



Young  
**Jesus**  
in the  
Temple

*Sunday, December 27, 2009*  
*9am*

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*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.*

# **First Sunday of Christmas**

## **~Gathering~**

Hymn..... *"Cold December Flies Away"* .....#299

Confession and Forgiveness .....

**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.**  
**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.**

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

The Prayer of the Day .....

**C: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,  
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,  
that in all things we may think and act according to your good  
will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus  
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir.....*Breath*

## ~ *The Word* ~

First Lesson.....1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pew Bible pg. 214

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm.....Psalm 148

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup>from the heavens;  
praise God <sup>1</sup>in the heights.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>hosts of heaven.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>shining stars.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup>en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup>bove the heavens.**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they <sup>1</sup>were created,

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup>er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup>pass away. R**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD <sup>1</sup>from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup>and all deeps;

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, <sup>1</sup>snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup>ing God's will;**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>mountains <sup>1</sup>and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup>and all cedars;

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**wild beasts <sup>1</sup>and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup>flying birds;**

**A:** <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup>and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup>of the world;

**C:** <sup>12</sup>young<sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and<sup>1</sup> young together. **R**

**A:** <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over<sup>1</sup> earth and  
heaven.

**A:** <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise  
for all<sup>1</sup> faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.  
<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! **R**

Second Lesson.....Colossians 3:12-17  
Pew Bibles Pages 958

**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 Second Chapter.

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

The Gospel.....Luke 2:41-52  
Pew Bible Pg. 833 & 834

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon.....Carolyn Lien

Hymn..... “*That Boy-Child of Mary* ”.....#293

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 .....

Communion .....

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

***“Wait for the Lord” #262 4X***

Post Communion Prayer.....

**A: Radiant God,**  
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.  
May your Word take flesh in us,  
that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us  
in Jesus Christ our Savior

**C: Amen.**

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..... *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”* .....#288

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*~Worship Assistants~*

**Assisting Minister** ~ Gloria Fruit

**Reader** ~ Trudy Spike

**Acolytes** ~ Torleif Ehrke & Joey Janness

**Greeter** ~ Marge Stach

**Ushers** ~ Light Circle

**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Marge Stach & Wilma Furseth

**Communion Assistants** ~ Mary Ellen Christensen &

**Organist** ~ Judy Rusch

*~Calendar of Events~*

*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.*

*Friday, January 1, 2010*

Happy New Years!!

OFFICE CLOSED

*Sunday, January 3, 2010*

Worship.....9:00am

Coffee Hour.....10:15am

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

***East Koshkonong Lutheran Church***

***Annual Meeting***

***January 24, 2009***

***Following Worship***

**\*Please submit financial and written reports for the annual report to the office by January 10th, 2010.**

## ~ Announcements ~

- **The annual meeting of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church** will be held on January 24th, 2010, at the conclusion of 9 a.m. worship. All voting/confirmed members are encouraged to attend.
- **Please submit financial and written reports for the annual report to the office by January 10th, 2010.** At this annual meeting of the congregation, we will review the budget for 2010, and elect council members. Nominations for council and synod assembly are welcome, and can be referred to the nominating committee through a council member or the church office.
- **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...**

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| -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