



Sunday, December 24, 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.

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

Insert is found in the back of the ELW Hymnal

*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *He Came Down*

ELW 253 v.1-4

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

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

In your Son, Emmanuel,
you have shown us your light

and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Increase our longing for your presence,
that at the celebration of your Son's birth
his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,
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 *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* ELW 286

*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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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: God of all time,
Your Word became flesh and walked among us. Receive our grati-
tude and awe for all that you have done through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

Refrain



Refrain

P: ^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

C: ⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

P: ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.

C: ⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation. R**

P: ⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

C: ⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.**

P: ⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.

C: ⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

P: ⁵⁵the promise made | to our forbears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. **R**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

*GOSPEL VERSE

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THE READING: John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* **ELW 295**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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*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.)* Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your call to serve your kingdom, and send us out to those who are hurting and in need of good news.

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 the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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***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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***LORDS PRAYER**

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***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.

Share in the feast of salvation.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Eat This Bread

ELW 472 3X

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

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 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **ELW 270**

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Sonja Jacobson
Lector ~ Karen Hayes **Greeter** ~ Marge Stach
Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Anders Amundson
Ushers ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Marge Stach
Communion Assistants ~ Peggy Luther & Jane Furseth
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Special Music** ~ Vicki Schuh
Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Nursery** ~ Jenna Christensen

~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

-Sara Depies

-The grieving families of Eleanor Rahn, John Vergenz, Kay Mountford and June Lehr.

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.)

~ Calendar of Events~

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00am Worship
3:00pm Candlelight Worship
5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Candlelight Worship

Happy Birthday Jesus!

*Enjoy a Christmas Cupcake
after worship today
in the narthex*



Monday, December 25, 2017

Merry Christmas!

9:00am Worship

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

9:30am Prayers for Our People

Thursday, December 28, 2017

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, December 29, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

~Attendance Report~

December 17: 216
December 10: 102
December 3: 105
November 26: 72

~Announcements~

Pastor Brenda will be on vacation December 26th-January 1st. For Pastoral care please contact Pastor Holly Slater, St. Paul Liberty - Deerfield, at 608-609-0548.

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

Save the date: January 14, 2018 Congregational Bingo!
Sponsored by the EKL Youth Group.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018
immediately following Worship.

Please submit written & financial reports for the 2017 annual report to the church office by January 14, 2018.

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.

Poinsettia Dedication

In memory of Orin Kaare from Joan Kaare

In memory of our parents, brother & nephew from Joy & Dennis Graffin

In memory of Earl & Glee Ellickson from Roy & Mary Ellickson & Family

In memory of Elmer & Caroline Bergholz from Roy & Mary Ellickson & Family

In memory of Gene Gunderson from Marilyn Gunderson

In memory of Gordon & Arlene Lein, Lars Lein & Steven Lein

from Lane & Judy Taylor

In memory of Chuck and Jenny Wibralski from Carol Wibralski

In memory of Richard Lien from Carolyn Lien

In memory of Harold Eikland from The Eikland Family

In memory of loved ones from Robert & Jane Furseth

In memory of Florence & Nels Mathison and Bud & Betty Hommen

from Arvid & Linda Mathison

In memory of loved ones from Ken & Marge Stach

In memory of Walter Klemp & John Vergenz from Kurt & Barb Klemp Family

In memory of Edwin & Helen Hanson

from Curt & Linda Hanson and Chris, Scott & Mia Frodel

In memory of Henry & Ruth Gilson

from Curt & Linda Hanson and Chris, Scott & Mia Frodel

In memory of Bob Lund from the family

In memory of Eugene Lund from the family





Advent Worship Schedule

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

