



Sunday, November 26, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Christ the King

25th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

*Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able

GATHERING

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

***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 calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for ☩ his sake,

God forgives you all your sin.

Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.

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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

God of hope, How often have we found ourselves in exile,
separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when
we seek you. Amen.

CHOIR *Give Thanks*

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

A: ¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

C: ²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

A: ³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

C: ⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. **R**

A: ⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

C: ⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

A: ^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep
of God's hand. **R**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

ELW 865

***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: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

A brief silence.

A: Almighty God, your merciful rule encompasses all the world. As we gather for worship in safety, we pray for places where the church is persecuted. Watch over your people as they witness to your good news...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW 182

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God,
you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,
fill us with your love;
let that love flow through us to others;
and join us to the saints before us
in a holy and boundless communion;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***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**

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW 501

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison
Lector ~ Carroll Ehrke **Greeter's** ~ Tom & Trudy Spike
Acolytes ~ Mallory Wallace & Ilsa Lund
Ushers ~ Bea Householder, Joanne Gyland, Jane Furseth, Carolyn Lien
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel
Communion Assistants ~ Dennis Lund & Carolyn Lien
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen
Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Arvid Mathison
Audio Ministry ~ Bonnie Ehrke **Church Lock-up** ~ Judy Rusch
Coffee Hour ~ Light 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
-The grieving family of Pat Larson.

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, November 26, 2017

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle
10:30am Stewardship Committee Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for Our People
10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours
1:00pm Text Study

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

11:00am Clergy Leadership Meeting
6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 30, 2017

10:00am ARK Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

~Attendance Report~

November 19:	92
November 12:	97
November 5:	140
October 29:	137

~Announcements~

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!

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.

Special Thank you to Scott Zahn for fixing the church furnace!

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)

Advent Worship Schedule

December 3

9:00am First Sunday of Advent Worship
Lighting Tree and Chrismons

December 6

7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

December 10

9:00am Second Sunday of Advent Worship
Choir Concert

December 13

7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

December 17

9:00am Third Sunday of Advent Worship
Children's Christmas Pageant

December 20

7:00pm Advent Worship at Upper Church

December 24

9:00am Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 24

3:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
6:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 25

9:00am Christmas Day Worship

December 31

9:00am First Sunday of Christmas Worship

