



Second Sunday OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 6, 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.

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~Gathering~

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

Hymn..... *"Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* verse 1 & 2.....#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..... *“Hark, The Glad Sound!”*#239

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

The Prayer of the Day

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of
our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~ *The Word* ~

Children’s Sermon.....Pastor Clint Schnekloth

First Lesson.....Malachi 3:1-4

Spark NRSV pg. 1053-1054, Pew Bible pg. 778

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalms.....Luke 1:68-79

A: ⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ¹set them free.

C: ⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a ¹mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ¹servant David. R**

A: ⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ¹
from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of ¹all who hate us,

C: ⁷²**to show mercy ¹to our forebears,
and to remember your ¹holy covenant.**

A: ⁷³This was the oath you swore to our ¹father Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our ¹enemies,

C: **free to worship you ¹without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹of our life. R**

A: ⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ¹the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- ¹pare the way,

C: ⁷⁷**to give God’s people knowledge ¹of salvation
by the forgiveness ¹of their sins.**

A: ⁷⁸In the tender compassion ¹of our God
the dawn from on high shall ¹break upon us,

C: ⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- ¹ow of
death, and to guide our feet into the ¹way of peace. R**

Second Lesson.....Philippians 1:3-11
Spark Story Bible Page 554, Spark NRSV Page 1303, Pew Bibles Pages 953

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 3:1-6
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.....Pastor Clint Schnekloth

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

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

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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

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..... *“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”*.....#283

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Assistants~

Assisting Minister ~ Lyle Walheim

Reader ~ Beverly Lien

Acolytes ~ Taylor Hinchley & Yana Rawinski

Greeter ~ Ken Rockney

Ushers ~ Light Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Bonnie Ehrke & Harriet Eikland

Communion Assistants ~ Dennis Lund & Andy Christensen

Organist ~ Joseph Dever

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Worship.....	9:00am
Christmas Cookie Decorating Festival.....	10:15am
Property Committee Meeting.....	10:15am

Monday, December 7, 2009

Morning Prayer Service & Staff Meeting.....	8:30am
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Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Worship Committee Meeting.....	5:30pm
Congregational Care Team.....	6:30pm

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

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

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Christmas Tea Hosted by Light Circle.....	11:30pm
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Sunday, December 13, 2009

Worship.....	9:00am
Sunday School.....	10:15am
Praying Advent Study.....	10:30am
COFFEE HOUR NEEDS A HOST	

Celebrate the Advent of Christ at these special events and devotional services:

Sunday December 6th, 10:30 a.m.—Christmas Cookie Decorating Festival: Bring your family for a morning decorating Christmas cookies (sugar cookies with frosting and sprinkles) and learning to make Norwegian specialties like krumkake, julekake, sanbakle, and others.

Wednesday December 9th and 16th, 6 p.m.—Stained Glass Window Meditations and Soup Suppers: 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 each evening 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.

~ Announcements ~

- **Welcome, Joe Dever.**
- **Christmas Cookie Decorating downstairs in Friendship Hall following worship. All are welcome!** Christmas Cookie Decorating Festival: Bring your family for a morning decorating Christmas cookies (sugar cookies with frosting and sprinkles) and learning to make Norwegian specialties like krumkake, julekake, sanbakle, and others.
- **Light Circle will host the WELCA Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 am.** The program will feature "Quilts of our Congregation". We welcome all sizes, shapes and colors. Tell us who made it, when, and what you know about your quilt (you may write it out or we will help you). Contact Bonnie Ehrke (423-4348) or Diane Luginbuhl (423-9748) to include your quilt. We will display the quilts in the church dining room and hear their stories while we enjoy our Christmas tea, salads and cookies. Women of all ages are welcome to join us December 12.
- **In order to be more intentional in maintaining our church property,** we're forming a property committee. This group will meet during coffee hour the first Sunday of each month. Anyone interested in care of the church property is invited to attend. Our first meeting will be TODAY at 10:15 a.m.
- **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.**
- **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.

~ *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

God's guidance and direction for...

- 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

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 11-29-2009

* Denotes new/changed request