



First Sunday OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, 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 Advent

~Gathering~

Advent Prayer and Candle Lighting.....Ryan, Hilary & Christian Terland

Hymn..... *"Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* verse 1.....#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..... *“Come, Now, O Prince of Peace”*#247

The Prayer of the Day

A: 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.

First Lesson.....Jeremiah 33:14-16

Spark Story Bible pg. 176, Spark NRSV pg. 858, Pew Bible pg. 645

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 25:1-10

A: ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

C: ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

A: ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

C: ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

A: ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

C: ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. R**

A: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

C: ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

A: ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

C: ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

Second Lesson.....1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Spark NRSV Page 1315, Pew Bibles Pages 960

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

“Alleluia”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-first Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Luke 21:25-36

Spark NRSV Pg. 1162 & 1163, Pew Bible Pg. 856 & 857

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon & Sermon.....Intern Nathan Strong

Hymn..... “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”#436

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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..... *“Soon and Very Soon”*.....#439

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

~Worship Assistants~

Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Reader ~ Jane Furseth

Acolytes ~ Matt Kaare & Allen May

Greeter ~ Karen Hayes

Ushers ~ Emily & Lena Zahn and Linda Dieckhoff & Wilma Furseth

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Cheryl Nuenthel & Gloria Fruit

Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

Altar Flowers ~ In Honor of Paul & Brenda Kaare Marriage

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Worship.....9:00am
Galatians Bible Study.....10:30am

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Driftless Book Study.....6:30pm

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

NO WORSHIP AT CHURCH

Caroling and Cookie Exchange.....6:00pm

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Galatians Bible Study.....6:45pm

Sunday, December 6, 2009

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

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

Wednesday December 2nd—*Caroling and Cookie Exchange: We assemble at 6 p.m., exchange cookies, and then travel as caroling groups to visit homebound members and nursing homes in Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Edgerton, and Stoughton. Bring one or two dozen cookies for the cookie exchange. Maps and driving directions provided.*

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* ~

- **Cambridge Country Christmas Live Nativity Dec. 5 & Dec 6th.** Are you interested in participating in the Live Nativity in downtown Cambridge Dec. 5th or 6th. The time slots available are 12-1, 1-2, & 2-3. Costumes are provided, just dress for the weather. Please contact Simone Mausser with questions at 423-1400. There is a sign-up sheet & letter with more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **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.
- **CAMBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR** Are you unemployed or under employed? Need help in trying to make ends meet in these tough economic times? We invite you to join us for the Cambridge Area resource fair. The event will be held **Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 at Nikolay Middle School. Come anytime time 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** The fair is free and everyone is invited. Several social service agencies will be on hand to explain their services and offer guidance.
- **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.**
- **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 December 6th at 10:15 a.m.

~ *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 families of Robert Rude, Paula Vasby and Michael Dahnert 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 Iran, Afghanistan, France and Iraq.
- For those grieving at Fort Hood.

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
- Alex Oates -Cpl Jacob Janes -LTC Eric Killen

Healing and health concerns...

- Alan Ehrke -Henny Lund -Dorothy Schmidt
- Dale Volenberg -Ishula Webb -Carol Barfknecht
- Roxanne Wildes -Joyce Krull -Betty Alder
- John Granberg -Jessica Landowski -Scott Reinstad
- Ed Gretebeck*

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 11-22-2009

* Denotes new/changed request