

Worship Plan for Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

ELW Service of the Word

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)

Gather Us In (ELW 532)

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (ELW 864)

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,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
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.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

P: A reading from Genesis.

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring

clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

P: ¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the
day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

P: A reading from 1 Peter.

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

CREED

**P: 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: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction (*especially . . . here local environmental concerns may be named*). Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*)...

-Healing and comfort to **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Robert** (Bates), **Kitty** (Epperson), **Allison** (Evenson), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Jill, Ken, James, Michael, Sidsel, Emma, Andy, Jason, Joyce, Spencer, Jaime, Ryan, Kurt & Lena**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Lane and Judy**. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness.

Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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Virtual Coffee Hour: Following church there will be a virtual coffee hour. Please join us for fellowship by selecting the coffee hour tab on facebook or the zoom link below:

East Koshkonong is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Virtual Coffee Hour

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89659644134?pwd=OTBKBzhtUlhsTWo4eXIBRU10ekZmdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 5964 4134

Passcode: 844379

One tap mobile: call 1-312-626-6799

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

Pr. Jennifer Jelinek, Grace Lutheran: 608-295-7120

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

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

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

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~Calendar~

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:30am Virtual Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

6:00pm Virtual Confirmation Class
7:00pm Virtual Lenten Worship

Friday, February 26, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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

~Announcements~

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!

2021 Women of the ELCA Handbooks were emailed. Paper copies are available in the church narthex during office hours: 8:00am—2:30pm Monday-Thursday.

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.**



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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 and eternal God, you have created us to be in community with one another. Let us be willing and open to show others the love of Jesus through building community, caring for one another, and praying together. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✦ **Highs and Lows:** Who can you reach out to today who might be feeling down or lonely? Has there been a time today when someone has made you feel encouraged?
- ✦ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Mary and Martha honored Jesus in their own way, by work or by listening. But Martha was frustrated and worried. What has made you frustrated or worried today? What has given you peace?
- ✦ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jesus calls his followers to repent when they do the wrong thing. What is a situation today that you need to correct or make right?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✦ Sit together silently for a minute to think of ways you can intentionally show God's love in action to those around you. Go around the circle for everyone to share what they plan to do and then pray for each to be encouraged.

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 the forehead, and say, "May you show God's love to all you encounter. Amen."

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

[The lawyer] said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

—Luke 10:37

MEALTIME PRAYER

Gracious God of all, we bless you and thank you for providing this meal before us. Not only do we thank you for the meal, but also for the joy of sharing it with others in person or in spirit. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Filling in the gaps. A question to ask as you read: Who are we commanded to love as much as we God? What should we do together to stay connected to God?

Sunday	Luke 10:25-42	The Samaritan, Martha and Mary
Monday	Leviticus 19:13-18	Loving Your Neighbor
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for One Another
Wednesday	Luke 11:1-13	Power of Prayer
Thursday	Matthew 6:5-13	Concerning Prayer
Friday	Luke 12:22-34	Do Not Worry
Saturday	Philippians 4:4-9	Peace, Not Worry
Sunday	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35	Jesus Preaches Repentance

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.

Invite each person to choose an elderly, ill or shut-in congregation member to check in on this week. Ask them what their prayer requests are and share a prayer together.