

Worship Plan for Sunday, July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

~Worship Helpers~

Presider ~ Pastor Loren Schumacher & Pastor Linda Schumacher

Assistant Minister ~ Holly Loomis

Lector ~ Vicki Schuh

Acolyte ~ Christian Terland

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Marilyn Gunderson

Ushers ~ Scott & Chris Frodel, Curt & Linda Hanson

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Church Lock Up ~ Judy Rusch

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (767)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (742)

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.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a
longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may
know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with
all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

L: A reading from 2 Kings.

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

A: ¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,

A: ¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

C: ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures through- | out all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works. R

A: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.

A: ¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

C: ¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways

and loving in ¹ all your works.

A: ¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

L: A reading from Ephesians.

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him,

Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.”⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.”²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Loren Schumacher

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*).

-Healing and comfort to **Curt** (Hanson), **Doug** (Campbell), **Kevin** (Graffin), **Lena** (Hinton), **Lowell** (Severson), **Tyler** (Cage), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Robert** (Bates), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

-For the grieving family of **Shirley** (Johnson).

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Arvid, Cody, Mia, Rylie, Catherine, Caleb, Kathleen, Karly, Aryel, Cindy, Raymond, Jayley, Lauren, Payton & Rylie.** Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week, especially **Eric & Linda, Eric & Sabra.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Day by Day* (790)

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Öskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: 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 **Doug** (Campbell), **Kevin** (Graffin), **Lena** (Hinton), **Lowell** (Severson), **Tyler** (Cage), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Robert** (Bates), **Eric** (Krueger), **Sara** (Depies), **Gary** (Krueger), **Jeff** (Walheim), **Kevin** (Porter), and **Walter** (Furseth).

-For the grieving family of **Shirley** (Johnson).

-For veterans and those deployed.

~Calendar~

Sunday, July 25, 2021

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

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 29, 2021

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Sunday, August 1, 2021

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

11:00am Lois Zerkle Celebration of Life

Celebrating
THE AMAZING LIFE
of
LOIS ZERKLE
August 26, 1926 - January 17, 2021
There will be a service
in the sanctuary followed by
a reception downstairs
in Friendship Hall.
Please join family and friends
in sharing favorite
memories, moments and stories.
Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church
454 East Church Rd., Cambridge WI 53523
Masks at your comfort and discretion.

~ *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

7/20/2021

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:

- Some pews 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)