



Third Sunday

OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 13, 2009

9am

The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
454 East Church Rd.
Cambridge, WI 53523
Church Office: Phone 423-3017~ Fax 423-7512
Email: eklc@bminet.com
Pastor Clint Schnekloth: Phone 873-5744
Email: pastor@bminet.com
Intern Nathan Strong: Phone 402-980-5677
Email: intern@netwurx.net
www.eastkoshkonong.org

Welcome visitors! Thank you for taking the time to fill out the communion card provided by the ushers. We believe that the host of the meal provided during worship today is Christ. Christ invites everyone to this meal, saying, "This is for you for the forgiveness of sin." Echoing Christ, we invite everyone to this banquet. If you would like to receive deeper instruction in the Christian faith; if you desire to be baptized; or if you simply seek someone to pray with or for you, inquire of the pastor or indicate the need on the communion card. Grape juice is in the center ring of the communion tray.

Third Sunday Of Advent

~Gathering~

Advent Prayer and Candle Lighting.....The Davis Family

Hymn..... "Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1,2 & 3...#257

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Almighty God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you,
and against our sisters and brothers.
Our words and deeds have not proclaimed
your reign of justice and truth.
We have failed to watch and pray
for the signs of your advent among us.
Forgive our sin,
and come quickly to save us.
Amen.**

P: In the advent of Christ,
the dawn from on high breaks upon us
with light and healing.
Through Jesus Christ,
God looks with favor upon you,
and forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

Greeting.....

P: From the one who was, who is and who is to come:
Grace and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn..... "Awake!, Awake, and Greet the New Morn ".....#242

Glory Be to God in heaven.....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day

**C: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the preaching of John,
that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of
repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Choir.....Will We Know Him?

~ The Word ~

First Lesson.....Zephaniah 3:14-20

Spark NRSV pg. 1034, Pew Bible pg. 767

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalms.....Isaiah 12:2-6

A: ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not ¹be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become ¹my salvation.

C: ³**With joy you ¹will draw water
from the wells ¹of salvation. R**

A: ⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call ¹on
God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations;
proclaim that this name ¹is exalted.

C: ⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, who has done ¹gloriously;
let this be known in ¹all the earth.**

A: ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O ¹royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy ¹One of Israel. **R**

Second Lesson.....Philippians 4:4-7

Spark Story Bible Page 554, Spark NRSV Page 1306, Pew Bibles Pages 955

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia”.....Page 205

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Third Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Luke 3:7-18

Spark Story Bible Pg. 234, Spark NRSV Pg. 1132, Pew Bible Pg. 834

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Intern Nathan Strong

Hymn..... *“Joy To The World”*.....#267

You’re invited during the singing of this hymn to

Come and place chrism on the tree.

Blessing of the Christmas Tree.....

A: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

at your coming, O Lord,

for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with your truth.

P: Be praised, O God, for the blessings around us

that point to you.

Be praised, O God, for the signs of this holy season

that awaken in us wonder.

Praise for the steadfast green of this tree,

Like your love, enduring all seasons.

Praise for the light that illumines our darkness,

Like Christ, who brings light to the world.

Join our voices with those of the tree and of all creation,

Who sing at your coming:

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to God’s people on earth.

C: Amen.

The Prayers of the Church.....Page 206

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

Sharing of the peace.....

~The Meal~

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy

Page 207

The Lord’s Prayer.....Page 208

Communion

*You are invited to sing the following hymns during the
distribution of Communion:*

“Wait for the Lord” #262 4X

Post Communion Prayer.....

A: God for whom we wait,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

Blessing.....

P: The God of hope strengthen your hearts
as you await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
with all the saints.
Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn..... *“Prepare the Royal Highway”*#264

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Assistants~

Assisting Minister ~ Karen Hayes

Reader ~ Barb Klemp

Acolytes ~ Adam Gunnelson & Austin Haugen

Greeter ~ Ruth Bovre

Ushers ~ Light Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Judy Taylor & Jean Carlson

Communion Assistants ~ Ken Rockney & Joan Kaare

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Worship.....	9:00am
Coffee Hour Hosted by Worship Committee.....	10:15am
Sunday School.....	10:15am
Praying Advent Study.....	10:30am

Monday, December 14, 2009

Morning Prayer Service & Staff Meeting.....	8:30am
---	--------

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Church Council Meeting.....	6:30pm
-----------------------------	--------

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Wednesday Evening Band Practice.....	5:15pm
Worship with Holden Evening Prayer.....	6:00pm
Christmas Pageant Practice Following Worship	
Soup Supper Following Worship	

Thursday, December 17, 2009

Men's Breakfast @ The Curve.....	8:00am
----------------------------------	--------

Saturday, December 19, 2009

Christmas Pageant Practice.....	10:00am
---------------------------------	---------

Sunday, December 20, 2009

EKLC Christmas Pageant.....	10:00am
Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle.....	10:15am
Praying Advent Study.....	10:30am

~ Announcements ~

- **On Dec. 13 and 20 Pastor Jack Finney** will lead us on the topic "Ways of Prayer". Many people think they don't pray "right" or they say their prayer life has become mechanical or dry. Using several templates, each person will discover and/or deepen his/her own ways of prayer. Be prepared to be surprised. Jack is a retired Lutheran pastor who now has a free lance ministry in spiritual direction, talks, retreats, and preaching. He and his wife Jan moved to Stoughton a year ago to live near their daughter and family. They are members of Christ Lutheran, Stoughton. Health Ministry has arranged for Pastor Finney to lead us on the topic of prayer. Cost is \$10.00. Please call the church office to register for these Advent Sunday sessions.
- **Bel Canto and Country Chordsmen Choirs** will be performing a Holiday Concert today at 1:00pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Cambridge. The cost is \$5.00/per person at the door. Treats will be served after the show. Please come and celebrate the Holidays in Music.
- **In case of severe weather**, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong-- our web site, 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.**
- **Wednesday December 16th, 6 p.m.**—Stained Glass Window Meditations and Soup Supper: We'll backlight the church windows, offer biblical meditations on the stories depicted in our two windows, and sing Holden Evening Prayer. This is the perfect way to enjoy a quiet, peaceful Advent evening. We serve a soup supper at 6:45 p.m., hosted as a fund-raiser by the youth traveling to Colorado next summer for a week on trail backpacking at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Bible Camp.
- **Thank you Barb Klemp** for the beautiful stained glass banner hanging in the sanctuary above the piano.

~ *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...

- The Craig Chitty Family who lost their home in a house fire.
- Please keep the family of Dorothy Schmidt 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 12-6-2009

* Denotes new/changed request