



Lord of the Sabbath

Sunday, August 26, 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.

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being.

**Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

***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.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emma Nottestad

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 13:19-22

¹⁹When it began to be dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the sabbath. And I set some of my servants over the gates, to prevent any burden from being brought in on the sabbath day. ²⁰Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the sabbath. ²²And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ezekiel 20:12-20

¹²Moreover I gave them my sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, so that they might know that I the LORD sanctify them.

¹³But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; they did not observe my statutes but rejected my ordinances, by whose observance everyone shall live; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wil-

derness, to make an end of them. ¹⁴But I acted for the sake of my name, so that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out. ¹⁵Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land that I had given them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands, ¹⁶because they rejected my ordinances and did not observe my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁷Nevertheless my eye spared them, and I did not destroy them or make an end of them in the wilderness.

¹⁸I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not follow the statutes of your parents, nor observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹I the LORD am your God; follow my statutes, and be careful to observe my ordinances, ²⁰and hallow my sabbaths that they may be a sign between me and you, so that you may know that I the LORD am your God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 12:1-14**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

²When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath." ³He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?"

⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests.

⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

⁹He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored,

as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Thy Holy Wings*

ELW 613

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel...

A: let us pray

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW 512

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***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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***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

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.*

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* ELW 754

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *Blest Are They*

ELW 728

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

Assisting Minister ~ Michael Stuve

Lector ~ Trudy Spike

Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Teagan Welcher

Greeters ~ John & Bobbie Rawinski

Ushers ~ Georgeson Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Jean Lehr & Bea Householder

Communion Assistants ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Church Lock up ~ Judy Rusch

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Special Music ~ Emma Nottestad

Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes

Coffee Hour ~ Light Circle

~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...

-Bryan Porter

-Kevin Porter

-Justin Bloomer

-Lowell Severson

-Lyle Walheim

-Erica Lien

-Sara Depies

-JoAnn Zimmerman

-Harriet Eikland

-Lois Zerkle

-Linda Howe

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~

Church Directory photo sign up will be available on line only until Sept. 4th. You can sign up on line by going to www.apl.lifetouch.com While Julie is on vacation from the office this will be the photo sign up procedure.

BISHOP MEET AND GREET What are your hopes for your congregation? What is important to your faith journey? What do you want the bishop to know about your congregation and community? What are 142 of our worshipping communities and leaders saying about our shared work? Learn what Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld's priorities are and where she sees us doing our best work as God's beloved community. We encourage you to give special attention to synod events such as this year's **Gather, Greet & Meet**--to spend time with your bishop! August 29th, 6:30-8:00pm at Covenant Lutheran, Stoughton.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ Our church is hosting the Community Meal at the Cambridge High School on Thursday September 6th. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30. It takes many hands to serve the approx. 250 people. We need help with set up, clean up, serving, and cooks to help make the hot dishes, salads and desserts we will be serving. If you would like help in any of these areas there are sign up sheets in the narthex. If you would like to help make something, but can't get it school, please contact Brenda Schroeder, 423-4621.

Would you like to provide Altar Flowers for a Sunday? The sign up is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

TIME FOR CHOIR It is time to resume practice for the EKLC choir. All practices are held at 8 A.M. the second and fourth Sunday of each month. In order to keep the tradition of choral music at EKLC, we need more members to sing praises during worship and special times. Please consider joining us and encourage your friends and family to come as well. The next practice will be on September 9, and sing in church at 9am for Rally Sunday. Any questions, call Vicki Schuh, 423-4006.

~Announcements~

EKLC is seeking an individual to fill the Financial Secretary position The financial secretary would accurately process the financial information for EKLC. This is a year-round position. If you are interested in this position and want to learn more about it, please contact the Church Office for a job description and application or visit our website at: www.eastkoshkonong.org

Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting is Wednesday, September 5th at 6:00pm.

Welcome EKLC's Youth Director Debbie Wethal! We are full of joy as Debbie joins the staff of EKLC and ministers to our youth and youth leaders. God bless you Debbie! You can contact Debbie by email: eklcyouthdirector@gmail.com or phone 608-501-2396.

College students please update the Church Office with your College address.

email: eastkoshkononglutheranchurch@gmail.com or phone: 608-423-3017. Thank you!!

The Education Committee is seeking a Superintendent and dedicated teachers for the growing Sunday School Program at EKLC. Sunday School teachers will be assigned up to 10 children to instruct on a weekly basis (Sept-May), using the curriculum selected, and assist the Superintendent to implement all aspects of youth ministry. To volunteer please speak with an Education Committee Member: Chris Frodel, Gloria Fruit, Jamie Lewellin, Ann Nottestad or Debbie Wethal,

Sign up sheet is in the narthex for the Fireside Christian Concert. Sign up deadline is September 9th.

Date: Tuesday, October 9 at 10:30 AM

Cost: \$38.50 (includes tip)

If questions call Sue Repyak @ 423-4543

~Calendar~

**Limited Office Hours this week.
Julie is on vacation August 27-August 30th.**

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:00am Choir Practice
8:50am Hymn Sing
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle
10:30am Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

9:30am Prayers for Our People
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

10:00am Religion Conversation
1:30pm Clergy Meeting at Trinity in Fort Atkinson
6:30-8pm Bishop Meet & Greet, Covenant Lutheran in Stoughton

Friday, August 31, 2018

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

Sunday, September 2, 2018

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Holly & Maggie Loomis

~Attendance Report~

August 19, 2018: 73

August 12, 2018: 88

August 5, 2018: 67

July 29, 2018 65