

Worship Plan for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Lectionary 11

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

~Worship Leaders~

Presiders ~ Pastor Loren and Pastor Linda Schumacher

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Kristen Lien

Acolytes ~ Christian Terland

Musicians ~ Judy Rusch

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Hal & Vicki Schuh

Ushers ~ Carolyn Lien, Vicki Schuh, Brenda Schroeder

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Gloria Fruit & Jean Carlson

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)

Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)

PRELUDE

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 God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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.

A: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

A: ¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

C: ²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

A: ³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

C: ⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

A: ¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

C: ¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

A: ¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

C: ¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

L: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our

right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: *Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician(s) (*especially*). We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy God bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Samantha, Taylor, Amy, Brian, Josephine, Jeremy, Bjorn, Carson, Leanne & Sydney**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Greg & Brenda, John & Christina, Ron & Deanna, Dave & Sue, John & Bobbie, Michael & Cheryl**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you (*especially*). We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

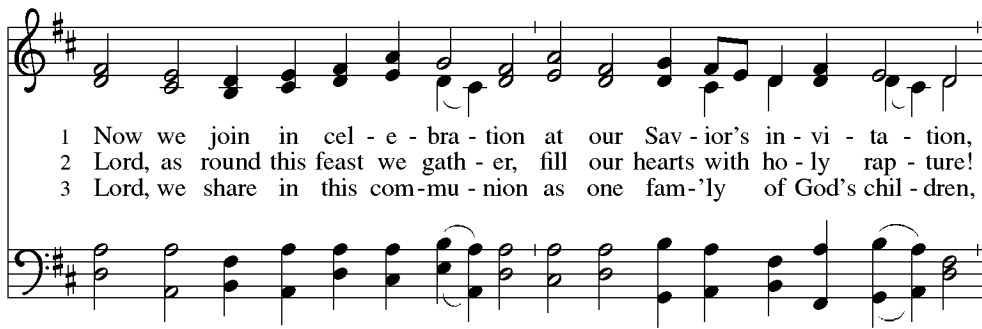
P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✝ be upon you now and forever.

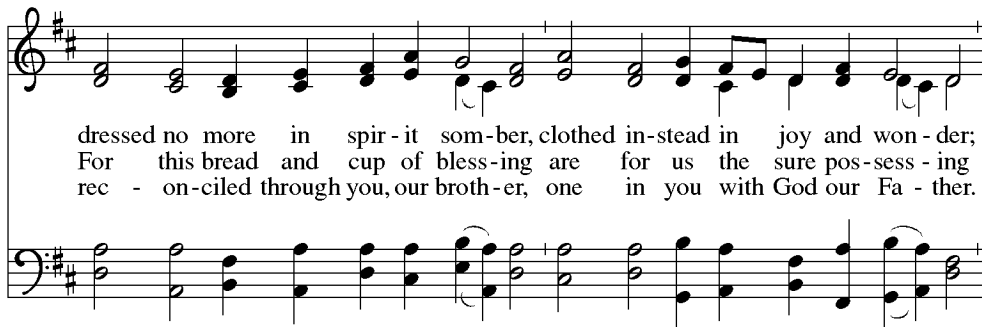
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration*

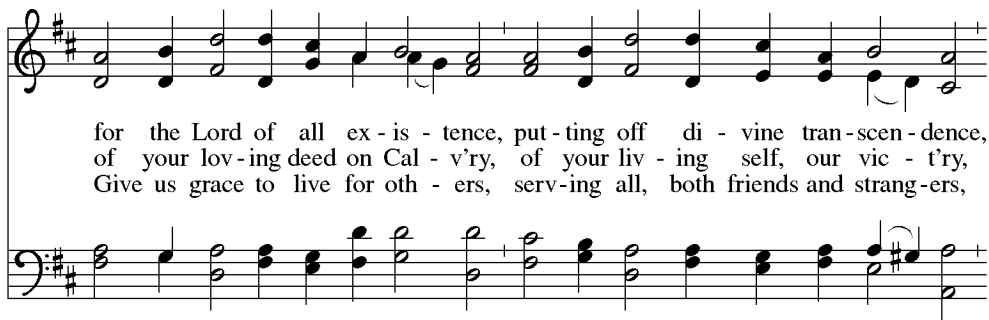
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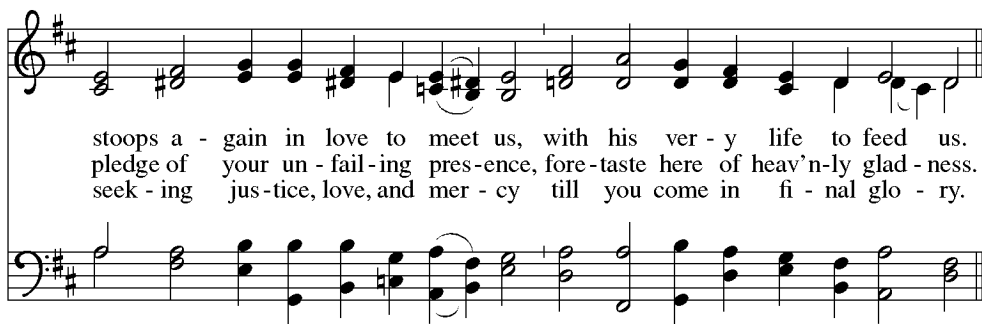
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

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

-For veterans and those deployed.

~Calendar~

Sunday, June 13, 2021

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

5:30pm Property Committee Meeting

6:15pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

9:00am-12:00pm Pastors office hours

Friday, June 18, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, June 20, 2021

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

~ Announcements ~

HOLY COMMUNION STATEMENT

You have communion elements that were given to you when you arrived. 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. 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. 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.

Please consider donating a meal to the Wipperfurth Family as Caleb is home from his recent surgery! Use the link provided! All allergy information and meal preferences are included in the link. Please also consider joining the Facebook group "Caleb's Crew" for progress updates! <https://mealtrain.com/30rqd0>

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, cookies/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 In-Person Worship Guidelines

Updated 5/18/2021

On 5/18/2021 it was announced that effective on June 2, Public Health Madison & Dane County will lift all public health orders, including mask requirements, and gathering and capacity limits. EKLC will follow and base our guidelines from Dane County directives as well as best practices from the CDC.

As of 6/2/2021, EKLC will no longer mandate masks. We recommend that any member or guests follow CDC guidelines related to mask wearing. We support and encourage anyone to continue to wear a mask based on their own comfort level and discretion.

Worship:

- Every other pew will continue to be blocked off to encourage for social distancing
- We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube
- During Passing of the Peace, you are encouraged to take a moment to say hello to each other. We ask that you respect social distancing and do not have physical contact.
- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will continue be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.
- Singing will be phased back into worship
 - As of 6/2, we will continue special music as well as add back in our sending hymn. If you are uncomfortable with singing, you are free to leave prior to this.
 - This will be reviewed monthly for additional singing to be added back to service

Common Areas:

- The following common areas are open to members
 - Restrooms directly below the Narthex
 - Fellowship Hall with social distancing and the seating guidelines from above.
- The following common areas are currently closed:
 - Nursery
 - Kitchen (with exception for funerals or private events)