



Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the insert found in the back of the ELW cranberry hymnal, and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Sunday, January 28, 2018

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Insert is found in the back of the ELW Hymnal

*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times
we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all;
we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* ELW 729

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

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***NOW THE FEAST**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. Birthing God,
You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us
live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.

CHOIR *Sing the Goodness of the Lord*

PSALM: Psalm 139:13-18

A: ¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

C: ¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

A: ¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.

C: ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of
them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before
they | came to be.**

A: ¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

C: ¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than
the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to | be
like yours.**

THE READING: John 3:1-21

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water*

ELW 456

*APOSTLES' CREED

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations,

A: let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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*LORDS PRAYER

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*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

COMMUNION HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW 669

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✙ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Borning Cry*

ELW 732

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor David Berggren

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Arvid Mathison

Acolytes ~ Isaiah Long & Alyssa Woodley

Greeter ~ Harriet Eikland **Ushers** ~ Maureen Lien, Carol Wibralski,
Brenda Schroeder, Harriet Eikland

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Judy Taylor & Jackie Zahn

Communion Assistants ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes **Church Lock-up** ~ Arvid Mathison

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you.

*Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Nancy Walheim

-Lyle Walheim

-Lowell Severson

-Justin Bloomer

-Bryan Porter

-Kevin Porter

-Phyllis Vergenz

-Sara Depies

-Christy Anderson

-Jody Anderson

-Jan Lehman

-Patty Swain Krueger

- *The grieving family of Pastor A. Stanley Christensen. The funeral service for Pastor Christensen will be Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 11:00am at EKLC. Family and friends may gather at the church on Friday, Feb. 2 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm and Saturday from 9:30am until the time of the service.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty.)

~Calendar~

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Worship

10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Monday, January 29, 2018

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

9:30am Prayers for Our People

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

6:00pm Confirmation

Friday, February 2, 2018

4:00pm - 7:00pm Visitation

Saturday, February 3, 2018

9:30 - 11:00am Visitation

11:00am Funeral for Pastor A. Stanley Christensen

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Worship

Annual Meeting immediately following worship

10:15am Sunday School

1:00pm Souper Bowl of Caring at Cambridge High School

~Announcements~

Pastor Brenda will be out of town January 22-30. Jan 22-26, was sent by the synod to Delray Beach, FL, for the Leading Well retreat. Jan 26-30, she'll be at the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Houston, TX, and this is a preview of the ELCA Youth Gathering in June. Please pray for her safe travels and for opportunities to learn about what our ten youth will do in Houston. For Pastoral care please contact Pastor Richard Dowling at 608-628-4230.

Welcome Pastor David Berggren. Thank you Pastor Berggren for leading us in worship today.

Annual Reports are available in the narthex.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 immediately following Worship.

Today following worship, Council Treasurer, Don Amundson will have a presentation to discuss & answer any questions about the annual report including budget and trust fund policies. Please join him in Friendship Hall after worship.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please recycle your 2017 offering envelopes and begin using 2018 envelopes. Many box numbers change from year to year. **To ensure your giving to EKLC is recorded accurately please only use 2018 envelopes.** Thank you.

Would you like to host a Lenten Meal?: There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for individuals, committees, circles or other groups who would like to host. They would be responsible for the meal preparation, serving and cleaning after. If all five weeks are filled by Sunday, February 4th, the meals will be served. If all five slots are not filled by that date, there will be no Lenten meals.

Attention Seniors Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. (Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before) Suggested donation of \$4.

~Attendance Report~

January 21, 2018: 68

January 14, 2018: 95

January 7, 2018: 87

December 3, 2017: 43

