



Sunday, December 24, 2016

Worship 3:00pm and 6:00pm

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Nativity of Our Lord I: Christmas Eve
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

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 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.

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 SONG *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW 275

6PM GATHERING SONG *Away in a Manger*

ELW 277

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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

6PM CHOIR *Christmas Fanfare*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96

A: ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

C: ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

A: ³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

C: ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

A: ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

C: ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

A: ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

C: ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R**

A: ⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

C: ¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

A: ¹¹Let 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.

C: ¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at
your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

A: ¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,

¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

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!”

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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: The gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

3PM HYMN OF THE DAY *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve*
ELW 271

6PM HYMN OF THE DAY *Angels We Have Heard on High*
ELW 289

NICENE CREED

A: With the whole church we confess our faith.

**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

A: Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

Holy God, from you comes all grace and righteousness. Bind your church together during this Christmas season, that we bear witness to the truth of the gospel throughout the world...

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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

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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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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 *O Bread of Life from Heaven*

ELW 480

3PM COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life*

ELW 515

6PM COMMUNION HYMN *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

ELW 494

6PM COMMUNION HYMN *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*

ELW 501

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in 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 the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

ELW 281

LIGHT OF CANDLES (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.

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.

~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.

~3:00 p.m. Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick
Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Trudy Spike
Acolytes ~ Sully Schlieckau & Emma Nottestad
Greeter ~ Sabra Jacobson
Ushers ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad
Communion Set up/Take down ~ Gloria Fruit
Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad
Musician ~ Andrew Severson

~6:00 p.m. Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick
Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis **Lector** ~ Vicki Schuh
Greeter ~ Lane & Judy Taylor
Ushers ~ Lane & Judy Taylor, Don & Eileen Hoehn
Communion Set up/Take down ~ Holly Loomis
Communion Assistants ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Musicians ~ Trombone: Steve Lehr, Trumpet: Steve Kaare
Church Lock-up ~ Arvid Mathison

Thank you David and Teresa Schickel for setting up Candles for the special Candlelight Worship this evening.

~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 -Betty Gunnelson*

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~

Saturday, December 24, 2016

3:00pm Holy Communion & Candlelight Worship

5:30pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Holy Communion & Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25, 2016

9:00am Christmas Worship

10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Vicki Schuh

Monday, December 26, 2016

Office Closed

Pastor Brenda is on vacation Dec. 26th-Jan.2nd.

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

9:30am Prayers for our people

6:00pm Property Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 1, 2017

9:00am Worship, No Communion

~Announcements~

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation December 26-January 2. She'll be out of state December 26-28. In the event of a pastoral emergency during Dec 26-28, you may call Pastor Holly Slater at 608-609-0548. In the event of a pastoral emergency during Dec 29-Jan 2, you may call Pastor Brenda at 608-616-5085.

Christmas Pageant Rescheduled for January 8th at 9am.

Audio Ministry Help needed recording worship services. Did you know each worship service is recorded and sent to our homebound members? This is an important ministry, and we need help! Many hands make light work. If you are interested and gifted in using recording technology, please talk to Karen Hayes or Pastor Brenda.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

~Sermon Notes~
