



*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to men on whom his favor rests.”*

Luke 2:14

~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.

Sunday, December 24, 2017

3:00pm & 6:00pm

Christmas Eve

*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 One of Israel,
the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High,

✠ one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in the name of Jesus,
let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

**C: in Christ Jesus you come among us
as light shining in darkness.**

We confess our failure to welcome this light.

**Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the light of your grace,
and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

*3PM GATHERING HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

*6PM₂GATHERING HYMN

***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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW 289

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Holy Father,
We celebrate with you the birth of your son, and together we sing,
“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill among people!” Amen.

6:00PM CHOIR *Noel Festival*

PSALM: Psalm 130:5-8

A: ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;
in your word | is my hope.

C: ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch |
for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the
morning.

A: ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is |
steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

C: ⁸For the LORD shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL HYMN *Love Has Come*

ELW 292

THE READING: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping

watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*3PM HYMN OF THE DAY *Joy to the World*

ELW 267

*6PM HYMN OF THE DAY *The First Noel*

ELW 300

*NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

**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: This night the eternal Word of God is born in us. We pray for Christ's light of life to take flesh in the church, the creation, and all people of God.

A brief silence.

A: We bring to the manger our longing for the visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ, that undivided it proclaim the one whose birth brings good news of glad tidings to all people...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and

all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *Away in a Manger*

ELW 277

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God with us:

You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts,

help us to bless the lives of others

in the strength of your holy name.

C: Amen.

***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**

HYMN OF UNITY *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

ELW 276

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let every heart receive your Savior.

HYMN OF UNITY *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

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. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. 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.

3PM COMMUNION HYMN

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve ELW 271

3PM COMMUNION HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

6PM COMMUNION HYMN

What Child Is This

ELW 296

6PM COMMUNION HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ELW 272

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDLELIGHTING: Congregation will begin the Candle Lighting Ceremony prior to the hymn "Silent Night". The light will be passed down from the ushers in the center aisle. (PLEASE DO NOT TIP A LIGHTED CANDLE, lest hot wax spills. Tip only unlit candles to receive the flame from those already lit.) As we sing "Silent Night" elevate candles at each reference to Christ.

At the conclusion of Silent Night, candles may be extinguished. As you exit, please remember to place your candle back on the table in the Narthex.

SENDING HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

ELW 281

DISMISSAL

A: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

A: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

~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

-Justin Bloomer

-Sharon Chapman

-Bryan Porter

-Lowell Severson

-Kevin Porter

-Phyllis Vergenz

-Paul Olson

-Joan Kaare

-Donna Weber

-Sara Depies

-The grieving families of Eleanor Rahn, John Vergenz, Kay Mountford and June Lehr.

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

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ 3pm Gloria Fruit, 6pm Vicki Schuh

Lector ~ 3pm Sabra Jacobson, 6pm Vicki Schuh

Greeter ~ 3pm Sabra Jacobson, 6pm Lane & Judy Taylor

Acolytes ~ 3pm Emma Nottestad & Karly Lewellin
6pm Meta Wescott

Ushers ~ 3pm Jason & Shawn Schlieckau Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Gloria Fruit

Communion Assistants ~ 3pm Jean Lehr & Ann Nottestad
6pm Franklin & Beverly Lien

Musician ~ 3pm Andrew Severson, 6pm Judy Rusch

Choir Director ~ 6pm Vicki Schuh

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes

*A special thank you to The David & Teresa Schickel
for donating and setting up the candles for
the Candle Lighting Ceremony*

Happy Birthday Jesus!

*Enjoy a Christmas Cupcake after worship
today in the narthex*



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 of Events ~

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00am Worship
3:00pm Candlelight Worship
5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Candlelight Worship

Monday, December 25, 2017

Merry Christmas!
9:00am Worship

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

9:30am Prayers for Our People

Thursday, December 28, 2017

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, December 29, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

~Announcements~

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation December 26th-January 1st. For Pastoral care please contact Pastor Holly Slater, St. Paul Liberty - Deerfield, at 608-609-0548.

2017 Giving We are requesting members to have all contributions you wish to have included in the 2017 fiscal year post-marked 12/30/17 (the last day of 2017 is a Sunday) or delivered to the church by 12/31/17. Thank you.

Save the date: January 14, 2018 Congregational Bingo!
Sponsored by the EKL Youth Group.

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

Please submit written & financial reports for the 2017 annual report to the church office by January 14, 2018.

Thrivent If you are a Thrivent member, please consider applying for a grant to go to a Food Pantry. Please contact your Thrivent Representative if you need assistance.

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~

December 17:	216
December 10:	102
December 3:	105
November 26:	72

Poinsettia Dedication

In memory of Orin Kaare from Joan Kaare

In memory of our parents, brother & nephew from Joy & Dennis Graffin

In memory of Earl & Glee Ellickson from Roy & Mary Ellickson & Family

In memory of Elmer & Caroline Bergholz from Roy & Mary Ellickson & Family

In memory of Gene Gunderson from Marilyn Gunderson

*In memory of Gordon & Arlene Lein, Lars Lein & Steven Lein
from Lane & Judy Taylor*

In memory of Chuck and Jenny Wibralski from Carol Wibralski

In memory of Richard Lien from Carolyn Lien

In memory of Harold Eikland from The Eikland Family

In memory of loved ones from Robert & Jane Furseth

*In memory of Florence & Nels Mathison and Bud & Betty Hommen
from Arvid & Linda Mathison*

In memory of loved ones from Ken & Marge Stach

In memory of Walter Klemp & John Vergenz from Kurt & Barb Klemp Family

*In memory of Edwin & Helen Hanson
from Curt & Linda Hanson and Chris, Scott & Mia Frodel*

*In memory of Henry & Ruth Gilson
from Curt & Linda Hanson and Chris, Scott & Mia Frodel*

In memory of Bob Lund from the family

In memory of Eugene Lund from the family





Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24

3:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

6:00pm

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December 25

9:00am

Christmas Day Worship

December 31

9:00am

First Sunday of Christmas Worship



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