

Worship Plan for Sunday, August 9, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

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,
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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

The reading may be announced:

P: A reading from Romans.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how

are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

MUSIC REFLECTION

CREED

**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: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: “Take heart, it is

I: do not be afraid.” May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially Sabra, Kristine, Rachel, Tyler, Patty & Sharon. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the 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.**

MISSION MINUTE

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.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

~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

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.

~Calendar~

Sunday, August 9, 2020

9:00am Worship in Lower Church (no communion)

Monday, August 10, 2020

2:30pm Pastor/Youth Director Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

8:30am Zoom Staff Meeting

9:30am Prayers for our People Live Stream Facebook

1:00pm COVID-19 Science for Churches, Workshop by WI Council of Churches

6:30pm CART Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

1:30pm Zoom Local Pastor Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2020

10:00am Zoom Conference Meeting

Education Committee Meeting

Friday, August 14, 2020

Pastor's Day Off

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:00am Worship in Lower Church (no communion)

~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.**

-Prayers of Thanksgiving from Sharon Jacobson for her daughter **Julie** for her full recovery from COVID

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

-The grieving family of **Don** (Larson)*.

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

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.

Members are required to 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.