



# *First Sunday* OF ADVENT

*Sunday, December 3, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

***The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church***  
***454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523***  
***Church Office: Phone 423-3017 Email: [eklc@bminet.com](mailto:eklc@bminet.com)***  
***[www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)***  
***Pastor Brenda Lovick: 608-616-5085***  
***Email: [pastor.brendalovick@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.brendalovick@gmail.com)***  
***FACEBOOK PAGE – Please “Like” us on***  
***East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!***

## ~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.*

***Sunday, December 03, 2017***

*First Sunday of Advent*

**NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

**Booklet is inserted in the back of the ELW Hymnal**

\*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

### **GATHERING**

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

**HYMN** *He Came Down*

**ELW 253** verse 1

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.  
You call all nations to walk in your light  
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,  
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.  
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.  
Rouse us from sleep,  
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,  
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.**

**\*HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW 240**

**\*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**

NFC Page 3

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. God of all people, Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everyflowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain

Let your face shine up - on us and  
we shall be saved, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:7

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year B* © 1996 Augsburg Fortress. May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

**P:** <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

**P:** <sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**O LORD | God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R**

**P:** <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

**P:** <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**C:** <sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**

**P:** <sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

**C:** <sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL VERSE

## **THE READING: Daniel 3:1, [2-7] 8-30**

**L:** <sup>1</sup>King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. <sup>2</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>3</sup>So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, <sup>4</sup>the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, <sup>5</sup>that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." <sup>7</sup>Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup>They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup>You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, <sup>11</sup>and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup>There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

<sup>13</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?"

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar-

zar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>22</sup>Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." <sup>25</sup>He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup>And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." <sup>30</sup>Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

### LIGHTING AND DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

**A:** 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 OF THE DAY** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* **ELW 244**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** **NFC Page 9**

### \*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.*

**A:** Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church. Shape our communities to be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world...

**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**

NFC Page 10

**\*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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

NFC Page 11

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

NFC Page 11

**\*EUCCHARISTIC**

NFC Page 12

**\*THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST**

NFC Page 13

**\*LORDS PRAYER**

NFC Page 13

**\*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**

NFC Page 14

*Sing 4 printed verses and add advent verse as 5<sup>th</sup> verse*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

## COMMUNION HYMN

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW 494

## THANKS BE TO YOU

NFC Page 15

## 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.**

## SENDING

**P:** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

**P:** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, 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 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ELW 836

## DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien  
**Lector** ~ Jane Furseth & Confirmation Class **Greeter** ~ Lindsay Baker  
**Acolytes** ~ Sully Schlieckau & Meta Wescott  
**Ushers** ~ Paul & Lori Olson, Ruth Bovre & Wilma Furseth  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Steadfast Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Don Hoehn & Joanne Gyland  
**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson  
**Nursery** ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder  
**Offering Counters** ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit  
**Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke **Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit  
**Coffee Hour** ~ Steadfast Circle

## *~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              -June Lehr  
-Joan Kaare                         -Donna Weber\* -Paul Olson\*

-Those fighting breast cancer.\*

-The grieving families of Pat Larson, Agnes Goodrich\*, Timothy Gruenwald\* and Dorie Scheel\* (Betty Scheel's daughter-in-law)\*

### **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 3, 2017, First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation Program Practice
- 11:00am EKLYG Youth Gathering Meeting at EKLC
- 6pm-8pm Rise Up Synod Meeting at Bethel, Madison

### Monday, December 4, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Day Off

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours

### Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at Liberty, Deerfield
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

### Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 4pm-9pm Parents Night Out

### Sunday, December 10, 2017, Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Choir Concert
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Choir
- 10:15am Worship Committee Meeting
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation Christmas Program Practice

### ~Attendance Report~

November 26:	72
November 19:	92
November 12:	97
November 5:	140

### Weekly Offerings Report

	November	November
11/26/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to - Date
\$ 2,460.00	\$ 22,520.52	\$ 13,363.75

### Weekly Offerings Report

	November	November
11/5/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to - Date
\$ 5,172.00	\$ 22,520.52	\$ 5,172.00

### Weekly Offerings Report

	November	November
11/12/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to - Date
\$ 3,212.25	\$ 22,520.52	\$ 8,384.25

### Weekly Offerings Report

	November	November
11/19/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to - Date
\$ 2,519.50	\$ 22,520.52	\$ 10,903.75

## ~Announcements~

**Cambridge Food Pantry Christmas Baskets** EKLC will be collecting donations of French Fried Onions and Cream of Mushroom Soup for approximately 75 baskets. Donations will be collected in the narthex until **Sunday, Dec. 17th.**

**EKL Youth Group holiday fundraiser** Please check out the angels that our youth made for your holiday decor. Minimum suggested donation is \$10. They are also selling 2018 calendars. Minimum suggested donation is also \$10. All proceeds will go to the cost of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. Thank you for your support to our youth!

**Pie Auction and Bake Sale on December 17th!** Please mark your calendars to support EKL Youth during fellowship hour. Sign up for pie donations in the narthex.

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

**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.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation is Sunday, February 4, 2018** immediately following Worship. Please submit written & financial reports for the 2017 annual report to the church office by January 14, 2018.

### **Alden Estates Christmas Gifts**

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 10th. Thank you!

### **Midweek Advent Services with Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 PM at the Upper Church.**

#### ***Be Glad for the Reasons for the Season***

Dec 6: Jesus Executes Justice (Isaiah 25:6-26:6)

Dec 13: Jesus Forgives Sins (Ephesians 1:3-14)

Dec 20: Jesus Renews Love (1 John 4:13-16)