

RALLY SUNDAY

Worship Plan for Sunday, September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

~Worship Helpers~

Ministers of East Koshkonong: All the people of God

Presider ~ Pastor Loren Schumacher & Pastor Linda Schumacher

Assistant Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Lector ~ Barb Klemp

Acolyte ~ Cally Travis & Tara Bettenhausen

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Scott Zahn Family

Ushers ~ Scott Zahn Family

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Church Lock Up ~ Holly Loomis

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

O Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810)

Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)

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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
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

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,
and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the
sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross,
and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

A: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

C: ²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

A: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came
upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: ⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

A: ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

C: ⁶The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.

A: ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C: ⁸For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

A: ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

L: A reading from James.

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer.

Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAY GROUND BLESSING

MESSAGE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

MESSAGE FROM OUR CAMPERS

MESSAGE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

SERMON

Pastor Linda Schumacher

SPECIAL MUSIC

QUILT BLESSING

P: Gracious God, as we bring these quilts before you, we join with giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

C: We celebrate being the children of God.

P: We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts: Donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, pack the Quilts, and contribute the money for shipping.

C: We celebrate generosity.

P: We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts, the time shared together and the joy of creating something with hands and heart for another.

C: We celebrate community.

P: We send these Quilts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their Quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's

love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We pray that these Quilts will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongs. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

C: We celebrate hop in the midst of life's trials.

P: Renew our mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth, for we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (*recent destructive events may be named here*).

Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves.

-Healing and comfort to **Brady** (Houston)*, **Harriet (Eikland)**, **Arlen (Lund)**, **Doug** (Campbell), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Sara** (Depies), **Jeff** (Walheim), and **Walter** (Furseth).

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify

voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate and caring God, be with those who remain in Afghanistan and those traveling to a new home; send your mercy and healing on those displaced by wildfires across the globe and by hurricane Ida in Louisiana and Mississippi and the east coast; comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones; bring hope to the people of Haiti amid the disasters of earth quake and tropical storm; give wisdom to our congregations and communities as they face the decisions about the Delta variant that must be made to keep our school children safe. Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

A: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Rodell, Cheryl, Pamela, Scott, Cindy, Elizabeth, Allison, Kaylee, Trudy & Ronald.** Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Donald & Natalya, Jason & Ashly, Brian & Brittany, Duane & Linda.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

~ Announcements ~

TODAY IS RALLY SUNDAY! Following worship (about 9:30am) we will meet in Fellowship Hall and split into groups for activities, most outside. Sunday School will be in-person all year and will abide by the mask mandates that are in place. We will try to do as much outside as possible.

Today the education committee is holding a fundraiser after church. We will be selling flower bouquets. The fundraiser will benefit different youth activities. Flowers will be supplied by sweet blossom flowers each bouquet will cost \$20.

EKLC is seeking a Director, Youth & Family to engage and expand our ministry of the youth and of our church and community. We are seeking someone with a passion to see youth introduced to and flourish in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. EKLC is committed to meeting the needs of youth in every capacity and endeavoring to promote biblical prosperity. Our desire is to continue to see it become a place where youth and adults alike come to “Gather, Grow, Be Glad, and Go with Grace.” Do you know the perfect person? If so, please contact Jaime Lewellin at 608.206.4323 or jaimelwellin@yahoo.com for more information.

WANTED VOLUNTEER: Adult Education Coordinator. ‘Grow and learn how to be a disciple of Jesus and share Christ’s love’ is part of our mission statement. Our adult education coordinator would work with the pastors to create opportunities for adult members to learn more about their faith and the church. From bible studies and book clubs to video watching during coffee hour anything is really possible. We are looking for a person to be a caretaker of our growth as a congregation in this area. If you are interested, contact Julie in the office.

Do you like to sew? The Pin & Sew group has put LWR (Lutheran World Relief) Quilt Top kits in the narthex for members to take home and piece together. Directions are provided on the kits.

South Central WI Synodical Women's Organization 15th Biennial Convention Fall Retreat: This year's offering will be distributed as such: 1/2 to WELCA (Churchwide), 1/4 to Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM), and 1/4 to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). **We are also collecting in-kind gifts of a new or gently used sweater that will be donated to charity. The sweater can be any size (baby to adult) and either sex.** EKLC contact is Diane Luginbuhl.

The Cambridge Food Pantry is OPEN! No-Contact pick up is still available. The pantry is located in the lower level of Nikolay Middle School. No-contact and pre-ordering is still available. Shopping/pick-up occurs every Monday evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Clients are welcome to shop or order every 2 weeks. Not a food pantry client? Its easy to sign up! Call the food pantry email foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us at 608-423-8142 or Barb Klemp is the EKLC Food Pantry Liaison.

Food Pantry Wish List: laundry soap, dish soap, dog/puppy food, ranch dressing, men's & women's shavers and bandaids.

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

~Calendar~

Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:00am In-Person and Virtual Worship with communion
9:30am Rally Sunday Following Worship

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

6:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, September 19, 2021

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Questions for Discernment, Prayer, and Discussion

Over the next weeks there will be a question or two in our bulletins and newsletter. These questions will give us a chance to think about and discuss East Koshkonong and its ministry – where we have come from and where we are going. Please spend some time with the questions. Pray about them, share them with others, and consider sharing your thoughts by email or just writing your thoughts on the space provided in the bulletin. You can also call the Interim Pastors and discuss your thoughts.

We also plan to set aside time for listening sessions. These will be done with different groups in the church.

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Questions for September 12:

How does God's mission at East Koshkonong excites you?

How do you share that excitement for ministry?

EKLC In-Person Worship Guidelines Updated 8/17/2021

Effective on Aug 19, 2021, Public Health Madison & Dane County will again require all individuals aged two and older to wear a mask while in any indoor space open to the public. East Koshkonong will continue to follow and base our guidelines from Dane County directives as well as best practices from the CDC.

As of 8/19, EKLC will again require individuals to be masked while inside our buildings. We recommend that any member or guest follow CDC guidelines related to mask wearing while on church property, but outside our buildings.

Worship:

- Some pews will continue to be blocked off to encourage social distancing
- We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube
- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will continue be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.
- The sending hymn will continue to be sung at the end of worship. If you are uncomfortable with singing, you are free to leave prior to this.

Common Areas:

- The following common areas are open to members
 - Restrooms directly below the Narthex
- The following common areas are currently closed:
 - Nursery
 - As of 8/22 - Kitchen and Fellowship Hall will be closed for all functions

These policies will be reviewed monthly and will be updated as needed.