



*He* IS RISEN!

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**9:00am Easter Worship**  
**Sunday, April 16, 2017**  
*Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day*  
*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome to worship on this special day.*

*Our liturgy begins with the ancient Easter shout, joyous songs and, festive musical offerings and the word of God that proclaims the victory of Christ for us all. The baptized are invited to meet the risen Lord in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.*

*Thank you for joining us on this special day. We hope the blessings of the Risen Lord are yours this day and always.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God. *(Silence is kept for reflection)* God of grace and glory,

**C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P:** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**

## EASTER DIALOG

**A:** (*boldly*) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** (*boldly*) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**A:** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

**C:** **He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

**A:** Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**C:** **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

**A:** God has claimed us as his own.

**C:** **God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

**A:** (*boldly*) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** (*boldly*) **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ELW 365

### 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.

### KYRIE

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

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

### CHOIR *Behold the Empty Tomb*

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

<sup>3</sup>O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

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

**C:** <sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare,  
“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

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

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

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

**C:** <sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD. **R**

**A:** <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**C:** <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 righ- | teous may enter.”

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

**A:** <sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

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

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

### **SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows  
no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is

right 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.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia*

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*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### **GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

<sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be

the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).<sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

## 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 risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders.

Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection...

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

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

**A:** ...Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## **PEACE**

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

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **EKLC MISSION MINUTE**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* **ELW 184**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. 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.**

## **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.**

## **PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

## **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 tempta-  
tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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## SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

*Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.*

**COMMUNION HYMN *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!***

**ELW 380**

**COMMUNION HYMN *Have No Fear, Little Flock* ELW 764**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray. 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 *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!***

**ELW 382**

## 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.**

~Announcements~

**Church Grounds Spring Clean Up Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30am.**  
Rain date is April 29th.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS /PARENTS PLEASE UPDATE CHURCH OFFICE WITH COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESS BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH!!** 608-423-3017 or eklc@bminet.com

**College Care Packages will be packed on April 19th** Please bring college-friendly goodies and treats (*before 4/19*) to help these people know that we are praying for them and they are loved. **We will also need shoe boxes, newspaper and brown paper bags for packing/shipping.** We will collect items through Easter Sunday, and there are 28 packages to pack this spring.

**125th Anniversary Celebration of the Upper Church is moving forward!** Eight people have signed up to be on the committee and we have already met to share ideas on how we can make the special service on August 20th an enjoyable event of everyone. We will, of course, have some expenses to meet. If you would like to make a donation towards those expenses, please designate it as "125th donation" in the memo line of your check. Thank you very much for considering donating.

**Bible Study on Galatians continues.** We will not meet for study April 19th. **Bible Study will resume April 26 at 10am** (note the time change). All are welcome!!

**40 Days of Giving** is a Lenten mission where we will collect monetary gifts and non perishable food for five local food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson & Stoughton. Today is the final day to collect donations. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please make checks out to EKLC. To assist the offering counters please put your name on the envelope.

~Worship Leaders~

**Presider** ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison **Lector** ~ Bobbie Rawinski  
**Acolytes** ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Ilsa Lund  
**Greeter** ~ Sabra Jacobson  
**Ushers** ~ Don & Natasha Amundson Family  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Holly Loomis & Marge Stach  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien  
**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson  
**Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh **Accompanist** ~ Trudy Spike  
**Offering Counters** ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit  
**Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit

~Calendar of Events~

**Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter**

6:30am Sunrise Worship at Upper Church  
8:00am Choir Practice  
9:00am Worship

**Monday, April 17, 2017**

Pastor's Day Off  
Happy Easter! Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

9:30am Prayers for our People

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

6:00pm Confirmation

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

8:00am Men's Breakfast  
8:00am-Noon Pin & Sew

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

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

***Attendance Report***

**April 9, 2017: 129**

**April 2, 2017 : 104**

**March 26, 2017: 79**

**March 19, 2017: 84**

*Ark Pondering ~ Why we go to church... We go to church each week so God can give us his gifts to strengthen and preserve us in our faith until Christ returns.*

*~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.*

*~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 Lindsay Stolen.

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

-Donna Rahn      -Brian Carlson      -Braxden Carlson      -June Lehr  
-Nate

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

-For global refugee crisis.  
-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

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

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty: Matt Kaare. 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 that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

***Pastor Brenda is on vacation  
April 18-April 25th.  
Pastor Holly Slater is on call  
for pastoral emergencies  
during this time:  
608-609-0548***

<b>Weekly Offerings Report</b>		
4/5/17 & 4/9/17 Offerings	April Goal to meet Budget	April Offerings- to-Date
\$ 3,666.50	\$ 22,588.42	\$ 7,497.75

*Expenses exceeded Income in February by \$6,750. To date, Income is trailing expenses by \$20,178.31. General Offerings for February were \$150 more than for February 2016, but were \$3,036 under the budget goal for the month.*

