Worship Plan for Sunday, October 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN OF THE DAY/SPECIAL MUSIC? God, Whose Almighty Word (ELW 673)

~Worship Helpers~

Ministers of East Koshkonong: All the people of God

Presider ~ Pastor Loren Schumacher & Pastor Linda Schumacher

Assistant Minister ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Ken Rockney

Acolyte ~ Anna Amundson, Payton & Rylie Mancheski

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Videography ~ Tom Locchetta & Jason Schlieckau

Greeter ~ Bonnie Ehrke

Ushers ~ Scott & Chris Frodel, Curt & Linda Hanson

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Altar Guild

Offering Counters ~ Gloria Fruit, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Church Lock Up ~ Vicki Schuh

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (ELW 520)



Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek

your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom ("Israel" or "Ephraim") and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people,

the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

A: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

C: ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

A: ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C: ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

A: ⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

C: ⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

L: A reading from Hebrews.

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick (*especially*).

healing and comfort for Lila (Spike), Caleb (Wipperfurth),

Sara (Depies) and Jeff (Walheim)

that all may be healed.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially **Gary**, **Joseph**, **Paul**, **Teagan** & **Sara**. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week especially **Travis** & **Jennifer**, **Scott** & **Chris**. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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~ Announcements ~

All Saints Sunday November 7, 2021 On this day we remember those who have completed their baptismal journey. If you desire to remember a loved one who has died this past year please contact the church office before Nov. 3rd.

ATTENTION EKLC COMMITTEES: Any budget requests/changes for the EKLC 2022 Budget need to be submitted to the church office by **NOVEMBER 12, 2021** Thank you, -EKLC Church Council

Coffee Hour: In the hope that the existing Dane County mask order is done on 11/5, we are tentatively planning for coffee hour to restart on 11/7. For now coffee hour will just be coffee (no treats until we can figure out how to safely do that). If you are interested in serving, please sign up in friendship hall.

Community Thanksgiving Service in Cambridge will be at Grace Lutheran on November 21st at 7:00 p.m. It will be an in-person service but also a live broadcast on Charter Cable and on Facebook.

Cambridge Food Pantry will be once again providing Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. Second Harvest of WI provides turkeys, hams, produce, canned soups and veggies. Area churches have been asked to partner with the Pantry to complete the needed 55 baskets. EKLC will be collecting cans of fried onions. Starting next week there will be a collection box in the Narthex for those members wishing to donate. The box will remain there until November 14....or earlier if quota is met. Thank you in advance to everyone.

5th and 6th Grade Communion Class Today

Today, 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 jaimelewellin@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: <u>Church website</u>, <u>Download the Give Plus App</u> on your smartphone or <u>Scan QR Code</u>. You may also mail your offering to EKLC, 454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523

~Calendar~

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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

9:40am Sunday School

9:40am 5th and 6th Grade Communion Class

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:00am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

6:00pm Confirmation

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - Reformation and Confirmation Sunday

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

9:40am Sunday School

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
 - $_{\circ}$ 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.