

Worship Plan for Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

~*Worship Leaders*~

Presider ~ Rev. David Berggren

Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis

Lector ~ Trudy Spike

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Greeter ~ Marilyn Gunderson **Church Lock-up** ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolyte ~ Anna Amundson

Ushers ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst, Hal & Vicki Schuh

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

The Day of Resurrection!

Around You, O Lord Jesus (ELW 468)

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (ELW 366)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

L: A reading from Acts.

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

A: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear
my prayer.

C: ²“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”

A: ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

C: ⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. **R**

A: ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

C: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

A: ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

C: ⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

L: A reading from 1 John.

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you

while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

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.

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others (*specific needs may be named*)...

-Healing and comfort

to **Tyler** (Cage), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Robert** (Bates), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

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

-For the grieving families of **Susan** (Nettum) & **Allison** (Evenson).

...Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (*name*). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Randall, James, Jason, Jennifer, Leif, Randi, Karen, Keaton, Eileen & Victoria**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Bjorn & Elizabeth**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially*). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

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.**

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

Welcome to this new and adjusted way for us to partake in communion at the Lord's table! You have communion elements that were given to you when you walked thru the narthex. We will all take communion at the same time. Pastor will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and everyone will eat the bread. Pastor will say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and you can drink the liquid in the cup. All of the elements should be eaten or drunk at this time. We will remove our masks for a brief moment to receive the elements. If there is anything you don't want to eat or drink, please dispose of the elements by returning them to the earth and pouring them into the ground. When you walk out of the service you may dispose of your baggie and cup in the provided trash bin in the narthex. For those who don't receive communion, someone from the same household may bless them by saying, "God bless you now and forever," or similar words. Thank you for accommodating this safer way to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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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:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82607030602?pwd=cnMzbnRNdmRMU1R2WGEzaHSeEROQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 0703 0602

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By phone: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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 **Tyler** (Cage), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Robert** (Bates), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

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~Calendar~

Sunday, April 18, 2021

- 9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion
- 9:40am Virtual Coffee Hour following Worship
- 9:40am Virtual Sunday School

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Property Committee Meeting
- 6:15pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

- 6:00pm Virtual Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 22, 2021

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly in Friendship Hall
(I'll have stations at separate tables in Friendship Hall. If you're interested in helping please call the church office or email me so I know how many to plan for.)

Friday, April 23, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, April 25, 2021

- 9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion
- 9:40am Virtual Coffee Hour following Worship
- 9:40am Virtual Sunday School

~Announcements~

Sunday School will remain 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 2020-21 school year. Thanks for being flexible!

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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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+) or 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:**

- We will limit sanctuary capacity at 50 people per service.
- 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.
- Masks will be required during worship to help ensure the health and safety of the rest of the congregation.
- Please exercise 6' of social distancing whenever possible.
- An usher will be taking attendance of anyone who joins in person for service.

- **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 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 be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.

- **Common Areas**

- Restrooms directly below the Narthex will be open for use.
- Fellowship Hall is open but social distancing and the seating guidelines above will be required.
- The following common areas will be closed to members:
 - Nursery will remain closed.
 - Kitchen will remain closed.
 - Offices will be open for staff only.

If there is a confirmed positive COVID case from a member that has attended worship, the church will:

- Once the office is notified of the positive case, the council president will be notified. Upon notification, the following will go into effect:
 - Notify those in attendance of a member testing positive for COVID via email (or phone call if no email is listed in the directory)
 - 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:
 - Monitor your symptoms at home and decide if you should self-quarantine.
 - If you feel ill or develop symptoms, you should be tested.
 - Notify the Property Committee and the church will be sanitized using the cleaning protocol.

Sanitization Procedures (Both churches if used)

- Follow CDC guidelines
- High Touch Areas to be cleaned following services:
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches
 - Specific for Sanctuary & Narthex:
 - Pews
 - Furniture
 - Elevator and elevator buttons
 - Podium
- Restrooms:
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches, countertops, faucets and toilets will be cleaned in the restrooms below the Sanctuary after every service.
- Office areas: (during the week)
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
 - Office staff to take care of personal areas
- In the event of a positive case is confirmed following a service:
 - Wait 24 hours to enter building and disinfect
 - Those cleaning must wear protective wear, ie: gloves etc.



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
God of all, we ask that you help us be obedient to your will and your ways, even when we want to control how things work out. Let us remember that your —not our— will be done. In the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✦ **Highs and Lows:** What was something that made you happy today? What made you feel unhappy?
- ✦ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Stephan was in a very dangerous situation, but he was still brave, empowered by God's Spirit. What did you do today that was at least a little bit brave, a step out of your comfort zone?
- ✦ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** In next week's reading, Phillip gets to tell the good news of Jesus to someone he just meets, a man from Ethiopia. What was a positive conversation you had today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✦ **Pray:** This week, O God, help us let go and let you lead us. May we be steadfast in prayer, listening to your words and doing what you ask us to do. Amen.

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 the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads or hands and say, "Go. Spread the good news in word and action."

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The word of God continued to spread.
—Acts 6:7

MEALTIME PRAYER

Dear God, we have always been an imperfect people, but we want to be more like you. Strengthen us in body with this food and spirit with your Word so that we can follow you with our words and actions. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Listen as you read: What do you hear God saying in each of these stories?

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60	Community and Condemnation
Monday	Acts 2:43-47	Life Among the Believers
Tuesday	Acts 5:12-16	The Apostles Heal
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-32	The Apostles Are Persecuted
Thursday	Acts 6:8-15	The Arrest of Stephen
Friday	Acts 7:1-43	Stephen's Speech to the Council
Saturday	Acts 8:4-25	Phillip Preaches in Samaria
Sunday	Acts 8:26-39	Philip Baptizes the Ethiopian

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.

Gather food from your friends, neighbors, and fellow church members to donate to a local food pantry.