



Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome~

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 insert found in the back 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 31, 2017

First Sunday of Christmas

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

***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 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.

P: 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.

***GATHERING HYMN *Once in Royal David's City* ELW 269**

***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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***NOW THE FEAST**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Glorious God, Help us to hear when your chosen voices proclaim the work of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in this world and the next. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 32:1-2

A: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

C: ²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

***GOSPEL VERSE**

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THE READING: John 1:19-34

Lector: ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No."

²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Cold December Flies Away*

ELW 299

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn near to God as children and heirs of Christ's promise, we pray for all people of God, for our nation and our world, and for those in need. *A brief silence.*

A: For the faith communities of this *city/town/village* and for faith communities throughout the world. Help us to see ourselves in our neighbors, especially those who differ from us, and draw us together in common service to those who are hungry, poor, and oppressed...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Into your outstretched arms, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and life of the world.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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***LORDS PRAYER**

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***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let every heart receive your Savior.

SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

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. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive com-

munion, 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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COMMUNION HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **ELW 279**

COMMUNION HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **ELW 283**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through 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 Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Joy to the World*

ELW 267

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.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor David Berggren **Assisting Minister** ~ Holly Loomis
Lector ~ Carolyn Lien **Greeter** ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn
Acolytes ~ Mallory Wallace
Ushers ~ Lane & Judy Taylor, Curt & Linda Hanson
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel
Communion Assistants ~ Dave & Sue Repyak
Musician ~ Andrew Severson **Nursery** ~ Jenna Christensen
Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
Audio Ministry ~ Bonnie Ehrke **Church Lock-up** ~ 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...

-Nancy Walheim -Lyle Walheim -Lowell Severson

-Justin Bloomer -Sharon Chapman -Bryan Porter

-Kevin Porter -Phyllis Vergenz -Joan Kaare

-Sara Depies

-The grieving family of Eleanor Rahn.

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~

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00am Worship

Monday, January 1, 2018

Happy New Year! Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

8:30am Staff Meeting

9:30am Prayers for Our People

10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

6:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Worship Committee

Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:00am Worship, Rosenthal Baptism

10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Attendance Report~

December 24: 284

December 17: 216

December 10: 102

December 3: 105

~Announcements~

Thank you Pastor David Berggren for leading us in worship today.

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 postmarked 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.

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

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

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.