



Sunday, December 10, 2017

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.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Booklet is found in the back of the ELW Hymnal

*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

GATHERING

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

HYMN *He Came Down*

ELW 253

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

***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 comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord
by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared
for your merciful reign among us.**

**We ignore our neighbors in need
and fail in the labor of justice and peace.**

In your mercy forgive us.

**Grant us wisdom to welcome your light
and to seek the things that will endure
until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

In ☐ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

***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**

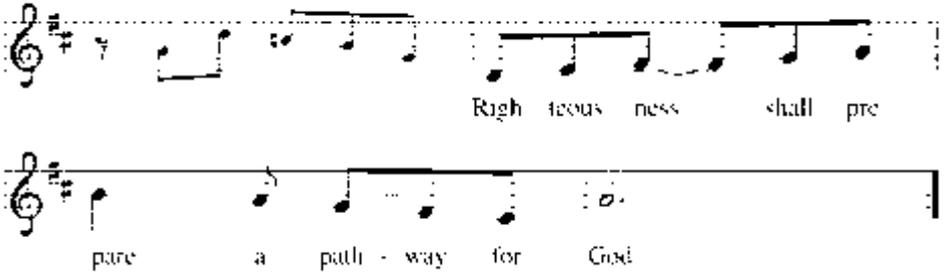
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: God of breath, You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Refrain



P: ¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

C: ²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**

P: ⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their
| hearts to you.

C: ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

P: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

C: ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

P: ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

C: ¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

***GOSPEL VERSE**

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THE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he

said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHOIR

Narration by Carolyn Lien

Dry Bones
The King Shall Come
When Will He Come?
Noel Festival
Noel Alleluia

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

ELW 250

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A: We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing divisions in your church and blessing those who work for reconciliation within it..

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us.

Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new
and our lives reveal your light.

C: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***LORDS PRAYER**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
Share in the feast of salvation.

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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Sing 4 printed verses and add advent verse as 5th verse

COMMUNION HYMN

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

ELW 467

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW 464

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☐ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *The Word of God Is Source and Seed* ELW 506

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Michael Stuve
Lector ~ Joy Graffin **Greeter** ~ Marilyn Gunderson
Acolytes ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Teagan Welcher
Ushers ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp, Carroll & Bonnie Ehrke
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Steadfast Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Carolyn Lien and Carroll Ehrke
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Nursery ~ Sonja Jacobson & Jenna Christensen
Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel
Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Church Lock-up** ~ Arvid Mathison
Coffee Hour ~ Choir

~East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir~

Choir Director ~ Vicki Schuh **Piano** ~ Judy Rusch
Sopranos: Janelle Dunlavy, Karen Hayes, Holly Loomis,
Pastor Brenda Lovick, Linda Mathison
Altos: Gloria Fruit, Beverly Lien, Carolyn Lien, Kristen Lien,
Ilsa Lund, Ann Nottestad, Sue Repyak, Alyssa Woodley
Tenors: David Repyak, Ken Rockney, Michael Stuve
Basses: Franklin Lien, Arlen Lund, Arvid Mathison, Lyle Walheim

~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	

-Those fighting breast cancer.

-The grieving families of John Vergenz*, Kay Mountford*, June Lehr*, Pat Larson, Agnes Goodrich, Timothy Gruenwald and Dorrie Scheel (Betty Scheel's daughter-in-law).

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.)

~Attendance Report~

December 3:	105
November 26:	72
November 19:	92
November 12:	97

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, December 10, 2017, Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Choir Concert
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Choir
- 10:15am Worship Committee Meeting
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation Christmas Program Practice

Monday, December 11, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at Liberty, Deerfield
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

Thursday, December 14, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 15, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 17, 2017, Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship, Christmas Program
- 10:00am Pie Auction and Bake Sale

~Announcements~

Cambridge Food Pantry Christmas Baskets EKLC will be collecting donations of French Fried Onions and Cream of Mushroom Soup for approximately 75 baskets. Donations will be collected in the narthex until **Sunday, Dec. 17th.**

EKL Youth Group holiday fundraiser Please check out the angels that our youth made for your holiday decor. Minimum suggested donation is \$10. They are also selling 2018 calendars. Minimum suggested donation is also \$10. All proceeds will go to the cost of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Thank you for your support to our youth!

Pie Auction and Bake Sale on December 17th! Please mark your calendars to support EKL Youth during fellowship hour. Sign up for pie donations in the narthex.

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

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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, February 4, 2018 immediately following Worship. Please submit written & financial reports for the 2017 annual report to the church office by January 14, 2018.

**Midweek Advent Services with Holden Evening Prayer
7:00 PM at the Upper Church.**

Be Glad for the Reasons for the Season

Dec 13: Jesus Forgives Sins (Ephesians 1:3-14)

Dec 20: Jesus Renews Love (1 John 4:13-16)



Advent Worship Schedule

December 10

9:00am Second Sunday of Advent Worship
Choir Concert

December 13

7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

December 17

9:00am Third Sunday of Advent Worship
Children's Christmas Pageant

December 20

7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

December 24

9:00am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24

3:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 25

9:00am Christmas Day Worship

December 31

9:00am First Sunday of Christmas Worship

