

Worship Plan for Sunday, May 16, 2021

Ascension of Our Lord **Thursday, May 13, 2021**

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Dr. David Berggren

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Joy Graffin

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Scott & Chris Frodel

Church Lock-up ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolyte ~ Anna Amundson & Cally Travis

Ushers ~ Don & Natasha Amundson Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

Son of God, Eternal Savior (ELW 655)

I Come with Joy (ELW 482)

Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

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.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

The assembly stands.

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.

A: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

L: A reading from Acts.

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 47

A: ¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

C: ²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,**

A: ³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

C: ⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**

A: ⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

C: ⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**

A: ⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

C: ⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**

A: ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the |
God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

L: A reading from Ephesians.

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and

authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ELW p. 206)

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

SPECIAL MUSIC

CREED (ELW p. 206)

**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 call the whole church on earth to worship and bless you. Empower your church to bear joyful witness to your love made known in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You have fashioned a habitat for all your creatures and you fill the earth with your glory. Give rain where it is needed and rescue those inundated by floods. Mend what we have torn in the fabric of creation and replenish and nourish your world (*local concerns may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In the majesty of your love, you rule the world with justice and mercy. Give those in authority the spirit of your love, so that all who are hungry and poor receive food and resources, and all people flourish and live in peace (*local or global places of need may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You heal those who are sick and bind up the brokenhearted. Attend to the cares and needs of the hurting and hopeless in our congregation, community, workplaces, schools, and families (*especially*)...

-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).

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

-For the grieving family of **Steve** (Smithback).

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You have gathered us in this congregation, enlightened our hearts, and given us a share of the immeasurable greatness of your power. Help us love one another, be reconciled where we are divided, and share the riches of your grace with our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Shelley, Karen, Robin, Eric, Oden, Ilsa, Lillian & Vione.** Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week, especially **Edward & Linda, Rodney & Cheryl, Kurtis & Barbara.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In raising Christ from the dead, you put your great power to work in the world. Raise us and all who have died in the faith with Christ. We remember saints in our lives and in our community (*especially*). Thank you for their gifts among us. 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

The presiding minister continues:

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; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest.

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

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: 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.

C: 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!

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChUv6MDQV54yCWz60IGWezw>

~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.

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~Calendar~

Sunday, May 16, 2021

9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:30am Staff Meeting

5:30pm Property Committee Meeting

6:15pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

June Newsletter Deadline

Friday, May 21, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:00am Outdoor In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion

~Announcements~

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23!

Calling all EKLC members ages 0 to 100! Please join us as we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd at 9 a.m. The service will be outside on the Upper Church lawn. There will be a tent and chairs provided. Masks are optional. You can sit with your family unit and distance from other groups. We will be celebrating the church year by hearing readings, short meditations and singing lots of hymns. Following this service, you are encouraged to stay for coffee fellowship.

There will be red pinwheels, balloons, instruments for the kids to play as well as music from the electric keyboard, trombone, accordion and guitar. Being together and singing favorite hymns is a step toward some normalcy in worship.

Be sure and wear the color red for this special day. It is time to **RENEW, REVIVE AND REBUILD.**

There are many ways you can help to make this a success. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

Saturday, May 22nd at 3:30 lots of people are needed to put up the tent and chairs.

Sunday, May 23rd at 8 a.m. set up the serving table and make coffee.

As people start arriving, help those that need assistance navigating uneven ground or parking in the rear.

We hope to see you all there.

Vicki Schuh, Worship Committee Chair

Cambridge Food Pantry has moved in the lower level of the Nikolay Middle School. 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), rice, cookis/sweets, cereal, egg noodles, pasta sauce, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, feminine products, shampoo/conditioner.**

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

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:**

- 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.