



Parables in Mark

Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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~Welcome Visitors!~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal, and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Worship Plan for Sunday, January 19, 2020

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God who searches us and knows us,

**C: you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**

We have not been just in our dealings with others.

We have chosen revenge over mercy.

**We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.**

With what shall we come before you?

Forgive us our sin,

and show us your salvation

in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world,

but the Spirit that is from God,

poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. God of the Word, in the parable of the sower you showed us how your word can take root and grow within us. Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love.

C: Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 126

A: ¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

C: ²**Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

A: ³Then they said a- | mong the nations,
"The LORD has done great | things for them."

C: ⁴**The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.**

A: ⁵Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

C: ⁶**Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.**

A: ⁷Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-34

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

¹Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." ⁹And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

¹⁰When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; ¹²in order that

'they may indeed look, but not perceive,
and may indeed listen, but not understand;
so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.'"

¹³And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately

comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing.

²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

²¹He said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand? ²²For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. ²³Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" ²⁴And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. ²⁵For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

*CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

A: Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ... We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE WITH OFFERING

*OFFERING *This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, bread is placed in your hands, you dip it in the cup and eat. The silver chalice with purple liquid is wine; the ceramic chalice with yellow liquid is grape juice.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*
- *When children are finished with communion, or blessing, they leave to Sunday School Music Room.*

*DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

COMMUNION SONG *The Table*

by Chris Tomlin

COMMUNION HYMN *O Bread of Life from Heaven*

ELW 480

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW 547

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Arvid Mathison **Lector** ~ Ken Rockney

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Acolytes ~ Tyce Bettenhausen & Christian Terland

Greeter ~ Ann Nottestad **Ushers** ~ Carroll & Bonnie Ehrke

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien

Communion Assistants ~ Peggy Luther & Jane Furseth

Nursery ~ Alyssa Woodley **Audio Ministry** ~ Holly Loomis

Church Lock up ~ Holly Loomis

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Eric or Cheryl Nuenthel

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	Worship	Sunday School PreK-8th grade
Jan. 12, 2020:	64	21
Jan. 5, 2020:	118	30
Dec. 29, 2019:	43	No Sunday School Class
Dec. 22, 2019:	148	No Sunday School Class

~Prayers~

To make a prayer requests: Please write on communion card or call church office before noon Wednesday. Requests will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless otherwise noted.

-Thanks for New Guinea missionaries **John and Amy Lindstrom**, and **Lutheran Disaster Response**.

-Healing and comfort to **Lowell Severson***, **Terecia Gehring**, **Ron Nottestad**, **Warren Kapsner**, **Kora Nelson**, **Belva Anderson**, **Vickie Hoehn**, **Andrea Calcagno**, **Walter Furseth**, **Jeff Walheim**, **Sara Depies** & **Kevin Porter**.

- The grieving families of **Alice Lintvedt*** and **Christy Anderson**.

-For veterans and those deployed, especially **Brandon Stach** & **Axel Gaarder**.

~Calendar~

Sunday, January 19, 2020

February Newsletter Deadline

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

10:30am Fellowship Coffee Hour/Congregational Bingo

5:00pm Rise Up Youth

Monday, January 20, 2020

5:30pm Property Meeting

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 23, 2020

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Friday, January 24, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

Pastor's Day Off

**Pastor Brenda is out of town
Jan. 20 –24.**

In case of a pastoral emergency while Pastor Brenda is out of town for continuing education, please contact Pastor Holly Slater from St. Paul's Liberty in Deerfield. Her cell is 608-609-0548.

Sunday, January 26 2020

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Worship

10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour in honor of Beverly Lien's

80th birthday

10:15am Annual Report Q & A

10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30am Stewardship Meeting

~Announcements~

Save the date! Fireside Christian Concert is **Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 10:30 am.** Performing are the Kingsmen Quartet!

Annual Meeting of the congregation is Sunday, February 2, 2020 immediately following Worship.

Thank you EKLC leaders for submitting your Annual Reports by the deadline! The 2019 EKLC Annual Report is available in the narthex.

Multi-generational Mission Trip We are going to Denver, CO! The dates have been selected. We will be departing on the morning of Monday, June 22, 2020 and returning on the evening of Monday, June 29, 2020. Please get in touch with Debbie if you are interested in serving! **This is an multi-generational trip, all ages 12+ are welcome!**

Bingo was rescheduled to TODAY! Join us today for Congregational Bingo & Denver fundraiser! Please stick around after worship to play BINGO! There will be snacks, prizes, and of course, FUN!! All Bingo proceeds will go towards the Denver mission trip.

EKLC now has online giving! You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLC by following the directions on the GIVE PLUS card in the Church pews. On the back of this card are directions. All donations are secured through Vanco. If you'd like to place something in the offering after making an online donation, you may put the reusable GIFT PLUS card in the plate. Thank you for your generous offering in this way!