

~July 5, 2020 Weekly Message~

Dear Friends and East Koshkonong,

How are you? This has been a stressful couple of months, and especially the last couple of weeks have been stressful at East Koshkonong. I invite you to check in with yourself and ask yourself how you are doing. Pray to God to help release the stress, and do everything in your ability to take good care of yourself - stay hydrated, eat healthy foods, move your body, get enough sleep. Enjoy some sunshine, dig in the dirt, clean out a drawer or a closet. Engage a hobby that refreshes your spirit. If you are around people, wear a mask, wash your hands - take care of yourself, and please be mindful of how you can take care of your neighbors.

Please be aware that as of today, July 1, we are planning on having worship in the building on July 12. However, if public health guidelines change or EKLC council decides that we should wait, we will adjust our plans. We also want to encourage you to do what you feel is best. If you aren't ready to participate in worship in the building, we 100% respect that decision.

If you would like a visit from me, I am glad to visit you outdoors. I have a lawn chair that I keep in the back of my van. If you want me to come visit and pray with you and process any of the things that have been going on in our world, I am glad to do that. Please call/text me at 608-616-5085 or email at pastor.brendalovick@gmail.com, and we will set up a time for a visit.

This week, worship will be streamed on Facebook at 9:00 am on Sunday and on YouTube by 11:00 am. Please share and invite your friends to tune in! I pray that you have a happy, healthy, and safe 4th of July weekend. God bless you.

Peace, Pastor Brenda Lovick

Worship Plan for Sunday, July 5, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Service of the Word

HYMN SING *Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* (ELW 863)

1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!

How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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

P: Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

P: ⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

C: ⁹LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.

P: ¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,

and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

P: ¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

C: ¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures through- | out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all
your words, and loving in | all your works.**

P: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

LUTHERAN QUESTIONS, LUTHERAN ANSWERS

READING: Romans 7:15-25a

P: A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final line. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

CREED

**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

P: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for the nations (*especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially Mallory, Trevor, Brian, Dennis, Jocie, Owen, Kristin, Stanley, Diane, Judy, Tanner & Carole. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially Oren & Patty, Luke & Breah, Dale & Shelley, Franklin & Beverly. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

BLESSING

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

MISSION MINUTE

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Calendar~

Sunday, July 5, 2020

9:00am Online Worship

Monday, July 6, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting

9:30am Prayers for our People Live Stream Facebook

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting

7:00pm Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 2020

10:00am Zoom Conference Meeting

Friday, July 10, 2020

Pastor's Day Off

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, July 12, 2020

9:00am Worship

~Prayers~

To make a prayer requests: Please call church office 608-423-3017 or email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com before noon Tuesday.

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), **Sylvia** (Gerlach), **Eric** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Sara** (Depies), **Kevin** (Porter), **Gary** (Krueger) and **Walter** (Furseth)

-For the grieving families of **Judy** (Jacobson) & **Jim and Nedra** (Lemke)

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

~Announcements~

Church Building: As we are beginning to use the building more often for church business, please continue to be aware of CDC guidelines. Debbie, Julie, and Pastor Brenda will be working from the office, but please only visit by appointment, if needed. If you do end up in the office, please use hand sanitizer, wear a mask, and stay distant. Wash your hands regularly. Following these guidelines is a selfless act of taking care of our neighbors. Thank you!

Give Plus – You may make a secure offering donation to EKLC by online giving: **Church website**, **Download the Give Plus App** on your smartphone or

Scan QR Code:



You may also mail your offering to EKLC, 454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523

Check out our new website! www.eastkoshkonong.org

Phone Calls, Conference Calls and Video meetings can happen at any time. If there are youth that want to meet together, adults who want to connect about resources or studies or committee meetings or just talking to each other, we can schedule private meetings via Zoom (Zoom can be by video or phone) at any time. Private meetings with Zoom are safer and secure than public meetings as you've been hearing in the news. We are fortunate that we can connect with each other in this way.

Summer Worship and Study Series: Our summer sermon series (June 14-September 6) will focus heavily on the book of Romans, and Pastor Brenda will be using this book as a guide for our conversation: *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers* by Martin Marty.

ISBN-13: 978-0806653501 If you'd like to order the book to follow along with Pastor, you are welcome to order it from Amazon, or Barnes and Noble, or wherever you purchase your books. This purchase is not necessary for the sermon series, but you are welcome to get it and follow along.

What is the next book you'd like to study? Contact Pastor Brenda with your suggestions.

EKLC COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

We are excited to begin worshipping in person. As we welcome you back to church, know that personal responsibility is key - any member who is feeling ill or compromised should not attend services. We caution those in the age group (65+) of higher risk to use your best judgement if you should be attending services.

We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person. All members need to be mindful of social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks to create a safe place to worship.

- **Attendees: Phase 2: 50% occupancy – 110 persons (Phase 3: 75% occupancy - 170)**
 - Enter through Narthex doors only. All others will be locked.
 - Doors will be opened by a greeter or will be propped open.
 - Members must not congregate before or after services.
 - We strongly recommend that members wear a mask during worship to help ensure the health and safety of the rest of the congregation.

- **Seating:**
 - Every other pew will be blocked off to ensure social distance.
 - Ushers will direct members to an area to sit and will usher out by pews at the end of the service.
 - Families may sit together
 - Others must be 6 ft apart from other members.

- **Worship:**
 - There will be no singing during worship in Phase 2 (Phase 3 is TBD).
 - Bulletins will be distributed with all content in them and pew bibles and hymnals will be removed.
 - During Passing of the Peace you will not leave your seat nor shake hands.
 - Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
 - Communion will only be held during the first service of the month and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.

- **Common Areas**
 - Restrooms directly below the Narthex will be open for use.
 - The following common areas will be closed to members:
 - Friendship Hall
 - Nursery
 - Kitchen
 - Offices (Staff Only)
 - Education Wing

If there is a confirmed positive COVID case from a member that has attended worship, the church will:

- Notify those in attendance of a member testing positive for COVID via phone call
- Send an email to all members notifying them of the positive result
 - That information will include:
 - Date of service
 - A reminder of next steps (see subsequent bullets)
 - No other identifying information about the member will be shared
 - If you are contacted via phone:
 - Monitor your symptoms at home, and decide if you should self-quarantine for the 14 day period
 - If you feel ill, see your primary care provider for a COVID test or use the [public health](#) testing options in your area.
- Notify the Property Committee and the church will be sanitized using the cleaning protocol.