

Worship Plan for Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 2

ELW Service of the Word

Until an Interim Pastor is assigned to EKLC by the Synod, EKLC members may contact the following area clergy for Pastoral Emergencies:

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Pastor Berggren, please announce the virtual coffee hour following worship today: Following church there will be a virtual coffee hour. Please join us for fellowship by selecting the coffee hour tab.

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

Hark the Glad Sound! (ELW 239)

Jesus Shall Reign (ELW 434)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)

WELCOME & 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,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow

**your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
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

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

P: Let us pray.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the
countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more
clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day
praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.
C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

P: A reading from 1 Samuel.

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he

told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

P: ¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, you | have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether. R**

⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother’s womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**

¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the
earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of
them were written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the
sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

P: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

P: The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip’s friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him,

“Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound... **Andy, Robert, Kitty, Allison, Eric, Sara, Gary, Jeff, Kevin, and Walter.**

-The grieving families of **John and Rocky.**

...that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Dennis, Susan, Yana, Lane, Lori, Reid, Sally, Cynthia, Erica, Neil, Henry, LeRon & Gloria.** Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Nick & Erin, Michael & Maria.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us (*especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church*), that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
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.

**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: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

~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 **Andy** (Christensen)*, **Robert** (Bates), **Kitty** (Epperson), **Allison** (Evenson), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

-The grieving families of **John** (Pritchard) and **Rocky** (Gilbeaut)

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

~Calendar~

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:00am Virtual Worship
9:40am Virtual Sunday School
9:40am Virtual Coffee Hour following worship

Monday, January 18, 2021

5:30pm Property Committee
6:00pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Newsletter deadline

8:30am Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

6:00pm Virtual Confirmation Class

Friday, January 21, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 24, 2021

9:00am Virtual Worship
9:40am Virtual Sunday School

~Announcements~

Virtual Coffee Hour: Following church there will be a virtual coffee hour. Please join us for fellowship by selecting the coffee hour tab.

Sunday School will be virtual as long as worship remains virtual. Please search for the Facebook group “East Koshkonong Sunday School” where videos are posted each Sunday. If you have trouble finding the group, please contact Debbie directly eklcyouthdirector@gmail.com and she can help you out! Supplies for crafts were delivered through the end of the 2020 year. Even if we return to in-person before that, we can still use those supplies. Thanks for being flexible!

Annual Meeting: In anticipation that the pandemic will still be of great concern in our area in February, we are planning on conducting the annual meeting differently this year. We ask that all reports be submitted in a timely manner, so to have the annual report printed by mid-January. We will send the report to membership (either electronically or by USPS). Members will vote to approve the budget, council members, committee members, call committee members, and anything else brought forward to the congregation by February 15th. We will allow voting via a postcard (enclosed with the USPS mailing), or via the web. We acknowledge that our constitution only allows for in-person voting for annual meeting agenda items. Since we cannot at this time set a date by which it would be safe to meet quorum in-person, we are suspending this rule for the 2021 annual meeting. We are doing all we can to allow time to review all information prior to the voting deadline of February 15th. The annual report will be sent by mail or email in early February.

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!

Cambridge Food Pantry has moved in the lower level of the Nikolay Middle School. During COVID the food pantry will continue to offer drive up grocery pickups on Monday evenings from 5:30pm - 6:30pm until further notice. The following is a wish list of needed items for anyone wishing to donate non perishable food items. There is a donation bin outside of the lower level doors of the middle school/food pantry entrance. Wish list: **canned meat (beef, pork, tuna, spam) canned stew and other heat and eat foods. Hearty soups. Saltines, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent (smaller bottles), Frozen concentrated juice, Feminine products, any kind of toiletries.**

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



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Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

GATHERING

✠ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

✠ Prayer of the Week

Loving God, keep us safe in our hometowns, the places we live, and the places we visit. Keep us close so that we can be ever mindful of your love for us. Keep us together so that we can strengthen our relationships within our families, with our neighbors, and with those we meet on the streets. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ✠ **Highs and Lows:** Name one way that you felt accepted today. Name one way that you felt rejected.
- ✠ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus begins his ministry teaching that he was there for the people others ignored. When did someone pay attention to you? When did you feel ignored?
- ✠ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus calls the first disciples, who were fishermen, to follow him. What did you do to follow Jesus today? How did you turn away from him in your actions?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Hold hands, and say the Lord's Prayer together.

CLOSING

- ✠ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.
- ✠ **Rituals and Traditions: A Blessing to Share**
Mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "Go, and serve others in Jesus' name. Amen."

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
—Luke 4:14-15.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless the food you have provided. Bless the people in our midst. Bless the love that intertwines us. Bless the world you have begun. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Ask yourself as you read: What is Jesus called do? What does Jesus call you to do?

Sunday	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus Brings Good News
Monday	Isaiah 58:6-12	Loosing Bonds of Injustice
Tuesday	1 Kings 17:8-14	Elijah and the Widow
Wednesday	2 Kings 5:1-17	The Healing of Naaman
Thursday	Luke 4:31-37	The Man with the Unclean Spirit
Friday	Luke 4:38-41	Healings at Simon's House
Saturday	Luke 4:42-44	Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues
Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Fishes for People

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Plan a special evening at home with the ones you love: eat a meal together, play a game, or watch a movie.

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