

A graphic featuring a large, light gray treble clef on the left side. To its right, the word "CHRISTMAS" is written in a red, serif font, and "CONCERT" is written in a blue, decorative serif font below it. Below the text are five horizontal wavy lines representing a musical staff. Six blue snowflake icons of varying sizes are scattered across these lines.

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Sunday, December 11, 2016*

*Worship 9:00 am*

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# *Sunday, December 11, 2016*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

**L:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW 240 vs. 1-3

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may stand as able and 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.*

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 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.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM: Psalm 146:5-10

**A:** <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those  
who hunger. The LORD sets the | captive free.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**

**who | are bowed down; the LORD| loves the righteous.**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. |  
Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

**A:** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of

heaven is greater than he.”

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

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

## CHOIR

*“Song of Advent” By Eugene Butler*

*“Mary, Did You Know?” Arranged by Mary McDonald*

*“Run, Shepherds!” By Victor C. Johnson*

*“Christmas Fanfare” By Joseph M. Martin*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *All Earth Is Hopeful*      **ELW 266**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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:** As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and all messengers of the gospel, for all who call upon the name of the Lord, and for congregations throughout the world; that God work through us to bring harmony and reconciliation...

**A:** let us pray.

**C:** Have mercy, O God.

...Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

**C:** Amen.

## PEACE

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## STORY OF EKLC MISSION

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. 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.

## 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.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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, 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

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.*

**COMMUNION SONG** *Lamb of God* **Page 208**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Break Now the Bread of Life* **ELW 515**

**COMMUNION HYMN**  
*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* **ELW 517**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. 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** *Jesus Shall Reign* **ELW 434**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*~Worship Leaders~*

**Pastor** ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Ken Rockney  
**Acolytes** ~ Autumn Evenson & Karly Lewellin  
**Advent Lighting:** Dennis & Judy Lund Family  
**Greeter** ~ Jeff & Alex Loomis  
**Nursery** ~ Sonja & Jenna Christensen  
**Ushers** ~ Dennis & Judy Lund Family  
**Communion Set up/Take down** ~ Peace Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis  
**Offering Counters** ~ Carroll Ehrke & Scott Nottestad  
**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch **Musician** ~ Steve Lehr  
**Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh  
**Fellowship Coffee Hour** ~ Choir  
**Church Lock-up** ~ Arvid Mathison

*~East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir~*

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

**Attendance Report:**

**Sunday, December 4: 88**  
**Sunday, November 27: 82**  
**Sunday, November 20: 89**  
**Sunday, November 13: 107**



## ~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 Lindsay Stolen.

### **God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...**

-Melissa Anderson -Sally Hampton

-The grieving families of Jo Lee, Orin Kaare, Jean Gunnelson & Pastor Quintin Schowalter.

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

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

### **God's protection and safety for those being deployed...**

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty: Joe Janness. 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 that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Sunday, December 11, 2016**

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Choir Concert
- 10:00am Coffee hour hosted by Choir
- 10:15am Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal

### **Monday, December 12, 2016**

Pastor's Day Off

### **Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for our people
- 10:00am 1 & 2 Corinthians Bible Study
- 1:30pm-4pm Pastor's office hours

### **Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

- 10:00am Pastor's SPLLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

### **Thursday, December 15, 2016**

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 9:00am Pastor Text Study in Fort Atkinson
- 11:30am Clergy Conference Meeting

### **Saturday, December 17, 2016**

- 10:00am Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal

### **Sunday, December 18, 2016**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00am Worship, Youth Christmas Program
- 10:00am Coffee hour
- 10:15am Confirmation

## *~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.*

## *~Announcements~*

*Midweek Advent Services ~ Tidings of Comfort and Joy* We will hold midweek Advent services on Wednesday nights during Advent, at 7:00 pm, in the upper church. We will sing together the Holden Evening Prayer worship service. The theme for this worship series is "Tidings of Comfort and Joy." Through the holiday season and at various times in our lives, we experience deep emotions that complicates our life experiences. Each week, we will explore different emotions through the stories of the Bible and how God is with us through Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

December 14: The Angel Speaks to Mary's Doubt

December 21: The Angel Speaks to the Shepherds' Curiosity

### *Christmas Eve Worship, December 24*

3:00pm Candlelight Worship

6:00pm Candlelight Worship

*Christmas Day Worship on Sunday, December 25* We will have a relaxed worship service with Christmas carols and Holy Communion on Christmas Day. You are welcome to attend worship in your pajamas (Pastor Brenda and her family did last year). Pastor also wants to encourage the children to bring a gift that they received for Christmas to show and share with the other children at EKLC during worship.

