

Come, follow me . . .  
and I will make you  
fishers of men.



*Sunday, December 29, 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.*

*First Sunday of Christmas ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### \*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,  
Love from the beginning,  
Word made flesh,  
Breath of heaven.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,  
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are not perfect.**

**We have said and done things we regret.**

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,  
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call  
to be your voice in the world.**

**Forgive us, loving God.**

**Give us your righteousness,  
the strength to put aside our failures,  
and the courage to try again. Amen.**

**P:** Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,  
because God's love is given to you

as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**C: Amen.**

**\*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.

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness, you claimed him as your son. Claim us as your children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom. **Amen.**

**PSALM: psalm 91:9-12**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

**C:** <sup>10</sup>no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

**A:** <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

**C:** <sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-20**

**L:** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**L:** <sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me

and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**L:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Prepare the Royal Highway*

**ELW 264**

**\*CREED (ELW p. 206)**

**A:** With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God,**

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

**A:** Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus.

**A:** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** ...Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## \*PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING WITH MISSION MINUTE

### \*OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW 294

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace.

Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

**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.*

**\*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**

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

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

**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Love has come: God's love for all people.

Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

**COMMUNION HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**ELW 504**

**COMMUNION HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ELW 490**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P:** Grace from God's own heart, peace from the Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

**ELW 288**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Christ is born!

Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Kristen Lien  
**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch  
**Acolytes** ~ Tyce Bettenhausen & Christian Terland  
**Greeter** ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison  
**Ushers** ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn, Franklin & Beverly Lien  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien  
**Nursery** ~ Alyssa Woodley **Audio Ministry** ~ Holly Loomis  
**Church Lock up** ~ Holly Loomis  
**Offering Counters** ~ Brenda Schroeder & Joy Graffin

## *~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 **Ron Nottestad, Warren Kapsner, Kora Nelson\*, Belva Anderson, Vickie Hoehn, Tammy Beilke, Andrea Calcagno, An-nika Jacobson, Walter Furseth, Jeff Walheim, Sara Depies & Kevin Porter.**

-The grieving families of **Dorothy Taylor and Violet Jasensky.**

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

## *~Calendar~*

### **Sunday, December 29, 2019 ~ First Sunday of Christmas**

9:00am Worship

10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

### **Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

OFFICE CLOSED

Happy New Year!

### **Friday, January 3, 2020**

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Day Off

### **Sunday, January 5, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas**

9:00am Worship, Children Sing

10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School Families

10:15am Euchre Event

## ~Announcements~

**Pastor Brenda will be on vacation Dec. 26th—Jan. 1st. Please contact Pastor for Pastoral emergencies only.**

**Annual Meeting of the congregation is Sunday, February 2, 2020** immediately following Worship.

**Please submit written & financial reports** for the 2019 annual report .  
Deadline is January 12th.

**High School Youth Coffee Hang Out** The next *Coffee Hangout* at the coffee shop for high school youth is **Wednesday, January 8th at 7:45am** . Since Kindfolk will be closed lets meet at The Cambridge Market Café.

**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 planning meeting is Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 10:15am.**

**Mission Trip Fundraiser Sunday, January 12th at 10:15am.** Mark your calendars! Congregational Bingo & Denver fundraiser will be Sun. Jan. 12th at 10:15am. Please stick around after worship to play BINGO! There will be snacks, prizes, and of course, FUN!! All Bingo proceeds will go towards the Denver mission trip.

**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!