



*Sunday, April 23, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

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# ***Second Sunday of Easter***

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

**GATHERING SONG** *Thine Is the Glory*

**ELW 376**

### **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;** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHOIR *Higher Ground*

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

<sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 16

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good  
above all other.”

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names up on my lips. R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al-ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

**A:** <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**SERMON** “Your Turn to Tell”

**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. Breathe your Spirit into us. Renew us with your power. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with your love. Lord, in your mercy,

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

*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. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. 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.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

**ELW 464**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**ELW 473 3X**

**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** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* **ELW 363**

**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. David Berggren

**Assisting Minister** ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Ken Rockney

**Acolytes** ~ Alyssa Woodley & Meta Wescott

**Greeter** ~ Lindsay Baker

**Ushers** ~ Chad & Cindy Georgeson Family

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Jean Carlson & Marilyn Gunderson

**Communion Assistants** ~ Gloria Fruit & Carolyn Lien

**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch

**Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Carlson & Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel

**Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

## *Attendance Report*

April 16, Easter 9am: 153

April 16, Easter Sunrise: 84

April 13, Maundy Thursday: 26

April 9, 2017: 129

April 2, 2017 : 104

## *~Treasurer's Report~*

### **Weekly Offerings Report**

4/13/17 & 4/16/17 Offerings	April Goal to meet Budget	April Offerings- to-Date
\$ 8,078.09	\$ 22,588.42	\$ 15,575.84

In March Expenses exceeded Income by \$2,800. Larger bills included repair items dealing with the well. General Offerings were \$250 less than March 2016 and were \$6,167 less than the budget goal for March.

To date, Income is trailing Expenses by \$23,000.

## *~Announcements~*

**Welcome Pastor David Berggren** for presiding at worship today.

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

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

**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.

**Upper Church 12th anniversary Committee** will meet **TODAY** (April 23) in Friendship Hall immediately following services.

**Bible Study on Galatians continues. Bible Study will resume April 26 at 10am** (note the time change). All are welcome!!

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Sunday, April 23, 2017**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting in Friendship Hall
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

### **Monday, April 24, 2017**

Pastor's Day Off

### **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

- 9:30am Prayers for our People

### **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Confirmation

### **Thursday, April 27, 2017**

- 9:00am Pastor Text Study
- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly (volunteers appreciated)
- 10:30am Pastor's Meeting at EKLC
- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

### **Friday, April 28, 2017**

- 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday, April 29, 2017**

- 3:30pm Schoenfield/Ulrich Wedding
- Synod Assembly

### **Sunday, April 30, 2017**

- Synod Assembly
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

## ~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...**

-Nate                    -Janet Krueger\*

### **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.)