



# Christmas Morning Service

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**Sunday, December 25, 2009**  
**9:00am**

***Welcome Visitors!***  
**Christmas Day**

***~Gathering~***

Hymn..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....#283

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**C: Amen.**

**P:** Amid the darkness of this world, let us confess our sin  
and welcome the light of God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** God of grace and truth,  
**C: in Christ Jesus you come among us  
as light shining in the darkness.  
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,  
and have not trusted the good news of great joy.  
Forgive us and renew our hope,  
so that we may live in the fullness of your love,  
trusting in the grace of Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.**

**P:** The angel said, You shall call his name Jesus  
for he will save his people from their sins.  
With great joy, I announce to you  
the entire forgiveness of your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

Greeting.....

**P:** The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Word made flesh, born of Mary,  
be with you all.  
**C: And also with you.**

Hymn..... "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord".....#286  
*Glory Be to God in heaven*.....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

**C: Almighty God,  
you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature  
and to illumine the world with your light.  
By your grace adopt us as your children  
and enlighten us with your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

*~ The Word ~*

First Lesson..... Isaiah 52:7-10  
Spark NRSV pg. 794, Pew Bible pg. 596

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life  
**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm..... Psalm 98

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.

**A:** <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands; lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing. R

**A:** <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with the harp, with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song,

**C:** <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the LORD. R

**A:** <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it, the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.

**A:** <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity. R

Second Lesson..... Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
Spark NRSV Page 1341, Pew Bibles Pages 971

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life  
**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia”.....Page 205

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the First Chapter.

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

The Gospel.....John 1:1-14  
Spark Story Bible Pg. 240, Spark NRSV Pg. 1171, Pew Bible Pg. 862

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon.....Carolyn Lien  
Hymn..... "*In the Bleak Midwinter*"..... #294  
The Friendly Beasts.

Jesus our brother, kind and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood,  
Jesus our brother, kind and good.

"I" said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried His mother up hill and down;  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town".  
"I" said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I" said the cow, all white and red.  
"I gave Him my manger for a bed.  
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."  
"I" said the cow, all white and red.

"I" said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm,  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn".  
"I" said the sheep with curly horn.

"I" said the dove from the rafters high.  
"Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry.  
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I".  
"I" said the dove from the rafters high.

"I" said the camel, yellow and black.  
"Over the desert, upon my back,  
I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack".  
"I" said the camel, yellow and black.

Thus every beast by some good spell,  
In the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel.  
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

Hymn..... "*Love Has Come*"..... #292

The Apostles Creed.....Page 217

The Prayers of the Church.....Page 218

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

Sharing of the peace.....

Offering .....  
Hymn..... "*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*" ..... #288

The Lord's Prayer.....Page 208

The Blessing.....

**P:** May Christ, born into time to bring endless peace,  
guide your days and years in righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**C: Amen.**

Hymn..... *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* .....#289

*~Worship Assistants~*

**Assisting Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien  
**Reader** ~ Karen Hayes  
**Acolytes** ~ Seth Wagner & Kolt Wegner  
**Ushers** ~ Obedience Circle  
**Organist** ~ Judy Rusch

# *~Calendar of Events~*

*Thursday, December 24, 2009*

OFFICE CLOSED

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service.....3:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.....6:00pm

*Friday, December 25, 2009*

OFFICE CLOSED

Christmas Morning Worship Service.....9:00am

*Sunday, December 27, 2009*

Worship.....9:00am

Coffee Hour hosted by the family of Bea Householder.....10:15am

*in honor of Bea's 80th Birthday*

*Wednesday, December 30, 2009*

**NO WEDNESDAY 6pm WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Wednesday 6pm Services will resume January 6th.*



## ~ *Announcements* ~

- **In case of severe weather**, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong-- our web site, [www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org) or the church office @ 423-3017.
- **Audio Ministry** ~ If anyone is interested in learning how to tape services for our audio ministry please contact Jeff Agnew or the Church Office.
- **Monday Mornings at 8:30am** Pastor Clint, Intern Nathan and Office Manager Julie Kriedeman hold a Morning Prayer Service followed by a staff meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful opportunity to pray together.
- **Good Samaritan Fund:** As people in our congregation and community continue to suffer the impact of our recent recession, our congregation has a unique opportunity to care for its neighbors. If you are in need of assistance because of a recent job loss or other financial struggles, please know that you can apply to the EKLC Good Samaritan Fund for financial assistance. If you are a family who would like to help out people who are struggling, but you haven't quite figured out how, consider making a gift to the Good Samaritan Fund. You will know that the money is being used to help people buy food and gas, cover housing expenses, or bring relief from high medical bills and other expenses. **The Good Samaritan Fund is currently very low on funds. We invite regular and substantial gifts to the fund in order to continue to care for our neighbors in need.**
- **Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship:** We are excited to announce that our congregation will be co-sponsoring a Bhutanese refugee family beginning some time in 2010. As we anticipate that family's arrival, we are beginning to collect new and "previously loved" items for the family and their apartment. You are invited to stop in the narthex after worship today and pick out an item from the refugee family Christmas tree. Grab an ornament, and then sign out on the accompanying sheet. Together, we can provide hospitality to a refugee family in the name of Christ.
- **2010 Offering Envelopes:** Thank you for picking up your box of 2010 Offering Envelopes before or after worship today. They're located on tables in the narthex.
- **Movie and Denny's, January 8th, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.:** We'll carpool from the church at 8 p.m., drive to the East Towne Cinema (or you can meet us there if you have a parent who is driving you), then split up into groups to watch movies. After the movies, we'll head to Denny's for late night breakfast. We'll get home around 12:30 or 1 a.m. You're welcome to bring friends. This is a middle school/high school event, but we welcome young adults as mentors and friends!

## ~ *Prayer Requests* ~

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad
- For good health, love of family & blessings throughout the year & coming new year.

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

- Eric and Staci Lein who lost their home in a house fire.
- The Craig Chitty Family who lost their home in a house fire.
- Please keep the family of Lois Heritage in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- Those suffering from cancer and other long time illnesses
- Those who are struggling because of the recession or job loss
- For peace in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq.

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

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.
- SSGT John Calhoun                      - Matt Bissen                      - SSGT Paul Johnson
- Alexandra Oates                      -Cpl Jacob Janes                      -LTC Eric Killen

### **Healing and health concerns...**

- Alan Ehrke                      -Ed Gretebeck                      -Carol Barfknecht
- Dale Volenberg                      -Ishula Webb                      -Roxanne Wildes
- Joyce Krull                      -Jessica Landowski                      -Scott Reinstad
- Scott Nottestad                      -Randy Lund                      -Cody Wolf

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.

Prayer requests week of 12-20-2009

\* Denotes new/changed request