



*Sunday, December 4, 2016*

*Worship 9:00 am*

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# *Sunday, December 04, 2016*

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Use this blessing when lighting the first two candles.*

**L:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* ELW 240 vs. 1& 2**

### **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 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.*

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 SONG *Hark, the Glad Sound!***

**ELW 239**

### **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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

<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. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish; and let there be  
an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

**C:** <sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;  
you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

**A:** <sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious | name forever, and may all  
the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

**L:** <sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*The assembly stands as able to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 5:33-39**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>33</sup>Then they said to him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the

Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? <sup>35</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." <sup>36</sup> He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## 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 *He Came Down*

ELW 253

### APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** With the whole church we confess our faith.

**C:** 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 anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, and for all who proclaim the wondrous deeds of God; that all divisions and disagreements cease...

**A:** let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

**A:** ...Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **STORY OF EKLC MISSION**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**ELW 184**

*The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. 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.**

### **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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C:** 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

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.*

### COMMUNION SONG

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### COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love*

**ELW 487**

### COMMUNION HYMN

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

**ELW 494**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray. 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.  
**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** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*      **ELW 256**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**



***~Worship Leaders~***

- Pastor** ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick
- Advent Lighting** ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family
- Assisting Minister** ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Bobbie Rawinski
- Acolytes** ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Anders Amundson
- Greeters** ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn
- Nursery** ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder
- Ushers** ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family
- Communion Set up/Take down** ~ Peace Circle
- Communion Assistants** ~ Joanne Gyland & Don Hoehn
- Offering Counters** ~ Joy Graffin, Brian & Brittany Rosenthal
- Musician** ~ Andrew Severson
- Fellowship Coffee Hour** ~ Volunteer Needed
- Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit

**Attendance Report:**

- Sunday, November 27: 82**
- Sunday, November 20: 89**
- Sunday, November 13: 107**
- Sunday, November 6: 114**

**Treasurer's Report**

<b>Weekly Offerings Report</b>		
	November Goal to meet "Full-Time" Budget	November Offerings
11/27/16 Offerings	\$ 18,801.42	\$ 15,265.12
\$ 3,863.34		

## *~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     -Sally Hampton

-The grieving families of Orin Kaare, Jean Gunnelson and Pastor Quintin Schowalter.

### **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~*

## **Sunday, December 4, 2016**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee hour host needed
- 10:15am Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10:30am Mutual Ministry

## **Monday, December 5, 2016**

Pastor's Day Off

## **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

- 9:30am Prayers for our people
- 10:00am Visitation for family of Orin Kaare
- 11:00am Memorial Service for Orin Kaare
- 5:30pm CONNECT Team Meeting

## **Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

- 10:00am Pastor's Meeting at Grace Lutheran
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

## **Thursday, December 8, 2016**

- 9:00am Pastor Text Study in Fort Atkinson

## **Saturday, December 10, 2016**

- 9-11am Visitation for the family of Jo Lee
- 11:00am Memorial service for Jo Lee
- 4-9pm Parents Night Out hosted by EKLYG

## **Sunday, December 11, 2016**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Choir Concert
- 10:00am Coffee hour hosted by Choir
- 10:15am Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10:15am Stewardship Committee Meeting



**Alden Estates Gifts due TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 4:** If you have planned to give a Christmas gift for Alden Estates please have it to the church TODAY. Thank you!

**Youth Christmas Pageant** Join us Sunday, December 18th at 9:00am Worship as they share the Christmas Story.

**Midweek Advent Services ~ Tidings of Comfort and Joy** We will hold midweek Advent services on Wednesday nights during Advent, at 7:00 pm, in the upper church. We will sing together the Holden Evening Prayer worship service. The theme for this worship series is “Tidings of Comfort and Joy.” Through the holiday season and at various times in our lives, we experience deep emotions that complicates our life experiences. Each week, we will explore different emotions through the stories of the Bible and how God is with us through Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

December 7: The Angel Speaks to Joseph’s Confusion

December 14: The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt

December 21: The Angel Speaks to the Shepherds’ Curiosity

**Christmas Day Worship on Sunday, December 25** We will have a relaxed worship service with Christmas carols and Holy Communion on Christmas Day. You are welcome to attend worship in your pajamas (Pastor Brenda and her family did last year). Pastor also wants to encourage the children to bring a gift that they received for Christmas to show and share with the other children at EKLC during worship.

**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!

**Adult Bible Study 1 & 2 Corinthians** is not meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6th because of the memorial service for Orin Kaare.