



Sunday, August 27, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

**Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able*

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

A: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steve Lehr

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 51:1-6**

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

- A:** ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- C:** ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your
steadfast | love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your
name and your word a- | bove all things.**
- A:** ³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
- C:** ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. R**
- A:** ⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- C:** ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**
- A:** ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right | hand shall save me.
- C:** ⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me; O LORD, your
steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of
your hands. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

C: 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.

***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. 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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***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**

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

Our Lord's body let us take together.

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 *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

COMMUNION HYMN *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW 781

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 Be the Tie That Binds*

ELW 656

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Carolyn Lien **Greeter** ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolytes ~ Emma Nottestad & Ilsa Lund

Ushers ~ Sonja Jacobson, Jenna Christensen, Kurt & Barb Klemp

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

Communion Assistants ~ Carolyn Lien & Don Hoehn

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Special Music** ~ Steve Lehr

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr, Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel

Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Church Lock-up** ~ Judy Rusch

Coffee Hour ~ Steadfast Circle **Altar Flowers** ~ Steadfast Circle

Flowers by Piano ~ In honor of Pastor Stan & Mary Ellen Christensen's
74th Wedding Anniversary by Andy & Jenna Christensen.

God Bless You Pastor Stan and Mary Ellen!

~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...

-Kevin Porter

-Lyle Walheim

-Justin Bloomer

-Sharon Chapman

-Bryan Porter

-Lois Zerkle

-Belva Anderson*

-Jack*

-Verdal Anderson

-Brent Bergholz*

-The grieving family of James Weihert (James is the father of Debbie Bergholz)

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...

-115 fighter squadron from Madison that have been deployed to Korea.

-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~

EKLC hosts Cambridge Café: Our church will be hosting the Cambridge Community Meal at the Cambridge High School on Thursday, September 7th. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30, but we need volunteers to help set up starting at 3:45. If you are able to help make food, set up, or serve, we could really use your help. There are signup sheets in the Narthex.

Rally Sunday AND God's work. Our hands. is Sunday September 10th!

Confirmation: All confirmation students and their parents are asked to attend an informational and question-and-answer meeting about confirmation on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm. Confirmation classes will be Sundays during Sunday school and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Please bring the paperwork to this meeting that you received in the mail. We have a fun and full year planned for you this year! Please talk to Pastor Brenda or Ann Nottestad if you have any questions or concerns.

Join the choir! The EKLC choir invites you to sing with us. All voices are welcome and needed as we continue our music ministry that has served this congregation for decades. Starting on September 10th, we begin our practices at 8 A.M. on the second and fourth Sunday of each month as we sing for the 9 A.M. service. Any questions you have please call the church office at 423-3017 or Vicki Schuh at 423-4006.

Do you enjoy decorating? We are looking for an individual/group/or committee to handle the seasonal decorating of the church to include the narthex/sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We have a very nice supply of seasonal items available for your use. If you like to decorate, this is a great volunteer job for you! Please contact the church office with additional questions or to sign up! Thank you !!!!

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:50am Hymn Sing
 9:00am Worship
 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

Monday, August 28, 2017

Pastor's day off
 Office Closed

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

8:30am Staff Meeting
 9:30am Prayers for Our People
 10am-1pm Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

10:15am Bible Study
 1:00pm Pastor's Meeting at Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 3, 2017

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

<i>~Attendance Report~</i>	
August 20:	309
August 13:	86
August 6:	58
July 30:	68

Weekly Offerings Report		
	August	August
8/13/17	Goal to meet	Offerings -
Offerings	Budget	to Date
\$ 5,090.00	\$ 18,552.03	\$ 7,535.25

Weekly Offerings Report		
	August	August
8/20/17	Goal to meet	Offerings -
Offerings	Budget	to Date
\$ 8,062.59	\$ 18,552.03	\$ 15,597.84

