



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Sunday, December 23, 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.*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN *He Came Down***

**ELW 253**

### **\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

**P:** We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth.

Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

*Light all four candles.*

### **\*ADVENT DIALOGUE**

**A:** Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth.

**C:** Let the earth hear, and all that fills it.

**A:** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

**C:** the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

**A:** They shall see the glory of the Lord,

**C:** the majesty of our God.

**A:** Nations shall come to your light,

**C:** and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**A:** This is the Lord for whom we wait;

**C:** let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of God.

**\*GATHERING HYMN *Savior of the Nations, Come***

**ELW 263**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**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.

**2C: Amen**

## BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

#### LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20

**Peggy Luther:** A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>19</sup>The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. <sup>20</sup>Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

#### RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Peggy Luther:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C:** and I will hope in God who saves us.

**CAROL** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

**ELW 246**

#### LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

**Pastor Brenda:** A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

#### RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Pastor Brenda:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C:** and I will hope in God who saves us.

**CAROL** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**ELW 254**

## LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-5

**Peggy Luther:** A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand

double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

## RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Peggy Luther:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C: and I will hope in God who saves us.**

## CAROL *People, Look East*

ELW 248

## LESSON: Isaiah 40:9-11

**Ann Nottestad:** A reading from Isaiah. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

## RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Ann Nottestad:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C: and I will hope in God who saves us.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM *When Will He Come?*

## LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Arvid Mathison:** A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Arvid Mathison:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C:** and I will hope in God who saves us.

## CHOIR ANTHEM *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head*

### LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

**Carolyn Lien:** A reading from Luke. <sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Carolyn Lien:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C:** and I will hope in God who saves us.

## CHOIR ANTHEM *A Tapestry of Joyful Carols*

## LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

**Holly Loomis:** A reading from Matthew. <sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." <sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## RESPONSE

*Brief silence for meditation.*

**Holly Loomis:** I will wait for the Lord,

**C:** and I will hope in God who saves us.

## CHOIR ANTHEM *Run, Shepherds!*

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** With the whole church, let us 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 await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Faithful Lord, you keep your promises. Move your church to sing like Mary and rejoice like Elizabeth. Teach us to sing of your faithfulness all our days...

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

**Your mercy is great.**

**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.

**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.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 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.*

**COMMUNION SONG** *God With Us* by MercyMe

*[Verse 1]* Who are we  
That You would be mindful of us  
What do You see  
That's worth looking our way  
We are free  
In ways that we never should be  
Sweet release  
From the grip of these chains

*[Pre-Chorus]* Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing

*[Chorus]* All that is within me cries  
For You alone, be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand new song  
The debt is paid, these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us

*[Verse 2]* Lord, You know  
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory  
But still You show  
A love we cannot afford

*[Pre-Chorus]* *[Chorus]* All that is within me cries  
For You alone, be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand new song  
The debt is paid, these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us

*[Bridge]* Such a tiny offering  
Compared to Calvary  
But nevertheless  
We lay it at your feet  
Such a tiny offering  
Compared to Calvary  
But nevertheless  
We lay this at your feet  
*[Chorus]*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**ELW 250**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**A:** O Lord our God, be gracious to us;

**C:** we wait for you.

**A:** Dispel the darkness,

**C:** that all nations may come to your light.

**A:** Establish your peace on the earth;

**C:** join our voices to sing your praise.

**A:** Comfort the sick and weary;

**C:** renew their strength and power.

**A:** O Lord our God, come to us,

**C:** that the earth may behold your glory.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

**C:** Savior of the nations, come!

**P:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

\*SENDING SONG *Canticle of the Turning*

ELW 723

\*DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## ~Worship Leaders~

**Presider** ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick, Pastor

**Assisting Minister** ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Peggy Luther

**Acolytes** ~ Ilsa Lund **Greeters** ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp

**Ushers** ~ Brenda Schroeder, Harriet Eikland, Carolyn Lien, Jane Furseth

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

**Communion Assistants** ~ Hilary Terland & Vicki Schuh

**Nursery** ~ Emma Nottestad **Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes

**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

**Altar Flowers** ~ Light Circle **Coffee Hour** ~ Choir

**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Lehr, Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel

**Church Lock up** ~ Arvid Mathison

## ~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, Carolyn Lien, Kristen Lien,

Ann Nottestad, Sue Repyak, Alyssa Woodley

**Tenors:** Ken Rockney, Michael Stuve

**Basses:** Arlen Lund, Arvid Mathison

## ~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...**

-Lois Zerkle\*

-Norma Borchardt\*

-Jerry Borchardt

-Linda Teske

-Justin Bloomer

-Lowell Severson

-Tamisha Bogert

-JoAnn Zimmerman

-Sara Depies

-Kevin Porter

-The grieving families of Lee Powers\*, John Dunlavy Sr.\*, Doris Rudisill, Ann Marie Johnson & Julie O'Conner .

### **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>
December 16:	230	44
December 9:	111	35
December 2:	128	40
November 25:	93	No Sunday School

## *~Announcements~*

**Christmas Day Community Meal:** Join in Joyous Celebration! Hosted at Willerup U.M.C, 414 W. Water St. Cambridge on December 25th, gathering at 11:30am. Appetizers, Ham Dinner & Dessert. Freewill donation. All are welcome! If you're interested in volunteering or donating for the meal contact Cathy Yerges at 608-235-8976.

**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).

**Annual Meeting of the congregation is Sunday, February 3, 2019 Immediately following worship. Please submit written & financial reports for the 2018 Annual Report to the church office by January 13, 2019.**

**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.

**God's Global Barnyard:** During Advent and Christmas, through January 6, we are collecting money for ELCA World Hunger through God's Global Barnyard. Bring your loose coins to see how much money we can collect and see what we can purchase! A pig is \$30, honeybees are \$50, a cow is \$500, and chicks are \$1 each! We can also purchase a water filter or Bibles for a Sunday school program or school supplies for a new student. At the end of the season, EKLC's Sunday School children will decide what animal or goods to purchase for a community in need. What a great way to share the love of Christ!

You can take a God's Global Barnyard coin box home and fill it up. You can also take an ELCA World Hunger Advent calendar home and use it as a devotion through the Advent season. Thank you for your financial support for this ministry!

**October Treasurer's Report:** Income exceeded Expenses by \$862. To date, Income is trailing Expenses by \$20,651. General Offerings for October were \$175 greater than for October 2017. To date, General Offerings are \$13,854 less than for the same period in 2017.

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## *~Christmas Worship Schedule~*

December 24 - 3pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
December 24 - 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
December 25 - 9am Christmas Day Worship  
December 30 - 9am 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship  
January 6 - 9am Epiphany Sunday Worship

## *~Calendar~*

### **Sunday, December 23, 2018**

8:00am Choir practice  
9:00am Worship, Adult Choir Concert  
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Choir

### **Monday, December 24, 2018**

Office Closed  
3:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
5:30pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

### **Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

Office Closed  
9:00am Christmas Day Worship  
11:30am Community Christmas Meal at Willerup U.M.C, Cambridge

### **Thursday, December 27, 2018**

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

### **Sunday, December 30, 2018**

9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee Hour

Pastor Brenda is out of the office December 26-January 1. Pastor David Keesey-Berg will be leading worship on Sunday, Dec. 30th. This is a "staycation," meaning that she will be in the area during this time. If there is a pastoral emergency, you may call her at 608-616-5085. For non-emergencies, you may leave a message and she'll get back to you on January 2nd.

**In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong**

**\*church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)**

**\*web site, [www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)**