

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016

7:00pm

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Worship Plan for Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

GATHER IN SILENCE

PSALM 51: Psalm 51

Please read responsively

A: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

C: ²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

A: ³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

C: ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your
sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judg-
ment.**

A: ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

C: ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

A: ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

C: ⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

A: ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

C: ¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

A: ¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

C: ¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

A: ¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

C: ¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

A: ¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

C: ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

A: ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

C: ¹⁸**Favor Zion with | your good pleasure;
build up the walls | of Jerusalem.**

A: ¹⁹Then you will delight in the appointed sacrifices, in burnt |
and whole offerings;
then young bulls shall be offered up- | on your altar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you
breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and
our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and
strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHOIR *Ah, Holy Jesus*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-14

A: ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;

C: ⁹**you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.**

A: ¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

C: ¹¹**For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.**

A: ¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

C: ¹³**As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.**

A: ¹⁴For you know well how | we are formed;
you remember that we | are but dust.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6.1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

RETURN TO GOD

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God.

Repeat optional

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.' The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'Repeat optional'.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ^{1c}“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

^{2c}“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

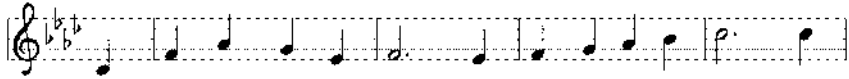
^{5c}“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

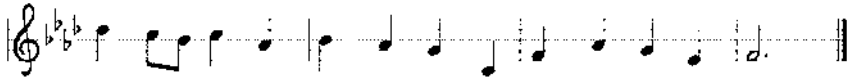
^{16c}“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

^{19c}“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move,
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most holy and merciful God, (*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*)

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
 and before the whole company of heaven,
 that we have sinned by our fault,
 by our own fault,
 by our own most grievous fault,
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of

other people, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES (ELW p. 254)

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes. Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

HYMN DURING IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Just As I Am

ELW 592

HYMN DURING IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. Merciful Lord, where people ask, “Where is their God?” send your church. Equip us with compassion and boldness to listen to our neighbors. Make our speech and actions witness to your eternal presence.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER

A: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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

P: All who thirst, all who hunger,
come and be filled with the goodness of God.

SHARING 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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW 325

PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

~*Worship Leaders*~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick
Assisting Minister ~ Michael Stuve
Acolyte ~ Confirmation Class Greeter ~ Diane Luginbuhl
Ushers ~ Lane & Judy Taylor, Don & Eileen Hoehn
Communion Set up and Take down ~ Marge Stach
Communion Assistants ~ Ken Rockney & Holly Loomis
Musician ~ Judy Rusch Choir Director ~ Vicki Schuh
Church Lock-up ~ Judy Rusch

~*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.

*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...

-Hazel Tellefson	-Diane Nelson	-Sonja Christensen
-John Pritchard	-Amie Broeniman	-Emma Broeniman
-Ron Buser	-Allison Moc	-June Lehr
-Duane Hommen	-Julia Radloff	-Johnnie Jacobson
-Howard Johnson		

-The grieving families of Ron Butler and Brandon Wilke as we express sympathy for their loss.

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, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, 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~

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 11, 2016

9:00am Text Study

Sunday, February 14, 2016

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Valentine's Day Brunch
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

9:00am Staff Meeting
10:00am Prayers for our people
10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Lenten Worship

***Join us for Lenten Worship
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm
Lenten Theme:***

“Open My Life, Lord”

February 17, Open My Eyes Lord
February 24, Open My Hands Lord
March 2, Open My Ears Lord
March 9, Open My Heart Lord
March 16, Open My Life Lord

All through lent we will collect an offering to be divided among five food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson and Stoughton.

~Announcements~

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.

Lenten Food Pantry Focus: Through Lent, we are collecting monetary donations and nonperishable food donations for five local food pantries. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, there will be a display in the Narthex for donations. Let's work together to help hungry families in our community!

Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Devotion in the Church Narthex!

Attention: Do you play an instrument or like to sing by yourself or with others? We would love to have anyone from elementary school to adult provide special music for our services. Contact Pastor Brenda or Vicki Schuh.

LEAD – LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR ALL! SATURDAY, MARCH 12 at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, JANESVILLE: 8:30 – 3:30 PM, FEE: \$25/30 including lunch. On-line Registration is Open: <https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2016> Our own life experience and stories influence our perceptions of the world around us as well as our understanding of God's Story and our place in that Holy Story. During our time together, we will have the opportunity to share our own stories in a new way, and hear stories from people we may not have had the opportunity to listen to before, all while reflecting on the all-encompassing Story of God, particularly as we have seen and heard that Story through the person of Jesus, the Heart of God.

Future Bible Study We will soon start a weekly Bible study during the day, likely beginning in April. If you have a preference for day of the week and time, please let Pastor Brenda know.

Thank you EKLC Thrivent Members! A note from Thrivent: *CONGRATULATIONS East Koshkonong Lutheran Church! Thrivent Choice® participants have thousands of options ... but they chose you. Based on their recommendations, East Koshkonong Lutheran Church received \$1,324 in 2015. The Thrivent Choice program helps Thrivent members make a positive impact in their communities.* If you are a Thrivent member, you may designate your Choice dollars to EKLC. You may call Thrivent or ask Pastor Brenda for more information.

Are you interested in membership with ELKC? If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Brenda or Julie in the church office. Pastor Brenda would like to offer a membership class, but would like to know when to schedule it.

Holy Communion Class On March 6 at 11:30 Pastor Brenda will lead a class about what Lutheran Christians believe around Holy Communion. This class is an opportunity to discuss and learn together what Holy Communion means for us. All people of all ages are welcome, and especially children and parents preparing for taking communion for the first time. In the tradition of Martin Luther, children may begin any time after they are baptized at a time that is determined through mutual conversation including the pastor, the child, and parents or sponsors involved. We will recognize those who have prepared for communion on Maundy Thursday, March 24. The class will include lunch and making bread! We will be finished by 3:00 pm.