



Jesus Presented in the Temple

*Sunday, January 1, 2012
9:00am*

*The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
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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

*Thank you for observing a time of reflection & silence
in the sanctuary prior to worship.*

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

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Greeting.....

Pastor: Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: Amen.

Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise.....Page 204

First LessonIsaiah 61:10—62:3

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

Chapter 61

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Chapter 62

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 148

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹from the heavens;
praise God ¹in the heights.

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

A: ³Praise the LORD, ¹sun and moon;
sing praise, all you ¹shining stars.

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

A: ⁵Let them praise the name ¹of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ¹were created,

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

A: ⁷Praise the LORD ¹from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹and all deeps;

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

A: ⁹mountains ¹and all hills,
fruit trees ¹and all cedars;

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

A: ¹¹sovereigns of the earth ¹and all peoples,

princes and all rulers¹ of the world;

C: ¹²young¹ men and maidens,
old and¹ young together.

A: ¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and
heaven.

C: ¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people
and praise for all¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
¹Hallelujah!

Second Lesson.....Galatians 4:4-7

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

"Alleluia".....Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon.....Carolyn Lien

Hymn..... *"From Heaven Above"*#268

Apostles' Creed.....Page 105

The Prayers of the Church.....

Assistant Minister: Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the peace.....

The Offering.....

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 207

The Eucharistic Prayer.....Page 207

Pastor:...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Congregation: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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Pastor: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer.....Page 208

Communion

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

“Now We Join in Celebration” #462

Post Communion Prayer.....

Assistant Minister :Great and saving God,
you have gathered your scattered people
around gifts of grain and wine,
the body and blood of our Savior Christ.

As we, like the shepherds, return on our way,
may we proclaim all we have heard and seen,
praising you in word and loving deed
for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Sending of Communion Prayer.....

Assistant Minister: O God,
whose grace and truth are revealed
in the Word-made-flesh,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*.

Nourish and strengthen
those who receive this holy communion,
that through the body and blood of your Son
all may rejoice at his birth
and in his presence among us now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing.....

Pastor: God most high,
God with us,
God poured out on us,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Hymn “Canticle for Departure ”

**Now Lord you let your servant go in Peace,
Your word has been fulfilled,
My eyes have seen the salvation,
you have prepared in the sight of ev’ry one.
A light to reveal you to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled. (Repeat)**

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~ Prayer Requests ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, John and Amy Lindstrom, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Call Committee
- For peace in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.

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.

Healing and health concerns...

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| -Dave Nettum | -Jerry Behm | -Julia Schremp |
| -Duane Dieckhoff | -Kenneth Dieckhoff | -Alma Houfe |
| -Verna Vethe | -Anbjorg Kaashagen* | -Agnes Teske* |

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. Prayer requests week December 11, 2011

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong
***church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)**
***web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org**

~ Announcements ~

- **2012 Offering Boxes are available in Friendship Hall.** Thank you for picking up your 2012 offering boxes before or after worship today. They're located on tables in Friendship Hall.
- **Gifts of Service Survey.** Don't forget to return your Gifts of Service Survey that was enclosed in your December Sunday and Beyond Newsletter. There are extras available in the church narthex. Thank you!
- **The annual meeting of East Koshkonong Lutheran Church** will be held on January 22nd, 2012 at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. worship service. All voting/confirmed members are encouraged to attend. At this annual meeting of the congregation, we will review the budget for 2012, 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. **Please submit financial and written reports for the annual report to the church office by January 8th, 2012.**
- **Meals on Wheels.** East Koshkonong Lutheran Church will be delivering Meals on Wheel January 2 thru January 13th. Please contact Wilma Furseth, 423-3194, if you would be available to help deliver. Thank you!

~ Calendar of Events ~

Sunday, January 1, 2012
9:00am Worship
No Sunday School

Monday, January 2, 2012
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 5, 2012
9:00am Pin & Sew
12:00pm Potluck
1:00pm WELCA
1:30pm Bible Study

Sunday, January 8, 2012
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
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