



*Sunday, April 15, 2018*

*9:00 a.m.*

***The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church***

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## ~Welcome Visitors!~

*Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.*

***Sunday, April 15, 2018***

Third Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

**\*INDICATES CONGREGATION TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☐ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

**Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *We Are Called***

**ELW 720**

**\*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.**

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**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast***

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. God who calls us into service, Transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world.

**C: Amen.**

## BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

### SECOND READING: Acts 1:1-19a

L: <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

<sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

### **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW 781**

### **\*NICENE CREED**

**A:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\***

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A:** Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer...

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**A:** ...We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## \*PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## MISSION MINUTE

## OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**ELW 184**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

**C:** **Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*DIALOGUE

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## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

### HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

*Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?*

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, bread is placed in your hands, you dip it in the cup and eat. The silver chalice with purple liquid is wine; the ceramic chalice with yellow liquid is grape juice.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**COMMUNION HYMN** *We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW 479**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *What Feast of Love* **ELW 487**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☐ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** *Blest Are They*

**ELW 728**

## \*DISMISSAL

**A:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**A:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

**Assisting Minister** ~ Michael Stuve **Lector** ~ Ken Rockney

**Acolytes** ~ Alyssa Woodley & Meta Wescott

**Greeters** ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn

**Ushers** ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst, Kurt & Barb Klemp

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Marge Stach

**Communion Assistants** ~ Dennis Lund & Peggy Luther

**Offering Counters** ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin

**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson

**Nursery** ~ Natasha Amundson

**Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke

**Coffee Hour** ~ Bud & Beverly Lien

**Church Lock up** ~ Holly Loomis

## ~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.

**If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you. \*Denotes new/changed request.

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

### **God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...**

-Tamisha Bogert      -Sylvia Gerlach      -Sara Depies  
-Justin Bloomer      -Bryan Porter      -Phyllis Vergenz  
-Kevin Porter      -Lowell Severson      -Ann Nottestad  
-Lukas Christofferson -Lyle Walheim      -Greg Kapsner  
-Tom Leach\*  
-The grieving families of Dwight Christianson and Rosalyn Luciana Lindman

### **God's protection & safety for people of the world.**

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

### **God's protection and safety for those being deployed...**

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty.)

### ~Attendance Report~

April 8, 2018:	83
April 1, 2018:	145
March 25, 2018:	121
March 18, 2018:	78

## ~Announcements~

**Food, Fellowship and Fun Monday, April 16th at 11:30am.** Sign up in Narthex!

**Pin and Sew Update** Pin & Sew will meet on **Wednesday, April 18th at 8am-noon**, instead of Thursday that week. If Thursdays are not good for you, here's your chance! Y'all come!!! (No lunch)

**College Care Packages are being packed today.** Thank you for your donations!

*"The Cause of Climate Change, Its Effects, and What We Can Do About it" by Bob Lindmeier:* Tuesday, April 24 at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church Common Room, 501 Skogan Road, Cambridge. More information posted in the Narthex.

**New Membership Class April 29 at 10:15am** This meeting is for anyone interested in membership at East Koshkonong Lutheran. Bring your questions about the church and have a conversation with Pastor Brenda. We will meet in the council room (across the hall from the office)

**Youth Sunday May 6th:** Join us for a fun day as we wrap up our year! We will kick the day off with the Youth Service followed by brunch. After we serve brunch, we will head to Madison and team up to see if we can "Escape" in time. If we make it out, we will have ice cream and head back to EKLC around 3PM. We will arrange transport from EKLC to Madison. Volunteers to drive and chaperones are welcome!

**Youth Gathering Fundraiser** Support our youth going to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston. There is a wall of envelopes in the narthex with a number on each envelope. Please take one or more and fill it with money to equal or exceed the amount on the envelope. Please put your name on the envelope and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

**Attention Seniors** Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. **(Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before)**  
Suggested donation of \$4.

## ~Calendar~

### Sunday, April 15, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Confirmation/Sunday School
- 10:15am Youth Gathering Meeting

### Monday, April 16, 2018

- 11:30am Food, Fellowship and Fun
- 6:00pm Property Meeting
- 6:30pm Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 17, 2018

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 12:00pm Area Senior Dining

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

- 8:00am Pin & Sew (no lunch)
- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at EKLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Education Meeting

### Thursday, April 19, 2018

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 10:00am Pictorial Directory Meeting
- 11:30am Clergy conference Meeting
- 6:30pm Choir Practice

### Friday, April 20, 2018

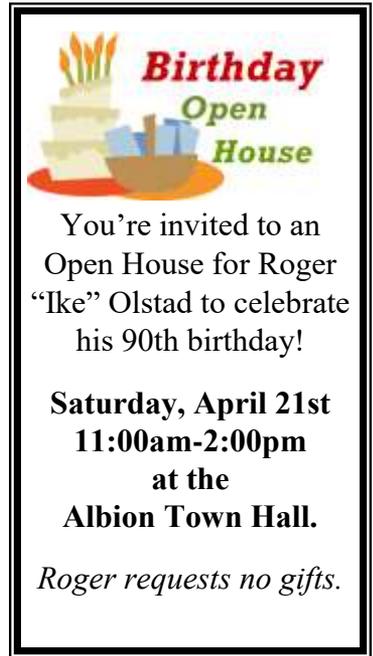
- Office Closed
- Pastor's Day Off
- 12:00pm Area Senior Dining

### Saturday, April 21, 2018

11am-2pm Roger Olstad 90th Birthday Open House at Albion Town Hall

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour





# Hymn Sing



## **CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF MARTIN LUTHER**

at

**East Koshkonong Lutheran Church**

**April 22, 2018**

**2:30 p.m.**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS  
SOLOIST, DUETS  
CHURCH CHOIRS  
PASTORAL MEDITATIONS**

*“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple trees” ~ Martin Luther*



### **SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT EAST KOSHKONONG!**

Come one, come all for the annual church yard clean-up day, **Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 8 a.m.**

Bring your garden tools, gloves etc.

and join other members of our congregation in completing spring clean-up of both church yards. All ages are welcome, let's make this an intergenerational event! Rain date is Saturday, May 5 at 8 a.m. There is also a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex for those who would like to sign up for a yard cleaning task other than on Saturday, April 28. We have lots to do to keep our grounds looking great!