



*Sunday, January 29, 2012
9:00am*

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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.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Hymn..... “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”#886

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Greeting.....Page 203

Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise.....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Compassionate God,
you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion,
that all creation will see and know your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Time for Children.....Pastor Margo Martens

First LessonDeuteronomy 18:15–20
Today’s reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will

die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 111

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.

C: ²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- ¹light in them.**

A: ³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.

C: ⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹be remembered; you are gracious and full ¹of compassion.**

A: ⁵You give food to ¹those who fear you, remembering forev- ¹er your covenant.

C: ⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹of your works in giving them the lands ¹of the nations.**

A: ⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ness and justice; all of your pre- ¹cepts are sure.

C: ⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹er and ever, because they are done in ¹truth and equity.**

A: ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- ¹nant forever; holy and awesome ¹is your name.

C: ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- ¹dures forever.**

Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Paul is concerned about how some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable, believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause a sister or brother to sin.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who

loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia”Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Mark 1:21–28

The story has barely begun, and already the battle is joined. Jesus sides with humanity against every force that would bring death and disease. These forces recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. This, however, is only the first fight. The war will go on much longer.

²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon.....Pastor Margo Martens

Hymn..... "Hail to the Lord's Anointed".....#311

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/Prayer.....

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.....

The Lamb of God.....Page 208

*You are invited to sing the following hymn during the
distribution of Communion:
"Here Is Bread" #483*

Prayer after Communion.....

Assistant Minister : Everlasting God, we bless you
that you have brought us to the mountaintop
and fed us with the life and light of your Son.
Send us in his name from this place
to bring light into dark corners,
healing where lives are torn,
and nourishment to every hungry heart,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Congregation: Amen.

Congregational Prayer.....

Pastor: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Benediction.....

Hymn “*We Praise You, O God* ”.....#870

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~ *Worship Assistants* ~

Pastor ~ Pastor Margo Martens

Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Karen Hayes

Acolytes ~ Thea Holden & Matt Kaare

Greeter ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp **Ushers** ~ Carroll Ehrke Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Ruth Bovre & Joan Volenberg

Communion Assistants ~ Dennis Lund & Ruth Bovre

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

**Gifts of Service
Survey.**

Thank you to everyone who returned your *Gifts of Service* survey. If you have not returned it yet, please do so. There are extra copies available in the narthex.

Thank you!

~ *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...

- Please keep the family of Hilda Lintvedt in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.*
- 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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| -Duane Dieckhoff | -Alma Houfe | -Anbjorg Kaashagen |
| -Agnes Teske | -Gloria Anderson | -Sam Mackin |
| -Tony Hartwick | -Kayla Buchholz | -Dennis Zahn |
| -Tamisha Bogert* | | |

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 January 22, 2012.

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, January 29, 2012

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| 9:00am | Worship |
| 10:15am | Sunday School |
| 10:15am | Coffee hour hosted by Peace Circle |

Monday, January 30, 2012

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| 7:00pm | Dartball @ Trinity |
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Wednesday, February 1, 2012

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| 6:00pm | Confirmation Session |
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Thursday, February 2, 2012

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| 9:00am | Pin & Sew |
| 12:00pm | Potluck |
| 1:00pm | Meeting |
| 1:30pm | Bible Study |
| 5:30pm | Cambridge Community Café' @ The Amundson Center |

Sunday, February 5, 2012

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| 9:00am | Worship with Children's Choir |
| 10:15am | Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School |

~ *Announcements* ~

- **Pastor Margo Martens** serves as our pastor at EKLC until we have called a new pastor. Please note her contact information on the front of this bulletin and know that you can call her at any time.
- **East Koshkonong Lutheran Church** held their annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012. As part of the new business on the agenda, the congregation extended calls to Pastor Kirstin Tannas and Troy Jacobson to share EKLC's single pastor position. Everyone is excited to be moving forward in the process of calling a pastor.
- **Ash Wednesday:** We begin our Lenten observance with the Ash Wednesday service. The service begins at 7pm on February 22nd. WE invite you to attend this important service of repentance and new life in Christ.
- **Congregational Potluck:** This first Lenten Supper will be a Congregational Potluck February 29th. Please bring the following according to first letter in your last name: A-I ~ Salad, J-N ~ Dessert, O-Z ~ Main Dish.
- **Cambridge Community Cafe - free community meal** CAP and a group of community members started up a free community meal on January 5, 2012. This meal is held the first Thursday of every month at the Amundson Center, located at 200 Spring Street in Cambridge. The next Cambridge Community Cafe will be Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. All residents of Rockdale, London, Christiana, Cambridge and the town of Oakland, are welcome to join in the fun. The focus of this monthly dinner will be to foster friendship, family and fellowship amongst the five communities, all whilst enjoying delicious food. We are looking for an organization or club, to sponsor one meal, a.k.a. one evening, during the year 2012. An organization could consist of a team, club, church, business, group, school, family or families. We are in need of a sponsor for the month of March 2012. The remaining months of 2012 are on a first come, first serve basis. Volunteers over the age of 11 are also needed to help serve, greet, entertain with music, set up and clean up after the meal finishes. This is the perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for school age children, over the age of 11. If you are interested in volunteering for this exciting project or able to sponsor a Thursday night, please contact Wanda at 423-8142.
- **Cambridge Food Pantry Wish List:** macaroni and cheese, beef soup and cream of mushroom soup.

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**