



Sunday, November 27, 2016

Worship 9:00 am

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November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, 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

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 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* **ELW 249**

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. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR *Song of Advent*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they | said to me,
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

²**Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. R**

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:

“May they pros- | per who love you.

**⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.**

**⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**

**⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.” R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW 244

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church we 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 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 and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions...

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.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory.

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

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.

P: **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.**

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.

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

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.

C: 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 *The King Shall Come*

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Arvid Mathison **Lector** ~ Ann Nottestad

Advent Lightening ~ Nottestad Family

Acolytes ~ Isaiah Long & Meta Wescott

Greeter ~ Marilyn Gunderson **Nursery** ~ Jenna Christensen

Ushers ~ Carol Wibralski, Dennis Ehle, Peggy Luther & Karen Hayes

Communion Set up/Take down ~ Barb Klemp & Marilyn Gunderson

Communion Assistants ~ Joy Graffin & Dennis Lund

Offering Counters ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Steadfast Circle

Church Lock-up ~ Judy Rusch

Attendance Report:

Sunday, November 20: 89

Sunday, November 13: 107

Sunday, November 6: 114

Sunday, October 30: 142

Treasurer's Report

Here are the financials from September. Expenses exceed Income by only \$68.60. General Offerings were \$1,557 more than for September 2015, but were \$2,050 under the budget goal for September.

Weekly Offerings Report		
	November Goal to meet "Full-Time" Budget	November Offerings to Date
11/6/16 Offerings	\$ 18,801.42	\$ 3,699.78
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Weekly Offerings Report		
	November Goal to meet "Full-Time" Budget	November Offerings to Date
11/13/16 Offerings	\$ 18,801.42	\$ 8,200.78
\$ 4,501.00		

Weekly Offerings Report		
	November Goal to meet "Full-Time" Budget	November Offerings to Date
11/20/16 Offerings	\$ 18,801.42	\$ 11,401.78
\$ 3,201.00		

~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 -Esther Walheim -Sally Hampton*

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~

Please submit written & financial reports for the 2017 annual report to the church office by January 15th , 2017.

Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

Monday, November 28, 2016

Pastor's Day Off

OFFICE CLOSED

(Julie will be out of the office until Wednesday, November 30th)

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

- 9:30am Prayers for our people
- 10:00am 1 & 2 Corinthians Bible Study
- 11am-2pm Pastor's office hours
- 6:30pm Genesis Bible Study

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

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

Thursday, December 1, 2016

- 9:00am Pastor Text Study in Fort Atkinson

Saturday, December 3, 2016

- 9:30am Women's Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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

~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.

~Announcements~

Alden Estates Gifts due Sunday, Dec. 4: Once again this year we are given an opportunity to provide gifts for residents at Alden Estates. Tags are available on a table in the narthex. If you have planned to give a Christmas gift for Alden Estates please have it to the church by December 4th. Thank you!

The Adopt a Family Christmas Tree is in the church narthex. Please take an ornament and purchase a gift for a local family in need. Bring the unwrapped gift AND the ornament back to church before December 11th. If you would prefer to offer a cash donation please use the envelopes supplied in the narthex and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

Bel Canto and the Country Chordsmen Perform on December 4th at 2pm in the Cambridge Historical Gymnasium.

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.

