

Worship Plan for Sunday, September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME & 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,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

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. God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. Amen

READING: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

P: A reading from Genesis.

Chapter 37

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in

the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" ³¹Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Chapter 50

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions (*especially*), change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community (*especially*); make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. 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 **Lydia, Meta, Hans, William, Calvin & Rodney**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Todd & Leah, Mark & Denise, Carroll & Bonnie, Roy & MaryBeth, Jim & Rebekah, Henry & Ashley, Jeff & Holly, Randy & Linda, Matthew & Lauren**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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: Mothering God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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~Calendar~

Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:00am Worship in Lower Church

9:40am Sunday School

Monday, September 28, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30pm Baptism

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am Prayers for People Facebook Live

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

11:00am Cambridge Clergy

1:30pm Zoom local pastor meeting

3:30pm Pastor/Youth Director Meeting

6:00pm Confirmation Class

October 1, 2020

10:00am Zoom Conference Meeting

Friday, October 2, 2020

Pastor's Day Off

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, October 4, 2020

9:00am Worship with communion

9:40am Sunday School

~Prayers~

To make a prayer requests: Please call church office 608-423-3017 or email eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com 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 **Tom, Rob** (White), **Betty** (Gunnelson), **Ethel** (Warner), **Sylvia** (Gerlach), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), **Gary** (Krueger) and **Walter** (Furseth)

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

~Announcements~

Sunday School will gather from 9:40-10:15 on Sunday mornings, starting in the fellowship hall. Take home craft kits will be available, for in-person and virtual SS students. Please remember to bring your masks. Other than Sunday mornings, kits will be available for pickup on Wednesday evenings 5:30-8:00 and during regular office hours.

Gallon Storage Bags needed for Sunday School. The Sunday School will be assembling take home bags for crafts each week. They will be sending about 20 each week. Donations of zip locking gallon storage bags would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Church Building: The church building is open to members now. Please continue to be aware of CDC guidelines. Always have a mask with you when you are in the building. If you are in the presence of someone you don't live with, please wear your mask. Please use hand sanitizer 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, Video meetings and outdoor visits can happen at any time.
Please contact Pastor Brenda if you would like any of these things.

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:

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
Bulletins will be distributed (**by ushers wearing gloves**) 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 (**by ushers wearing gloves**) 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 worshippers:
Friendship Hall (Sunday School Only)
Nursery
Kitchen
Offices (Staff Only)
Education Wing (Sunday School Only)

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.