



Sunday, December 9, 2018

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.

Second Sunday of Advent ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *He Came Down*

ELW 253

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

P: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C: Amen.

Light two candles.

*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, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

*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

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. God of justice, you sent your servant Esther into a life of privilege so that those without would be taken care of. In our privilege, show us how to advocate for those who have less, so that your world might be peaceful and just. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR *When Will He Come?*

RESPONSIVE READING: Matthew 5:13-16

A: ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

C: ¹⁴**You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.**

A: ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

READING: Esther 4:1-17

L: ¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes. ⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people. ⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai

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had said. ¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹ All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law — all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days. ¹² When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³ Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵ Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith

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 await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Prepare your church to share the good news, life-giving God. Put your word within us and dwell among us. Send us out to proclaim the mercy and salvation that abides in you...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

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**

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God fills the hungry with good things.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

HOLY COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participating this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, please kneel or stand at the railing. When you are given bread, you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays with cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*
- *When children are finished with communion, or blessing, they leave to Sunday School Music Room.*

COMMUNION SONG *This Is the Day* Phil Wickham

Can you hear it?
The gentle voice of the Spirit
There's no reason to fear it
He's calling You to life
Just surrender
Run into the arms of the Father
The night is finally over

Take a step into the light
This is the day when the lost are found
This is the day for a new beginning
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Oh, can you hear all the angels are singing
This is the day
The day when life begins
Can you see it?
A light shines into the darkness
Bringing hope to the hopeless
It's leading you to life
This is the day
When all your sins are washed away
In the waves of His unending grace
Forever you're alive
This is the day when the lost are found
This is the day for a new beginning
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Oh, can you hear all the angels are singing?
This is the day
The day when life begins
Have no fear salvation has come
And He is here
Have no fear salvation has come
And He is here
Have no fear
Have no fear
This is the day when the lost are found
This is your beginning
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Oh, I can hear the angels sing
This is the day when the lost are found
This is the day for a new beginning
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Oh, can you hear all the angels are singing?
This is the day
The day when life begins

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COMMUNION HYMN *O Christ, Our Hope*

ELW 604

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

~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...

-Doris Rudisill	-Jerry Borchardt	-Melissa Anderson
-Tamisha Bogert	-JoAnn Zimmerman	-Sara Depies
-Kevin Porter	-Justin Bloomer	-Lowell Severson

-The grieving families of Corrine Shaw* and Patricia Hotton*.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-Those struggling with addiction and their families.
-People being diagnosed with cancer and their families.
-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Bailey Rockney
-Leif Hareid, deployed to Dubai.
-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.)

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick, Pastor
Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Arvid Mathison
Acolytes ~ Teagan Welscher & Brayden Lund
Greeter ~ Ruth Bovre **Ushers** ~ Ryan & Hilary Terland Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Light Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn
Nursery ~ Sonja Jacobson **Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes
Altar Flowers ~ Light Circle **Coffee Hour** ~ Light Circle
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl
Church Lock up ~ Holly Loomis

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u> <u>PreK-8th grade</u>
December 2:	128	40
November 25:	93	No Sunday School
November 18:	98	30
November 11:	137	30

~Offering Report~

Offerings for 11/25/18	November Offerings to meet Budget Goal	November Offerings
\$ 4,345.50	\$ 22,730.48	\$ 15,054.47
Offerings for 12/2/18	December Offerings to meet Budget Goal	December Offerings to-Date
\$ 3,446.60	\$ 34,388.65	\$ 3,446.60

October Report: **Income exceeded Expenses by \$862. To date, Income is trailing Expenses by \$20,651. General Offerings for October were \$175 greater than for October 2017. To date, General Offerings are \$13,854 less than for the same period in 2017.**

The end of the 2018 year falls on Monday, December 31, 2018. In order to get your year-end contributions submitted to be a part of the 2018 fiscal year, please have them to the office by Friday, January 4, 2019 or post-marked no later than January 2, 2019. A gentle reminder to use your offering envelopes whenever possible. More importantly, please remember to write your name on the envelope especially if giving cash (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

~Calendar~

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00am Choir practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Christmas Tea hosted by Light Circle
10:30am Choir sings at Skaalen Home

Monday, December 10, 2018

12pm-2pm Office Hours

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for our people
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
6:30pm CART board meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

10:30am Synod Assembly Planning Meeting
1:30pm Clergy Meeting at McFarland Lutheran
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Advent Worship, Upper Church
7:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting

Friday, December 14, 2018

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday, December 15, 2018

9:00am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00am Choir practice
9:00am Worship, Christmas Children's Program
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Church Council

~Announcements~

Join us in Friendship Hall today! Christmas Tea will be hosted by Light Circle, women and men are invited to share in Christmas cookies and Christmas music.

Sign up to be on the 175th Anniversary Committee! We need a committee to help in planning the celebration of the 175th anniversary of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. If you are interested please sign up in the church narthex.

EKLC is Church of the month at Skaalen in December! Please see sign up sheets in Narthex and Friendship Hall. If you have any questions ask Wilma.

Alden Estates Christmas gifts need to be brought into the Narthex today. Thank you for your gift donations.

God Makes 175 Years New - a Midweek Advent series for EKLC at the Upper Church

Come and see what God is up to in faith during the Advent season.

Holden Evening Prayer and reflections on faith and life at EKLC.

- Dec 12 at 7pm - Advent Present - Faith in Action
- Dec 19 at 7pm - Advent Future - Legacy to Look Forward

All are welcome—invite a friend!

Sunday Worship During Advent and Christmas

- Dec 9 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 16 - Sunday School Christmas Program
- Dec 23 - Christmas Adult Choir Concert
- Dec 24 - 3pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- Dec 24 - 6pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- Dec 25 - 9am Christmas Day Worship
- Dec 30 - 1st Sunday of Christmas



During Advent and Christmas, through January 6, we are collecting money for ELCA World Hunger through God's Global Barnyard. Bring your loose coins to see how much money we can collect and see what we can purchase! A pig is \$30, honeybees are \$50, a cow is \$500, and chicks are \$1 each! We can also purchase a water filter or Bibles for a Sunday school program or school supplies for a new student. At the end of the season, EKLC's Sunday School children will decide what animal or goods to purchase for a community in need. What a great way to share the love of Christ!



You can take a God's Global Barnyard coin box home and fill it up. You can also take an ELCA World Hunger Advent calendar home and use it as a devotion through the Advent season. Thank you for your financial support for this ministry!

