

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP HELPERS

~Worship Helpers~

Ministers of East Koshkonong: All the people of God

Presider ~ Pastor Loren Schumacher & Pastor Linda Schumacher

Assistant Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Lector ~ Holly Loomis

Acolyte ~ Kellan Jacobson & Riley Jacobson

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Curt & Linda Hanson

Ushers ~ Carolyn Lien, Jane Furseth, Peggy Luther, Carol Kenseth

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Joy Graffin & Gloria Fruit

Church Lock Up ~ Carolyn Lien

PRELUDE

HYMNS FOR MUSICIANS

God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 685)

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.

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: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L: A reading from Amos.

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

A: ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

A: ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

A: ¹⁶Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

C: ¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

L: A reading from Hebrews.

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good

but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ”

²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, we ask for healing and comfort for **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: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Autumn, Josephine, Veronica, Carroll, Anson & Mary**

Lou. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Ryan & Hilary, Christopher & Kayla, Thomas & Leila, James & Denise, Ron & Shawn.** Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

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.

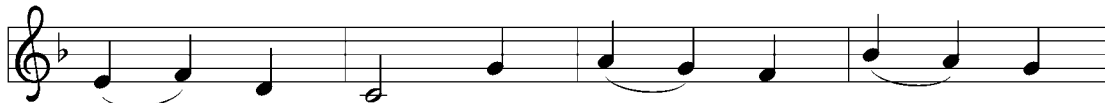
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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~ *Announcements* ~

5th and 6th Grade Communion Class

On Sunday, October 24th Pastor Loren will lead a class for the 5th and 6th graders, and at least one parent, on the meaning of communion and the call to receive the sacrament in our faith lives. The class will be held during the Sunday School time and will meet in the Friendship Hall.

Please email the office if you plan to attend the class.

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, October 10, 2021

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

9:40am Sunday School

Monday, October 11, 2021

7:00pm Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

6:30pm Call Committee Member

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

9:40am Sunday School

Week 3 – The Fall

1. Share or think about your highs and lows..
2. Our Bible verses are Genesis 3:1b, 4-5. The speaker in these verses is none other than the snake! ***“Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden...nor shall you touch it, or you shall die?’ You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”***
3. Think or discuss: The first 11 chapters in the first book of the Bible, Genesis, are often called prehistory. In chapter 12 we will begin the family history of Abraham and Sarah, and that will lead us to you and me.

Those first books of the Bible seek to make some sense out of the world: Where did this beautiful creation come from? Why is there evil in our world? The faithful people who wrote about these things lived many hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years after the creation of the world and the fall of Adam and Eve. Their account is not meant to be a scientific explanation. It was meant to tell us that creation happens and is still happening because God is the creator. And this God wants to be in a relationship with you and me!

In chapter 3 of Genesis, this beautiful creation is messed up. In this whole beautiful world – this Garden of Eden – there is only one rule, Don’t eat the fruit from that tree. Why is it that when we are told not to do something – that is what we want to do? What does the snake tell Adam and Eve will happen or not happen if they eat of that tree? Why do you think the snake wants them to disobey God? Why were they tempted to disobey God? Read all of Genesis, chapter 3. As you can see, it is not so much about Adam and Eve disobeying God but thinking that they wanted to be like God. But things changed after that, and Adam and Eve certainly did not get any smarter. What did they do to hide from God? Can we ever really hide from God? How were the man, woman, and snake punished?

1. Pray for others, our church, our community, and our world.
2. Bless yourselves or each other using these words from our Confirmation book, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. But in the power of the living Christ, you shall one day rise.”

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.