



Sunday, August 7, 2016

Worship 9:00 am

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Worship Plan for Sunday, August 07, 2016

12th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF PIANO

P: Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this piano for the glory and praise of God.

P: Sing with joy to God our strength

C: and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

P: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

C: praise God with strings and pipe.

P: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.

The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you.

We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.

You alone do great wonders,

and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth.

You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints.

Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this piano which we dedicate to your praise and glory.

Enrich the lives of your people through it,

and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it.

By your Holy Spirit, let this piano

enliven the proclamation of your word

to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* **ELW 767**

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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

A: ¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to | be God’s heritage!

C: ¹³**The LORD looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.**

A: ¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.

C: ¹⁵**God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds. R**

A: ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.

C: ¹⁷**The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**

A: ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

C: ¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine. R**

A: ²⁰³Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,

our helper | and our shield.

C: ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.

A: ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands as able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-45

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

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 Life Flows On in Endless Song* ELW 763

The assembly stands as able.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church we 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: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Faithful God, encourage your church in new ventures of faith: new congregations, ministries, conversations, and partnerships.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace, the assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

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.**

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.

**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

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.

Welcome to the feast.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

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. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. 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.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*

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COMMUNION HYMN *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

ELW 468

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW 624

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Michael Stuve **Lector** ~ Ruth Bovre

Acolytes ~ Erika Lund & Isaiah Long

Greeter ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

Ushers ~ Kurt & Barb Klemp, Carroll & Bonnie Ehrke

Communion Set up/Take down ~ Peace Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Bea Householder & Holly Loomis

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder

Church Lock-up ~ Holly Loomis

Altar Flowers ~ Peace Circle

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Brenda Schroeder

Attendance Report:

Sunday, July 31: 86

Sunday, July 24: 71

Sunday, July 17: 63

Sunday, July 10: 96

Treasurer's Report

Summarizing the financial reports for June, **Expenses** exceeded Income by \$5,600. This is partly because of Utilities. The second half of the insurance bill was paid at \$6,542 and another Landmark Fuel bill was paid for the lower church for \$1,416. There will be no more insurance premium payments till January.

General Offerings were greater this June compared to June 2015 by \$3,768. To date general offerings are ahead of 2015 by \$12,522. June offerings were under the accepted budget for June by \$1,203. As of the end of June, the church is trailing \$14,348 as far as meeting this year's accepted budget.

~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 Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Johnnie Jacobson -Deanna Nottestad - John W. Olson
-Violet Jasensky -June Lehr -Kristina Trizan
-Sharon Chapman*

Weekly Offerings Report			Weekly Offerings Report		
	July	July		July	July
7/24/16	Goal to meet	Offerings	7/31/16	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	"Full-Time"	to Date	Offerings	"Full-Time"	Offerings
	Budget			Budget	
\$ 1,547.00	\$ 15,056.28	\$ 11,868.00	\$ 4,874.00	\$ 15,056.28	\$ 16,742.00

-The grieving families of Denny Schuh*, Alona Proctor* and Chuck Mauer, (Denny is Hal Schuh's brother) (Chuck is Lynn (Rude) Mauer's husband) (Alona is Linda Dieckhoff's mother)

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: Joe Janness.

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, August 7, 2016

9:00am Worship

10:00am Fellowship Coffee Hour

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:30am Staff Meeting

9:30am Prayers for Our People

10:30am Meet at Fireside, Triumphant Quartet Christian Concert

Saturday, August 13, 2016

9:00am *RAIN DATE Church Property Weeding.*

Sunday, August 14, 2016

9:00am Worship

10:00am EKLC 2nd Annual Family Reunion!!

~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.

~Announcements~

No Meals on Wheels July 18th - August 15th since the Family Restaurant will be closed during this time.

EKLC Hosts Cambridge Community Café Our church will be hosting the Cambridge Community Meal on Thursday, September 1st. We will be serving hot dishes, salads and desserts. If you would be interested in making a dish, or help serve, **please contact Brenda Schroeder at 423-4621** or **schroeder4@charter.net**. The meal traditionally serves about 225 people. This is a great event that builds community. Let's share our great East Koshkonong tradition of great food and hospitality with our community.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

August 14th is the Annual EKLC Family Reunion and Pie Auction. EKL Youth will also be doing a car wash! More info to come! Sign up sheets for serving, clean up, donating salads and baking pies are in the narthex.

Quilt Raffle A quilt has been donated to our church to help defray the cost of musical instruments and instrument yearly maintenance. A raffle drawing will take place at the Family Reunion on August 14. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and will be available during weekly worship until August 14. 100% of the ticket sales will go toward future care/tuning/repairs of our musical instruments at church.

Habitat for Humanity Next Habitat build dates are: 9/6, 9/10.

Choir It is time for EKLC choir to resume. WE are looking for new members as well as our returning members. **We will practice on August 14th at 8 A.M.** This will get us started on pieces for September as well as review "All Day Sunday Singing" to perform for the Second Annual East Koshkonong Family Reunion and Pie Auction on the 14th. **Please consider joining us--we need you!**

