



***Easter  
Sunday, April 20. 2025  
Upper Church***

***The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church  
454 East Church Rd., Cambridge, WI 53523  
[www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)***

***Church Office: Phone 608-423-3017  
Email: [eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com)***

***Pastor Eric Hanson: 815-543-5077  
Email: [eric.hanson88@yahoo.com](mailto:eric.hanson88@yahoo.com)***

***FACEBOOK PAGE – Please “Like” us on  
East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!***

**Ministers of East Koshkonong ~ All the people of God**  
**Presider ~ Pastor Eric Hanson**  
**Organist ~ Judy Rusch**  
**Assisting Minister ~ Trudy Spike**  
**Acolyte ~ Mia Frodel**  
**Lector ~ Trudy Spike**  
**Greeter ~ Marilyn Gunderson**  
**Ushers ~ Diane Luginbuhl & Brenda Schroeder**  
**Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel**

Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn      Jesus Christ is Risen Today      151

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Choir Special Music Arise and Shine

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of**

**the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke 24:1-12

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body.

<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were

terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.<sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,<sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.”<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words,<sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.<sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.<sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing 363

### Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ’s

resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving *especially* Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Brandan, Lisa, Landon, Terry, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Michelle, Karen, Monica, Gwendolyn, and Dennis. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

### Noisy Offering

#### Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

### 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, 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.**

#### Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Prayer after Communion

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Song

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

131

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 20, 2025**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship

9:00 a.m. Worship

### **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

### **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

### **Announcements**

Pastor Eric will be on vacation April 21-27. There will be NO 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night service on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Eastkoshkonong Lutheran Church will be hosting the WELCA Spring Tea on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Jean Duesterbeck – Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James). Registration begins 8:30 a.m. Program begins 9:00 a.m. RSVP to Diane Luginbuhl (608)235-9874 or [dianeehrkeluginbuhl@gmail.com](mailto:dianeehrkeluginbuhl@gmail.com) by April 13<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to wear a hat! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you can help the day of the event and help with making a strawberry angel food Jello Dish. Any questions, contact Diane Luginbuhl.

Our church will once again be hosting the Cambridge Community Meal. We will be hosting a little earlier this year, it will be on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Cambridge High School. The meal is served from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. The Veley's will be cooking up their fantastic chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy. We are needing volunteers to make salads, cookies and bars. There are signup sheets in the Narthex. In addition to help with food, we are needing volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. This is a very enjoyable time to meet and visit with your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Schroeder at 608-220-2008.

Church cleanup day will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m.-Noon.

Let us know if you are a college student or know of one that will graduate this spring. We will honor high school and college graduates during the service on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ~EASTER LILIES~

In memory of loved ones	by Ken & Marge Stach
In memory of our parents	by Kurt & Barb Klemp
In memory of Richard Lien	by Granddaughters
In memory of Gene Gunderson	by Marilyn Gunderson
In memory of Loved ones	by Robert & Jane Furseth
In memory of Loved ones	by Tom & Trudy Spike
In honor of Barb & Russ Brown	by Deborah Brown
In memory of Sara Carl-Depies	by Her Family
In memory of Greg Schroeder	by Family
In memory of Harold & Harriet Eikland	by Family
In memory of Shirley Johnson	by Brea, Brynlee, Dan, Jo & Eric
In memory of Verna & Norman Evenson	by Allan & Suzanne Falk
In memory of Roger Evenson	by Allan & Suzanne Falk
In memory of Gordon, Arlene, Lars & Steven Lein	by Family
In Memory of Eugene Lund	by Family
In Memory of Lyle Walheim	by Family

