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Christmas  
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**A Feast of  
Lights**

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*Advent Series:  
A Geography of  
Salvation*

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873*

*Saturday, December 24, 2022  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*



## *First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First*

### **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

CHRISTMAS EVE – Friday, December 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church** for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. We hope you will feel blessed by your participation and invite you to share in the Lord's Supper as we celebrate His birth. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is present may receive communion. Detailed instructions for continuous communion distribution are on the opposite page.

**LBW**, green hymnal \*Please stand as able.

#### **Order of Service**

Prelude

Greeting

Hymn: “What Child is This”

**LBW 40**

#### **\*Prayer of the Day**

God of majesty, on this holy night your light and life broke into the darkness of our human condition. Grant that your light and life will continue to shine through us into a dark and weary world until that time when your glory reigns forever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalms 110: 1-4 (Read responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

1 John 4:7-16

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Woman's Choir "A Carol for the Season" - Carol Sussex

\*Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel

said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

## Sermon: "A FEAST OF LIGHT"

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**LBW 41**

\*Nicene' Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

Offering (Woman's Choir)

"Were You There on that Christmas Night?"—Natalie Sleeth

\*Offertory Prayer

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\*Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer #33)

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\*Lord's Prayer

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\*Lamb of God

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\*\*Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### Continuous Communion:



Proceed to the communion rail when the usher indicates, moving from the center aisle towards the side aisle. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice and water, the rest of the glasses are wine.

Children who have not received communion

instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest for a baptismal blessing.

## Communion

Woman's Choir - "In the Bleak Mid-winter" – Gustav Holst

(After receiving communion, you may receive a candle.

Children under the age of 14 will receive a battery-operated candle.)

\* Post Communion Prayer

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\* Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

**LBW 65**

(Please extinguish candles after hymn.)

\* The Benediction and Threefold Amen

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\* **P** Go in Peace, serve the Lord    **C** Thanks be to God

Postlude

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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.