



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

Sunday, December 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome Visitors!~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonnong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front 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.

First Sunday of Advent
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER Steve and Debbie Wethal Family

Wethal Family: Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

Wethal Family: O house of Jacob, come,
C: let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH *Wait for the Lord* ELW 262 (X3)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before the living God in confession.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C: we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

**To you, O God, we confess our sins,
known and unknown.**

**Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.**

**Make us reflections of the radiant love
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of bap-

tism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250

***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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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

RESPONSIVE READING: Mark 8:27-29

A: ²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

C: ²⁸**And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."**

A: ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

READING: Jeremiah 33:14-18

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* ELW 254

*CREED

A: With the whole church, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: ...You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING WITH MISSION MINUTE

***OFFERING** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW 294

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others.

Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, bread is placed in your hands, you dip it in the cup and eat. The silver chalice with purple liquid is wine; the ceramic chalice with yellow liquid is grape juice.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*
- *When children are finished with communion, or blessing, they leave to Sunday School Music Room.*

***DIALOGUE (ELW p. 206)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

COMMUNION SONG *All the Heavens* by Third Day

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice. May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom. May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance. The blessing of the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

***TREE DECORATIONS**

***SENDING SONG** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Beverly Lien

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Acolytes ~ Brayden Lund & Shanna Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Gloria Fruit

Ushers ~ Paul & Lori Olson, Ruth Bovre, Wilma Furseth

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Joy Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Dennis Lund & Carolyn Lien

Nursery ~ Natasha Amundson

Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland

Christmas Tea Fellowship ~ Joy Circle

Church Lock up ~ Holly Loomis

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

~Prayers~

To make a prayer requests: Please write on communion card or call church office before noon Wednesday. Requests will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless otherwise noted.

-Thanks for **New Guinea missionaries John and Amy Lindstrom, and Lutheran Disaster Response.**

-Healing and comfort to **Allan Falk, Andrea Calcagno, Annika Jacobson, Walter Furseth, Jeff Walheim, Sara Depies & Kevin Porter.**

-The grieving families of **Mary Ellen Christensen. Elaine Caves*, Greg Lipanot*,**

-For veterans and those deployed, especially **Brandon Stach & Axel Gaarder.**

~Calendar~

Sunday, December 1, 2019 ~ First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Choir practice

9:00am Worship

10:15am Fellowship Christmas Coffee Hour hosted by Joy Circle

10:15am Education Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:30am Staff Meeting

9:30am Prayers for our People

10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

8am-12pm Pin & Sew

6:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Advent Worship at the Upper Church

Friday, December 6, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, December 8, 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Choir practice

9:00am Worship

10:15am Fellowship Coffee hour hosted by Choir

10:15am Christmas Program Rehearsal

10:15am W-ELCA Meeting

~Announcements~

EKLC Committees: Any budget requests/changes for the EKLC 2020 Budget need to be submitted to the church office by **December 10, 2019**. Please contact financial secretary, Judy Lund, if you need 2019 budget balances .

Annual Meeting of the congregation is Sunday, February 2, 2020 immediately following Worship. **Please submit written & financial reports** for the 2019 annual report to the church office **BEFORE** January 13, 2019.

Poinsettia orders due today!

Alden Estates Christmas Project Once again we have been asked to help provide a Christmas gift for some of the residents of Alden Estates in Jefferson. If you would like to provide a gift, please take one of the tags from the tabletop tree in the Narthex. The gift suggestions are to help you select something that would be a good gift. You do not need to get everything on the list. One or two items would be very much appreciated. We will need them placed in the box in the narthex no later than Sunday, December 8th. Thank you.

The Joy Circle would like to invite everyone to their Christmas Coffee hour today after worship today.

Women of the ELCA Quilt: Please consider supporting the Women of the ELCA by making a donation for a ticket and chance to bring home the quilt on display. Today is your last day to purchase a ticket before Coffee hour!

Caroling at Home Again Join us! We will meet at Home Again Senior Living in Cambridge at 11am on Sunday, December 15th to sing Christmas Carols. All are welcome. Vickie will provide us with the songsheets.

Multi-generational Mission Trip We are going to Denver, CO! The dates have been selected. We will be departing on the morning of Monday, June 22, 2020 and returning on the evening of Monday, June 29, 2020. Please get in touch with Debbie if you are interested in serving! **This is an multi-generational trip, all ages 12+ are welcome!**

EKLC now has online giving! You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLC by following the directions on the GIVE PLUS card in the Church pews. On the back of this card are directions. All donations are secured through Vanco. If you'd like to place something in the offering plate after making an online donation, you may put the reusable GIFT PLUS card in the plate. Thank you for your generous offering in this way!

Christmas Baskets for Cambridge Food Pantry We are collecting French's Crispy Fried Onions (or an off brand is ok too) for the Christmas baskets. These are the crunchy onions that go on top of a green bean casserole. We need 80 cans of onions, and will take donations through, Sunday, December 8. Please bring your donations and place them in the food pantry box in the narthex. Again, thank you for helping.

History Display Areas in Friendship Hall: We are looking for pictures of Christmas trees and/or holiday events from you! They might be of your family at home or in church. Also looking for Christmas items (tree ornaments, figurines, linens, etc.) you might like to have on display for a few weeks over the holidays. They could be on the history shelves or behind the glassed area (both areas are locked for safe keeping). We would include a few sentences describing the item, who it belongs to, what, where, when, etc. Bring your Christmas items to church and contact Bonnie Ehrke, Judy Taylor, Linda Hanson, or Marilyn Gunderson with the details. Thank you for sharing.