



*Sunday, April 8, 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 8, 2018***

*Second 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.**

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

**P:** 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.**

**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** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* ELW 681

**\*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** page 148

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray. God of resurrection,  
Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**CHOIR** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

## PSALM: Psalm 145:13-21

**A:** <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through- | out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

**C:** <sup>14</sup>**The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.**

**A:** <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.

**C:** <sup>16</sup>**You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

**A:** <sup>17</sup>You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.

**C:** <sup>18</sup>**You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.**

**A:** <sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.

**C:** <sup>20</sup>**You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.**

**A:** <sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

## BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

<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.

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

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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

### SERMON

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY *Sing a Happy Alleluia*

*Sing a happy alleluia,  
sing it out with heart and style—  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.*

**Refrain:** *Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!  
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!*

*We're the proof of God's good humor,  
we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light an dspace to fly.*

#### **Refrain**

*Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children—  
so is life for us enhanced.*

#### **Refrain**

*Every day sing alleluia!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word!*

#### **Refrain**

## \*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 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.)*

**A:** Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear. Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak your truth...

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

**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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**\*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.

**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 participate in 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.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**COMMUNION HYMN *On What Has Now Been Sown*** ELW 550

**COMMUNION HYMN *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*** ELW 599

## 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.**

## ROGATION PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **Prayer for Seeds (hold seed aloft)**

Creating God, you have given seed for the sower and bread to the people.

Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which your people have sown in hope.

By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their fruit in due season, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for the Soil (hold soil aloft)

Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens your call to spring

We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow, and a well-plowed field.

We ask that you help us to be good stewards of the land.

In the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen,

### **Prayer for Water and Rain (hold water aloft)**

Sustaining God, we receive the fruits of the earth from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain,

for its welcome cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land.

We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed

so that crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful.

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 *For the Fruit of All Creation***

**ELW 679**

## **\*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.**

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### **Rogation Prayers of Blessing**

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***Sing a Happy Alleluia—Shirley Erena Murray***

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## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Bobbie Rawinski  
**Acolytes** ~ Isaiah Long & Ilsa Lund **Greeter** ~ Joanne Gyland  
**Ushers** ~ Jason & Shawn Schlieckau Family  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Light Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Joy Graffin & Karen Hayes  
**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Lehr & Eric or Cheryl Nuenthel  
**Musician** ~ Trudy Spike **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh  
**Nursery** ~ Sonja Jacobson & Jenna Christensen  
**Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes  
**Coffee Hour** ~ Stewardship Committee  
**Church Lock up** ~ Arvid Mathison



## *Hymn Sing*



### ***CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF MARTIN LUTHER***

*at*

***East Koshkonong Lutheran Church***

***April 22, 2018***

***2:30 p.m.***

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS  
SOLOIST, DUETS  
CHURCH CHOIRS  
PASTORAL MEDITATIONS**

*“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple trees” ~ Martin Luther*

## ~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...**

-Tamisha Bogert

-Sylvia Gerlach

-Sara Depies

-Justin Bloomer

-Bryan Porter

-Phyllis Vergenz

-Kevin Porter

-Lowell Severson

-Ann Nottestad

-Lyle Walheim

-Greg Kapsner\*

-Lukas Christofferson\*

-The grieving family of Dwight Christianson\* *A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Willerup United Methodist Church, Cambridge. A memorial gathering will be held on MONDAY, April 9, 2018 at Willerup United Methodist Church from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service.*

### **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.)

## ~Announcements~

**What is a Rogation Blessing?** This is a time to bless the elements used in farming and gardening: land, tools, seeds, water and animals. Bring your elements on April 8th to bless your gardening and farming.

**Food, Fellowship and Fun Monday, April 16th at 11:30am.** Sign up in Narthex!

**Pin and Sew Update** Pin & Sew will meet on **Wednesday, April 18th at 8am-noon**, instead of Thursday that week. If Thursdays are not good for you, here's your chance! Y'all come!!! (No lunch)

**College Care Packages items NEEDED:** Shoe boxes, newspapers for packing, brown paper bags for wrapping, snacks, treats, etc... Please bring them to the Youth Room. *Thank You!* Youth will be assemble package on Sunday, April 15th.

**SPRING CLEAN UP DAY AT EAST KOSHKONONG!** Come one, come all for the annual church yard clean-up day, **Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 8 a.m.** Bring your garden tools, gloves etc. and join other members of our congregation in completing spring clean-up of both church yards. All ages are welcome, let's make this an inter-generational event! Rain date is Saturday, May 5 at 8 a.m. There is also a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex for those who would like to sign up for a yard cleaning task other than on Saturday, April 28. We have lots to do to keep our grounds looking great!

**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 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!

**6th –8th Grade Cambridge Combined Youth Event: Saturday, April 14th Takin' a little trip-y to the Mighty Mississippi to the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, IA.** Meeting in Grace Lutheran parking lot at 9am. Admission \$15. Watching Jerusalem in 4D (that means you'll feel wind, mist, and the seats move too!) Permission forms available in Church Narthex.

**Attention Seniors** 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.

## *~Calendar~*

### **Sunday, April 8, 2018**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Holy Humor and Rogation Blessing
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Confirmation/Sunday School
- 5-8pm Rise Up Youth Meeting at St. Johns, Oregon

### **Monday, April 9, 2018**

- 9:30am ARK Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:00am Peace Circle @ Marge Stach's Home
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-12pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 12:00pm Cambridge Clergy Meeting
- 6:30pm CART Board Meeting
- 6:30pm Church Technology Meeting
- 7:30pm Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

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

### **Sunday, April 15, 2018**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Confirmation/Sunday School
- 10:15am Youth Gathering Meeting
- 11:00am EKL Youth Escape Room event



## *~Attendance Report~*

April 1, 2018:	145
March 25, 2018:	121
March 18, 2018:	78
March 11, 2018:	76

## *~Offering Report~*

Offerings for 3/18/18	March Offerings to meet Budget Goal	March Offerings to Date
\$2,696.00	\$ 21,068.98	\$ 9,595.06

Offerings for 3/25/18	March Offerings to meet Budget Goal	March Offerings to Date
\$3,866.25	\$ 21,068.98	\$ 13,461.31

Offerings for 3/29/18	March Offerings to meet Budget Goal	March Offerings
\$ 89.00	\$ 21,068.98	\$ 13,550.31

Offerings for 4/1/18	April Offerings to meet Budget Goal	April Offerings to Date
\$5,144.14	\$ 22,799.02	\$ 5,144.14

