



Sunday, April 17, 2016

Worship 9:00 am

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Worship Plan for Sunday, April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may stand as able and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

GATHERING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* ELW 385

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,

who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request,

“Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with

them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of

them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter,

she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known

throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

A: ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

C: ²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

A: ³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they |
comfort me.**

A: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW 502

The assembly is seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

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The assembly stands as able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.* Holy and mighty God, fulfill your saving work on behalf of all who give thanks for your great love for this creation. Make our song strong enough to invite all hurting people into your family...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: ...We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace the assembly is seated

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing offertory

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

The assembly is seated.

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 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* **ELW 789**

COMMUNION HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* **ELW 781**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands as able.

SENDING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* **ELW 369**

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Sabra Jacobson

Acolyte ~ Kody Lewellin & Isaiah Long

Greeter ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp **Ushers** ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad Family

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Jean Carlson & Bea Householder

Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Anbjorg & Elizabeth Kaashagen

Nursery ~ Nataliya Amundson

Church Lock-up ~ Gloria Fruit

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, April 17, 2016

- 9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Anbjorg & Elizabeth Kaashagen
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
11:30am EKL Youth meet at EKLC to go to Cinema Cafe

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

- 9:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am Prayers for our people
10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours
11:00am Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

- 6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 21, 2016

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
8am-12pm Pin & Sew
9:00am Text Study
11:00am Clergy Conference Meeting

Sunday, April 24, 2016

- 8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Peace Circle
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Prayers~



Today we welcome into Holy Baptism:

Amilya Mina Carlson

Parents ~ Brian and Tracey Carlson

*Sponsors ~ Natalie Derry, Robert Derry,
Sabra Jacobson and Kenneth Carlson*

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.

*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 Jens Notstad.

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

-Diane Nelson

-Christy Anderson

-Dennis & Mary Hareid

-Amie Broeniman

-Emma Broeniman

-June Lehr

-Ron Buser

-Allison Moc

-Johnnie Jacobson

-Julia Radloff

-Griffin Clark

-Rev. Stan Christensen

-Harriet Eikland

-Lois Bendall

-Dan Woodstock

-The grieving families of Shirley Christensen & Marlin (Bun) Borchardt as we express sympathy for their loss.

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, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, Joe Janness. 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.)

~Announcements~

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.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

Bible Study on James to begin April 19/20 Due to popular demand we are beginning a weekly Bible study! The first book we will study is James. We'll meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am beginning April 19 and another group will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm beginning April 20. The same study will be on both Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings to provide opportunity for people available during day or night to attend.

College/Military Care Packages The confirmation class will be putting together care packages for our EKLC brothers and sisters on April 20. Please contact the church office to update addresses if there has been a changed since November. If you would like to contribute to the care packages, please consider donations of leftover Easter candy, homemade cookies, gum or suckers, for example. If you make cookies or are donating open bags of candy, please bring pre-bagged and labeled. There are 24 packages that will be prepared! Please bring your donations by April 17th (TODAY). Thank you!

Hospice items needed EKLC is assembling Global Health Ministry Hospice Kits and Newborn kits! These kits will be taken to the Synod Assembly. Items still needed for the Hospice Kits are: bath towel (not longer than 48”), washcloth, band aids, Heavy duty rubber gloves (kitchen type, size medium) and Petroleum jelly.

TODAY EKL Youth Group (5th-12th grade) You’re invited to a special viewing of a new Disney movie, “The Jungle Book” at Cinema Café on TODAY Sunday, April 17th. We will meet at EKLC at 11:30 (after Confirmation/Sunday School) and return to the church around 3pm.

Habitat for Humanity Stewardship is seeking donations for the Habitat for Humanity Summer Faith Build project! Donations can be enclosed in special envelopes provided in the Narthex. Simply drop these envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line that it is for the Habitat Home!

Weekly Offerings Report		
	100% Budget April	April Offerings to Date
4/10/16 Offerings	Goal to meet Budget	
\$ 4,191.00	\$ 20,126.64	\$ 7,231.00

Attendance Report for: last Sunday, April 10: 75
Sunday, April 3, 2016: 96
9am Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016: 160
Easter Sunrise, March 27, 2016: 46
Sunday, March 20, 2016: 125

~ *Sermon notes* ~
