

If anyone  
is in  
*Christ,*  
there is  
a new  
*creation.*



2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

*Sunday, April 30, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

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# *Third Sunday of Easter*

*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**A:** 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.**

**A:** 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.**

**A:** 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

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

ELW 384

## GREETING

**A:** 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. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**L:** 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>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

**A:** <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

**C:** <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.

**A:** <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came  
upon me; I came to | grief and sorrow.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” **R**

**A:** <sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**C:** <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

**A:** <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

**C:** <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

**A:** <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me |  
from my bonds.

**C:** <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R**

**A:** <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

**C:** <sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**L:** A reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of 2 Corinthians.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Godself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making this appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia**

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*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **GOSPEL: John 12:27-33**

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

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

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have

glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people *to myself*." *He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.*

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

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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

**ELW 377**

## 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:** Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*) Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. We pray for our congregations and for those who lead us: for our Bishops, Elizabeth and Mary, for our Pastor, Pastor Brenda Lovick and other ministers Eric & Sabra Jacobson, Amy Hensel and Molly Hensel, who serve among us. Empower your church, inspire our faith communities, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name.

**A:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**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.*

## 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.**

### 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.**

## 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

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

ELW 385

## 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~*

**Assisting Minister** ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Trudy Spike

**Acolytes** ~ Sully Schlieckau & Emma Nottestad

**Greeter** ~ Linda Melton

**Ushers** ~ Carole Wibralski, Dennis Ehle, Carolyn Lien, Wilma Furseth

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien

**Communion Assistants** ~ Joanne Gyland & Hilary Terland

**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson **Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes

**Offering Counters** ~ Carroll Ehrke and Brenda Schroeder

**Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

**Coffee Hour** ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

## ~Announcements~

**Youth Sunday Next Sunday, May 7th!** Please join us for the Worship Service as the youth share their gifts with the congregation. The children will host a brunch following the service as a thank-you for all of the support from the congregation throughout the year! All are welcome.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday May 21st** during our 9:00 a.m. worship service we would like to recognize all of our members who will be graduating from high school this year. We would also like to recognize all our members who have graduated from college in the past six months or who will be graduating this spring. **We would appreciate it if the graduating students or their parents would notify the office of those who are graduating, including from what high school or college.** We would also like to know who of our graduates will be able to attend worship on May 21st when this recognition will take place. Thank you, in advance, for contacting us! 608-423-3017

**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 for 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.

**Save the date:** FIRESIDE CHRISTIAN FISH FRY, Tuesday, August 8, 2017, Matinee--Southern Raised

## ~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

-Jackie Wendt

-Karen Hayes\*

### **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.)

## *~Calendar of Events~*

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

Synod Assembly

9:00am          Worship

10:00am        Coffee Hour

10:15am        Sunday School/Confirmation

### **Monday, May 1, 2017**

Pastor's Day Off

### **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

8:30am          Staff Meeting

9:30am          Prayers for our People

### **Wednesday, May 3, 2017**

10:00am        Bible Study

6:00pm          Confirmation

### **Thursday, May 4, 2017**

9:00am          Women of the ELCA Pin & Sew

12:00pm        Women of the ELCA Potluck

1:00pm          Women of the ELCA Meeting

9:00am          Pastor Text Study

10:30am        Pastor's Meeting at EKLC

### **Sunday, May 7, 2017**

9:00am          Worship, Youth Sunday

10:00am        Brunch hosted by Youth

## *~Attendance Report~*

April 23, 2017: 63

April 16, Easter 9am: 153

April 16, Sunrise: 84

April 13, Maundy Thursday: 26

April 9: 129

<b>Weekly Offerings Report</b>		
4/23/17 Offerings	April Goal to meet Budget	April Offerings- to-Date
\$ 2,761.00	\$ 22,588.42	\$ 18,336.84

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.

