



What Defiles?

Sunday, February 16, 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.

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 6
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*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. Teacher Jesus, too often we blame external people and situations for our heartaches and brokenness. Help us to look inward to uncover and heal the things that defile: bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity, and love. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-3, 6-7

A: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

C: ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.

A: ³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

C: ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

A: ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-23

L: A reading from Mark.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."⁹Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!" ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.'¹¹But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God) — ¹²then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you,

and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

¹⁷When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW 712

*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: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.* Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: ...Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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 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**

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

C: 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 *You Won't Let Go*

by Cory Asbury

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

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** *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW 542

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Carolyn Lien

Musician ~ Andrew Severson **Acolytes** ~ Tiffany Stach & Anna Amundson

Greeter ~ Diane Luginbuhl

Ushers ~ Ann & Emma Nottestad and Lane & Judy Taylor

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Judy Taylor & Jackie Zahn

Communion Assistants ~ Carroll Ehrke & Bobbie Rawinski

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

Church Lock up ~ Holly Loomis

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Eric or Cheryl Nuenthel

Coffee Fellowship Hour ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

~Calendar~

Sunday, February 16, 2020

9:00am Worship
10:15am Valentines Brunch
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
5-7pm Rise Up Synod Youth

Monday, February 17, 2020

10:30am Synod Assembly Planning

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers For Our People
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

March Newsletter Deadline

6:00pm Confirmation
7:30pm Education Committee Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED
Pastor's Day Off
4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, February 22, 2020

1:00pm Erickson/Hubred Wedding

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
10:30am Gather & Euchre at Home Again in Cambridge
2:00pm Conference Election Caucus

~Sunday Attendance Report~

	Worship	Sunday School PreK-8th grade
Feb. 9, 2020:	60	0 - Cancelled due to weather
Feb. 2, 2020:	104	26
Jan. 26, 2020:	93	24
Jan. 19, 2020:	65	23

~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 **June Ramberg*, Eric Krueger, Dean Bothum, Judy Severson, Randi Lund, Gary Krueger, Kora Nelson, Belva Anderson, Andrea Calcagno, Walter Furseth, Jeff Walheim, Sara Depies & Kevin Porter.**

-The grieving family of Wayne Fosdal.

-The grieving family of Cheryl Peterson.

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

~Announcements~

Today is the Valentines Brunch during coffee hour, hosted by EKL Youth Group & Denver Mission Trip attendees. Please consider a donation with the free will offering. Proceeds will go to the Denver mission trip.

Gather and play Euchre at Home Again on Sunday February 23rd from 10:30-11:30. We have scheduled our first “off campus” card playing event. Come and play with the residents some of whom are members of East! Kids and adults alike are welcome.

Next Food, Fellowship and Fun event is Monday, March 2nd. Menu is: Melt In Your Mouth Chicken, Southern Baked Potato Casserole, Brown Sugar Crunch Squash, Cherry Cola Salad and Mississippi Mud Cake. Sign up sheet is 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!**

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!

Bring Pudding cups for Bluejay Backpacks! Go! with Stewardship Bluejay Backpacks is a Cambridge school district program that sends easy to prepare foods home with kids in need over long weekends. **EKLC is taking on (Non perishable) PUDDING! We need 95 pudding cups each month through May.** Please consider donating pudding (nonperishable) or money so that we can support this initiative. You can bring your pudding to church and leave it in the food pantry box. Money can be tagged with ‘backpacks’ and put in the offering plate or sent to the church office.