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PRELUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, looked so fine,
I asked the Lord "Could it be mine?"

Refrain:

Yes, Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 2

Oh, I have sorrows I have woe
And I have heartache here below
But while God leads me, I'll not fear
For I am sheltered by His care. **Refrain**

They'll Know We Are Christians

Em

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
 4. All — praise to the Fa-ther, from — whom all things come, And all

Am Em Am

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
 walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to- geth- er we'll
 work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's
 praise to Christ Je- sus, His — on - ly — Son, And all praise to the

Em C

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 spread the news that God is in our land:
 dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
 Spir-it who — makes — us — one:

Em Am Em Am Bm7 Em

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. —

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From the recording, THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

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.

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

A: God, source of all goodness draw your church together. We are called by the Holy Spirit to serve and love one another. As children of God, we have been marked by the sign of the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. Lord, we ask for your blessings upon our hands. Hands that will be about your work. Hands which will spread love and compassion in your world.

C: Amen

LITANY

P: As we live in community with God and one another

C: May our hands be instruments of peace and love

P: For those who are in need of warmth and food

C: May our hands prepare quilts and a banquet

P: When a stranger is in our midst

C: May our hands extend a welcome.

P: For the teaching and instruction of all people

C: May our hands be in the Word of God.

P: When injustice is in the world and in our communities

C: May our hands write letters and peacefully join others.

P: In times of sorrow, sickness and great suffering

C: May our hands embrace the broken and offer prayers

P: For those who are in need of physical structures

C: May our hands build homes, schools, and wells.

P: God, may we be reminded what ever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully.

C: Amen

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

A: ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

A: ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

A: ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

A: ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

L: A reading from James.

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Wade in the Water*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for natural wonders of your creation (*local waterways, forests, and natural areas may be named*). Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease.

-Healing and comfort to **Brady** (Houston), **Doug** (Campbell), **Caleb** (Wipperfurth), **Sara** (Depies), **Jeff** (Walheim), and **Walter** (Furseth). Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers (*other roles may be added to reflect your context*). Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. 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 **Alana, Anders, Ron, Shirley, Lydia, Meta, Hans, William, Calvin, Rodney**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Todd & Leah, Mark & Denise, Carroll & Bonnie, Roy &**

MaryBeth, Jim & Rebekah, Henry & Ashley, Jeff & Holly, Randal & Linda. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. 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.

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.

HYMN *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

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 *We Are Marching in the Light* (ELW 866)

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching--oo--
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching--oo--
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

~ Announcements ~

Sunday School: 3yr old Preschool-6th grade meet following worship (about 9:40am). 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.

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.

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 26, 2021

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

9:40am Sunday School

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

6:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, October 3, 2021

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

9:40am Sunday School

Bible Study/Faith 5

Week 1 – Introduction to the Bible

1. Share or Think about your highs and lows.
2. Our Bible verse for today is Psalm 119, verse 105: ***“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”***
3. Think about or discuss: How is God’s Word a lamp for our feet?
We call our Bible the Word of God and we know that through the Bible we can come to understand more about who our God is and how we might better follow God. The Old Testament (or First Testament) is where we begin our study. Did you know that our Old Testament is a collection of 39 books written over a period of 1000 years by dozens of different authors? Does that change how you think about the Bible? It is actually more like a library of different books than just one book. We find in our Old Testament, Books of the Law, the History of God’s People, Wisdom (like the Psalms), and Prophets. Woven through all of the Old Testament is God’s love and God’s mercy. (We sometimes only see brutal history in the Old Testament, but there is so much more.) We see a God who cannot stop loving God’s people, no matter what. We see a vision for who God’s people are that continually expands until it includes the whole world.
Take the Bible you have in your home (if you need a Bible from the church – just ask). Look through the Old Testament. It actually comprises about $\frac{3}{4}$ of our Bible.
What are your favorite books or passages from the Old Testament? What Bible verses have given you strength during difficult times?
Other Bible verses you might want to check out: Psalm 1, and Psalm 25:4-7.
4. Pray for the needs of others, for our church, community, and world.
5. The Blessing for the week from Faith Inkubators: “May God, our creator, who set the lights in the heavens and called you to life, bless and keep you this day in light and truth and love. Amen”

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.