



*Sunday, April 29, 2018*

*9:00 a.m.*

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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.*

*Worship Plan for Sunday, April 29, 2018*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

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

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**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.**

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

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

**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 *O Zion, Haste***

**ELW 668**

**\*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**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.

**RESPONSIVE READING: John 1:16-18**

**A:** <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

<sup>17</sup>**The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**BRIDGING GOD'S STORY**

**ALLELUIA**

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## READING: Acts 17:16-31

**L:** <sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup>So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" <sup>20</sup>It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

ELW 737

### \*NICENE CREED

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.)* For ministries that nurture faith formation. For missionaries and Bible study leaders. For those who are seeking, questioning, or curious. For seminarians, campus ministers, and the newly baptized...

**A:** et us pray

**C:** **Have mercy, O God.**

**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:** 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.**

## \*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 AROUND THE ALTAR

*Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participating 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, please kneel or stand at the railing. When you are given bread, you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays with cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink.*
- *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.*

COMMUNION HYMN *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673

COMMUNION HYMN *Here Is Bread* ELW 483

### 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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733

### \*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** ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Ruth Bovre

**Acolytes** ~ Isaiah Long & Karly Lewellin

**Greeters** ~ Lane & Judy Taylor

**Ushers** ~ Don & Natasha Amundson Family

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

**Communion Assistants** ~ Ruth Bovre & Joanne Gyland

**Offering Counters** ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson **Audio Ministry** ~ Hilary Terland

**Coffee Hour** ~ Hilary Terland & Lindsay Baker

**Church Lock up** ~ Gloria Fruit

**Nursery** ~ Jenna Christensen



## *~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...**

-Rachel Bronson*	-Don Ovsak*	-Tom Leach
-Justin Bloomer	-Bryan Porter	-Phyllis Vergenz
-Kevin Porter	-Lowell Severson	-Lyle Walheim
-Greg Kapsner	-Sara Depies	

-The grieving families of Lukas Christofferson, 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.)

## *~Calendar~*

### **Sunday, April 29, 2018**

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Confirmation/Sunday School ~ Youth Sunday Practice
- 10:15am New Membership Class

### **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

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

### **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**

- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at EKLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

### **Thursday, May 3, 2018**

- 8:00am Pin & Sew (Women of the ELCA)
- 9:30am Clergy Conference Meeting
- 12:00pm Potluck (Women of the ELCA)
- 1:00pm Meeting (Women of the ELCA)

### **Friday, May 4, 2018**

- Office Closed
- Pastor's Day Off
- 12:00pm Area Senior Dining @ Amundson Center, Cambridge

### **Saturday, May 5, 2018**

- Synod Assembly
- 8:00am RAIN DATE Church Grounds Spring Clean Up

### **Sunday, May 6, 2018**

- Synod Assembly
- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Youth Sunday
- 10:00am Brunch hosted by youth  
Following brunch youth leave for Escape event

## *~Announcements~*

**TODAY 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!

**Area Senior Dining** 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.

**Pentecost Sunday is May 20th!** We will welcome new members to our congregation on this day. Please wear Pentecost Red to celebrate!

**There will be a float in the Memorial Day parade in Cambridge representing East Koshkonong Lutheran Church.** We are looking for members young and old to ride the float. If you have never been on a float and have always wanted to; here is your chance. You can see Sonja Jacobson if you have any questions.

### *~Attendance Report~*

April 22, 2018:	122
April 15, 2018:	No Worship due to weather
April 8, 2018:	83
April 1, 2018:	145

