

Worship Plan for Sunday, January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 3

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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Pr. Eric Bakken, West Koshkonong: 715-896-0878

Pr. Holly Slater, St. Paul's Liberty: 608-609-0548

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (ELW 696)

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (ELW 817)

O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

P: A reading from Jonah.

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

P: ⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

P: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

P: 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 church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief (*especially*)...

-Healing and comfort to **Betty, Kody, Andy, Robert, Kitty, Allison, Eric, Sara, Gary, Jeff, Kevin, and Walter.**

-the grieving families of **Lois, John & Rocky.**

...that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Beverly, Steven, Hilary, Michael, Roy, David & Roger.** Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Curt & Linda, Scott & Ann.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

P: 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

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.

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~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 **Betty (Frey)*, Kody (Lewellin), 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 **Lois (Zerkle)*, John (Pritchard) and Rocky (Gilbeaut)**

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

~Calendar~

Sunday, January 24, 2021

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:30am Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

6:00pm Virtual Confirmation Class

Friday, January 29, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, January 31, 2021

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

~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!

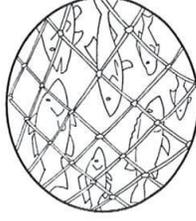
Cambridge Food Pantry has moved in the lower level of the Nikolay Middle School. During COVID the food pantry will continue to offer drive up grocery pickups on Monday evenings from 5:30pm - 6:30pm until further notice. The following is a wish list of needed items for anyone wishing to donate non perishable 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

Gentle God—Open our hearts so that we can hear your voice. Call out to us so that we can drop what we are doing to answer. Lead us to where you need us to go. Be with us as we engage one another. Help us to trust in your Spirit. And love us when we fail. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✦ **Highs and Lows:** What is was your biggest success for today? What is something that was frustrating or disappointing?
- ✦ **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Jesus helped the fishermen catch many fish in their nets. The fishermen were so amazed that they became disciples, left everything they had and followed Jesus. What was something amazing (even just a little bit) that happened today?
- ✦ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus redefines the meaning of the Sabbath day, on what people can or cannot do on that day. What day is Sabbath for you? What do you do on that day?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✦ Think of each other's highs and lows. Use them to pray for each other.

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**
Give each other a high five, and say, "Go love and care for others. Amen."

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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
—Luke 5:11

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of abundance, from the sea and land, we eat from your bounty. From the fields of the farmer, we eat from your goodness. From the fruits of the tree, we eat from your sweetness. Thank you for everything. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

A question to ask as you read: What miracles does Jesus perform? What everyday miracles do you notice in your life?

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus Fishes for People
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-8	A Vision of God in the Temple
Tuesday	Luke 5:12-16	Jesus Cleanses a Leper
Wednesday	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus Heals a Paralytic
Thursday	Philippians 2:1-11	Imitating and Responding to Christ
Friday	Luke 5:27-32	Jesus Calls Levi
Saturday	Luke 5:33-39	The Question About Fasting
Sunday	Luke 6:1-16	The Lord of the Sabbath

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.

When at the grocery store, buy several cans of tuna and donate them to a local food pantry.