



Faith as a Way of Life

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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 Advent ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING AND DECORATING OF THE TREE

P: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth. You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth. (Psalm 96:11-13)

A: You're invited to come and place a chrismon on the tree during the singing of the following hymn:

HYMN *He Came Down*

ELW 253

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

P: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Light the first candle.

*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, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,
C: we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

***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. Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

RESPONSIVE READING: Matthew 26:36-38

A: ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

C: ³⁷**He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.**

A: ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3: [3b-6], 17-19

Chapter 1

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ⁵Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. ⁶For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

Chapter 2

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Chapter 3

³God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. ⁵Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. ⁶He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low. ¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹God, the LORD, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *We Walk by Faith*

ELW 635

***APOSTLES' 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: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries and remove our shame. Grow our faithfulness and let your steadfast love blossom among us...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

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**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

C: Christ is risen.

C: Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in 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, bread is placed in your hands, you dip it in the cup and eat. The silver chalice with purple liquid is wine; the ceramic chalice with yellow liquid is grape juice.*
- *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.*

COMMUNION SONG *Walk by Faith* by Jeremy Camp

Would I believe you when you would say
Your hand will guide my every way?
Will I receive the words you say
Every moment of every day?
Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well because this broken road
Prepares your will for me
Help me to win my endless fears
You've been so faithful for all my years
With one breath you make me new
Your grace covers all I do, yeah, yeah, yeah yeah yeah
Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well because this broken road
Prepares your will for me
Well I'm broken, but I still see your face
Well you've spoken, pouring your words of grace
Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Well, because this broken road
Prepares your will for me
Well I will walk by faith
Even when I cannot see
Oh well, because this broken road
Prepares your will for me
(Well hallelujah, hallelu)
(Well hallelujah) I will walk by faith, I will walk by faith
(Hallelu) I will walk by faith, I will walk by
(Well hallelujah, hallelu) yeah, yeah
(Well hallelujah, hallelu) yeah, yeah
(Well hallelujah, hallelu) yeah, I will walk, I will walk, whoa, I will walk by
faith
(Well hallelujah, hallelu) I will, oh yeah, I will, well I will walk by faith
(Well hallelujah)

Songwriters: Jeremy Camp

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COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick, Pastor
Assisting Minister ~ Michael Stuve **Lector** ~ Thianna Wegner
Acolytes ~ Cody Kaashagen & Amerie Timler
Greeters ~Tom & Trudy Spike
Ushers ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Light Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Dennis Lund & Peggy Luther
Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson **Audio Ministry** ~ Hilary Terland
Altar Flowers ~ Light Circle **Musician** ~ Andrew Severson
Coffee Hour ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis
Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
Church Lock up ~ Holly Loomis

~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...

-Doris Rudisill*	-Jerry Borchardt*	-Melissa Anderson
-Tamisha Bogert	-Patrica Hotton	-JoAnn Zimmerman
-Kevin Porter	-Justin Bloomer	-Sara Depies
-Lowell Severson		

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

-Those struggling with addiction and their families.
-People being diagnosed with cancer and their families.
-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

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

-Bailey Rockney
-Leif Hareid, deployed to Dubai.
-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.)

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> <u>PreK-8th grade</u>
November 25:	93	No Sunday School
November 18:	98	30
November 11:	137	30
November 4:	153	34

~Calendar~

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Last Day to order your Christmas Poinsettia!
8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship, Decorate Christmas Tree
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted Holly & Maggie Loomis
10:15am Sunday School and Confirmation Christmas Program Practice

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00pm Dartball @ EKLC

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for our people
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

1:30pm Clergy Meeting at McFarland Lutheran
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Advent Worship, Upper Church

Thursday, December 6 2018

9:30am Clergy Conference Meeting,
St. Johns Lutheran in Oregon

Friday, December 7, 2018

Pastor's Day Off

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00am Choir practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Christmas Tea hosted by Light Circle
10:30am Choir sings at Skaalen Home

God Makes 175 Years New - a Midweek Advent series for EKLC at the Upper Church

Come and see what God is up to in faith during the Advent season.
Holden Evening Prayer and reflections on faith and life at EKLC.

- Dec 5 at 7pm - Advent Past - Communion of Saints
 - Dec 12 at 7pm - Advent Present - Faith in Action
 - Dec 19 at 7pm - Advent Future - Legacy to Look Forward
- All are welcome—invite a friend!**

~Announcements~

The end of the 2018 year falls on Monday, December 31, 2018. In order to get your year-end contributions submitted to be a part of the 2018 fiscal year, please have them to the office by Friday, January 4, 2019 or post-marked no later than January 2, 2019. A gentle reminder to use your offering envelopes whenever possible. More importantly, please remember to write your name on the envelope especially if giving cash (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

Christmas Tea will be hosted by Light Circle on Sunday, Dec. 9th at the coffee hour. Women and men are invited to share in Christmas cookies and Christmas music.

Sign up to be on the 175th Anniversary Committee! We need a committee to help in planning the celebration of the 175th anniversary of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. If you are interested please sign up in the church narthex.

EKLC is Church of the month at Skaalen in December! Please see sign up sheets in Narthex and Friendship Hall. If you have any questions ask Wilma.

Alden Estates Christmas Project Once again we have been asked to help provide a Christmas gift for some of the residents of Alden Estates in Jefferson. If you would like to provide a gift, please take one of the tags from the tree in the narthex. The gift suggestions are to help you select something that would be a good gift. You do not need to get everything on the list. One or two items would be very much appreciated. **We will need them placed in the box in the narthex no later than Sunday, December 9th.**



***Order your Poinsettia for the
Christmas season!***

*We are placing our orders through
America's Best (Edgerton Floral) this year.
The flowers will be red and in a 8" pot.
The cost is \$16.50 each, which needs
to be paid for when ordering.*

*If you would like to order one please fill out the
form below and return it to the church office
TODAY Sunday, December 2, 2018.*

Checks payable to EKLC.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

How Many: _____

In (please circle) Memory/Honor of

