



Day of Epiphany: Magi Visit

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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.

Epiphany of Our Lord ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288

EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

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. Extravagant God, you sent magi with generous gifts to visit the baby Jesus and proclaim his reign to all the world. Make our voices heard when we proclaim God's love to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN SING

Go! Tell it on the Mountain!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

LESSON: John 1:1-14

A reading from John. 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.

CAROL *He Came Down*

ELW 253

LESSON: John 1:18-25

A reading from John. 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. 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?"

CAROL *Away in a Manger*

ELW 277

LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from Matthew. ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there,

ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

CAROL *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

ELW 301

LESSON: Matthew 2:13-23

A reading from Matthew. ¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

CAROL *Night of Silence*

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LESSON: Luke 2:41-51

A reading from Luke. ⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in

great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

CAROL *Once in Royal David's City*

ELW 269

LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from Matthew. ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

CAROL *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW 314

LESSON: John 2:1-11

A reading from John. ¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

CAROL *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

ELW 312

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate

of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need. *A brief silence.*

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING *As with Gladness Men of Old*

ELW 302

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

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

*This eucharistic prayer is based on the 1599 Epiphany hymn “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern.” Honored as the Queen of Chorales and translated as “O Morning Star, how fair and bright!” (ELW 308), it was written and composed by Philipp Nicolai. The presider may chant the words printed in bold typeface to the suggested pitches, which echo the chorale. The remaining text can be spoken, intoned freely, or chanted using other phrases from the hymn tune. The suggested pitches are helpful in a version for the presiding minister’s book but may be omitted in a version printed for the congregation. The assembly may echo the presiding minister’s **Alleluia!** and **Amens**.*

Al-might-y Lord [*do-sol-mi-do*],

we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth’s foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth’s deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning,

we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, **our Morn-ing Star**. [*do-sol-mi-do*]

Christ is **our dia-mond bright**,

our trea-sure dear. [*do-sol-mi-do, sol-la-la-sol*]

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day. On the night before his great salvation, he 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. With joy we tell our story:

Al-le-lu-ia! [*sol-mi-sol-mi*]

[Assembly echoes:] **Al-le-lu-ia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. And so we pray and praise:

A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. [*high do-sol-la-sol, fa-mi-re-do*]

[Assembly echoes:] **A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men**.

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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

Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in 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, bread is placed in your hands, you dip it in the cup and eat. The silver chalice with purple liquid is wine; the ceramic chalice with yellow liquid is grape juice.*
- *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 *Infinite Grace* by Sarah Hart & Marc Byrd

There is a welcome field	Than to be with you more
Where even the water's still	To simply catch our breath
A pasture made for rest	When we see the table set
In the arms of holiness	With cups that overflow
Where mercy gently sings	Our future and our hope
And thirsty hearts can drink	When fear is lost to love
Let us find our way	And you, Our Lord, are enough
Lead us to that place	How sweet the sound that saves us
Where infinite grace falls like rain	The Word by which we're found
Where infinite grace sings our name	The promise that sustains us
Where merciful love	The light that leads us home
shepherds us in beautiful ways	Lead us home
With infinite grace	With infinite grace
And let us want no more	With infinite grace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Brightest and Best of the Stars* ELW 303

COMMUNION HYMN *The First Noel*

ELW 300

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

Assisting Minister ~ Michael Stuve **Lector** ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Acolytes ~ Meta Wescott & Teagan Welscher **Greeter** ~ Karen Hayes

Ushers ~ Jason & Shawn Schlieckau Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Light Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Joy Graffin & Jane Furseth

Nursery ~ Alyssa Woodley **Audio Ministry** ~ Hilary Terland

Musician ~ Andrew Severson **Children's Choir Director** ~ Heidi Woodstock

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Church Lock up ~ Gloria Fruit

Altar Flowers ~ By the Lovick-Gill Family

In honor of Cally's 11th birthday and Haven's Baptism anniversary

God Bless you Cally and Haven!

~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...

-Lyle Walheim -Lois Zerkle -Norma Borchardt
-Jerry Borchardt -Linda Teske -Lowell Severson
-Tamisha Bogert -JoAnn Zimmerman -Sara Depies
-Kevin Porter -Justin Bloomer
-The grieving families of Lee Powers & John Dunlavy Sr.

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.)

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
December 30:	54	<u>PreK-8th grade</u> No Sunday School
December 25, 9am:	18	No Sunday School
December 24, 6pm:	88	No Sunday School
December 24, 3pm:	122	No Sunday School
December 23:	99	No Sunday School
December 16:	230	44
December 9:	111	35

~Announcements~

Pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes in Narthex. 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).

Annual Meeting of the congregation is Sunday, February 3, 2019 immediately following worship.

Please submit written & financial reports for the 2018 Annual Report to the church office by January 13, 2019.

Your Invited to Congregational Bingo on January 13th! Set up at 10:15am, Bingo at 11:00am. People of all ages are welcome to play. This is a friendly intergenerational party, sponsored by the EKLC Youth Group, and we want to see your best game!

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. **Meeting today at 10:15 in the council room.**

Today is the last day to contribute God's Global Barnyard: 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! Thank you for your financial support for this ministry!

October Treasurer's 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.

~Calendar~

Sunday, January 6, 2019

- 9:00am Worship, Epiphany, Children Sing
- 10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School Families
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:15am 175th Anniversary Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019

- 7:00pm Dartball @ EKLC

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:00am Peace Circle at Bea Householder's Home
- 9:30am Prayers for our People
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 6:30pm CART Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

- 1:30pm Clergy meeting at Grace Lutheran
- 6:00pm Confirmation Class
- 7:00pm Education Committee Meeting

Friday, January 11, 2019

- Office Closed
- Pastor's day off

Sunday, January 13, 2019

- 8:00am Choir practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour hosted by Knapwurst Family
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:15am Congregational Bingo

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong

***church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)**

***web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org**