: Roger Krabbe, Roger Hoffman, and Ron Hoffman,**

by Keith & Renee Krabbe

**Keith's dad, Ken Krabbe,** by Keith & Renee Krabbe





## **IT'S A GIRL!**

Hailey Mae Faivre born December 6, 2022

Born to Sarah (Sester) and Karl Faivre

7 lbs 7 oz and 20 inches long

Joins big sister Emma, 2 years old

Grandparents are Vince & Jerilyn Faivre

and Mike & Sue Sester

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!**

Charles Peterson 12/26

Rick Schmidt 12/27

Natalie Norris 12/27/2019

Malcolm Anderberg 12/29

Amanda Wrobel 12/29

Nathan Watson 12/31

## **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Ben & Amy Blobaum 12/28/2020

David & Laura Block 12/31/2020

Saturday 12/31: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/1: Communion Service, 9am.

## **PARISH CONCERNS**

- Patricia Knudsen, friend of Trudy Loomis, passed away recently.
- Debbie Swan, June & Steve May's daughter is now at Maple Crest Nursing Home, Belvidere.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Carolyn Suhr, Jerry Sheehan, Ryleigh Joos, Jason Gorski, Loraine Steinhorst (Gary Steinhorst's mother) and Chris Droes, (Gary Steinhorst's cousin)
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Creston, IL & St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Oregon, IL as they begin the call process for a Pastor.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.