



— SECOND SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

Sunday, December 8, 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 Koshkonong. 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.

Second 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

Second Week of Advent

Use this blessing when lighting the first two candles.

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people. As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations. O people of hope, come,

let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH *Wait for the Lord*

ELW 262

*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 baptism, 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** *Many and Great, O God*

ELW 837

***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. Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world. Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming. Amen.

Assembly may be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM *O Come To Set Us Free*

RESPONSIVE READING: Mark 1:1-4

A: ¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

C: ²**As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;**

A: ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"

C: ⁴**John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

L: ¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Wait for the Lord* (Sing 3 X) ELW 262

*CREED

A: With the whole church, let us 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 AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participating 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, please kneel or stand at the railing. When you are given bread, you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays with cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink.*
- *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

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

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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

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 *God With Us*

by All Sons and Daughters

COMMUNION HYMN *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW 461

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.

***SENDING SONG** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* **ELW 256**

***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 ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Carolyn Lien

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

Acolytes ~ Amerie Timler & Christian Terland

Greeter ~ Sonja Jacobson **Ushers** ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Joy Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Carroll Ehrke & Jean Lehr

Nursery ~ Denise Veley **Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Choir

Church Lock up ~ Judy Rusch

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

~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 **Bonnie Ehrke*, Tammy Beilke*, Allan Falk, Andrea Calcagno, Annika Jacobson, Walter Furseth, Jeff Walheim, Sara Depies & Kevin Porter.**

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

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

~Calendar~

Sunday, December 8, 2019 ~ First 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

Monday, December 9, 2019

10:30am Synod Assembly Planning Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for our People
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
6:30pm CART Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Advent Worship at the Upper Church

Friday, December 13, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED
Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, December 14, 2019

9:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am Choir practice
9:00am Worship, Christmas Program
10:15am Fellowship Coffee hour HOST NEEDED
5:00pm Rise Up Synod Event

~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, 2020.

Alden Estates Christmas Project Today is the last day to bring in Christmas gifts for the residents of Alden Estates in Jefferson. Thank you to all who participated in this ministry.

Caroling at Home Again Join us! We will meet at Home Again Senior Living in Cambridge at 11:00am 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! Next meeting will be January 5, 2020 after worship.**

Congratulations Harriet Eikland who brought the quilt home from the Christmas Coffee Hour on December 1st.

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 Today is the last day we will be collecting French's Crispy Fried Onions. 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.

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	Worship	Sunday School PreK-8th grade
Dec. 1:	66	No Sunday School Class
Nov. 24:	85	43
Nov. 17:	108	28
Nov. 10:	79	24