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**WEDNESDAY**

*Wednesday, February 18, 2015*

*6:00pm*

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Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
Ash Wednesday  
*“Ambassadors for Christ”*

**GATHERING HYMN** *“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

**ELW 319**

**GREETING**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hate nothing you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
Create in us new and honest hearts,  
so that, truly repenting of our sins,  
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
full pardon and forgiveness through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**CHOIR** *“Jesus, at Your Holy Table”*

**FIRST READING: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —  
<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.  
<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM (ELW): Psalm 51:1–17**

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

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

**A:** <sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**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 judgment. R**

- A:** <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- C:** <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- A:** <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- C:** <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**
- A:** <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- C:** <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- A:** <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- C:** <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**
- A:** <sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.
- C:** <sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**
- A:** <sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.
- C:** <sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**
- A:** <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

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

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For 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! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless

nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

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**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21**

"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.

<sup>2</sup>"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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>But 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.

<sup>16</sup>"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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so 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.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”ELW # 696**

**MESSAGE TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:20**

<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**MESSAGE “Ambassadors for Christ”**

**HYMN “Take My Life, That I May Be”**

**ELW 685**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

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*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. As you are preparing for the imposition of ashes you are invited to re-read and meditate on Psalm 51, printed previously in the bulletin.*

**LITANY AFTER THE ASHES**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Silent Prayer*

Holy God, you gather your people in solemn assembly. Grant us grace to observe a holy Lent through fasting, prayer, and works of love...

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

...You lift up the poor. Care for all who know poverty of any kind: of daily needs, of spirit, of health (*especially*). *Here other intercessions may be offered.* Pour your abundant mercy upon them.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

...Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Communicants are asked to follow the directions of the ushers to come to the altar. Please kneel or stand as is most comfortable for you. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine or grape juice) and drink. Keep the cup to leave in the container provided in the hallway outside the side exit. You will see that communicants leave the altar using the side door which goes back into the sanctuary. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

### HYMN DURING COMMUNION “*Jesus Remember Me*”

**ELW 616 3X**

### HYMN DURING COMMUNION “*Now We Join in Celebration*”

**ELW 462**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The blessing of God Almighty,  
the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN “*To Be Your Presence*”**

**ELW 546**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***~Worship Leaders~***

**Interim Pastor** ~ Rev. John W. Eyster **Assisting Minister** ~ Carolyn Lien

**Lector** ~ Ann Nottestad **Acolyte** ~ Ryan Lund

**Greeter** ~ Hilary Terland **Ushers** ~ Confirmation Class

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Marge Stach & Carolyn Lien

**Communion Assistants** ~ Karen Hayes

**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch

**Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

*Hymn texts without music - bulletin without the music & text for the hymns. This saves a great deal of space and paper and ink. What's your recommendation? Should the music continue to be printed in the bulletin or are you willing to open the ELW hymnal if you wish to read the music? Hymn number is noted for each hymn. You are urged to use the Comment Card in the pew or talk with Interim Pastor John and/or a member of the Worship Committee or Church Council. YOUR comments are requested and welcome. Please. Tusen takk!*

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship, *“Ambassadors for Christ”*

### **Thursday, February 19, 2015**

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!!**

8:00am Men’s Breakfast

### **Sunday, February 22, 2015**

9:00am Worship,

10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Steadfast Circle

10:15am Sunday School

### **Monday, February 23, 2015**

9:45am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

**9:00am Newsletter Assembly DATE CHANGE!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

6:00pm Lenten Worship

### **Sunday, March 1, 2015**

9:00am Worship, Children Sing

10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School

## ~Announcements~

**VISITORS** – *We are happy to welcome you among us to share Christian worship and fellowship! We invite you to identify yourself as a visitor to an usher so that s/he may offer you a packet of information about our church. Also, we will be grateful if you will fill out a communion card and hand it to an usher as you share the Holy Communion with us today. Please join us at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to “come and eat”! (Grape juice is in the center ring of the tray if we are using the tray of cups.) If you have prayer requests or questions, please write on the back of the communion card. We pray God’s blessings for you as we continue our life’s pilgrimage.*

**In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong : \*church office @ 423-3017: A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made. \*website: [www.eastkoshkonong.org](http://www.eastkoshkonong.org)**

**Interim Pastor John Eyster** Persons needing to contact our Interim Pastor, are asked to call Pastor John on his cell phone: 608-332-5811. Be sure to leave a voice mail IF he is not able to answer when you call with your name and phone number. He will call back ASAP. His email is: [jweyster@gmail.com](mailto:jweyster@gmail.com)

**Comment cards have been placed in the card slots in each pew.** We invite any comments that people want to share – good or bad (e.g. new idea; suggestions; things you like/don’t like; items that need to be fixed, etc.) All comments will be reviewed by the Council.

**LEAD 2015 – GET READY! – MARCH 14, 2015 – 8:30 am at Evangelical Lutheran – Mount Horeb.** Jennifer Prinz, Regional Representative of Portico Health Benefits will lead the keynote on *Whole Person Stewardship!* Learning how to be better stewards of ourselves makes us better disciples! **WORKSHOPS BY SESSION TIME:** This year in order to make all of the attendees more comfortable in the workshop rooms, **they are requiring everyone to pre-select their workshops.** Click this link <http://bit.ly/LEADWorkshops> for a helpful tool that lists the workshops by their session time. Choose 3 workshops. You can carry your boxed lunch into the sessions to allow you to attend three workshops. Brochures with workshop descriptions are available in the church narthex.

## *~Announcements~*

**The Handrail** will always be in place, except for Funerals and Weddings. This policy was approved by the Worship Committee.

**"Shepherding a Child's Heart"** A 2 session Adult Forum will be held on March 8th and March 15th after the 9 a.m. worship service. John and Penny Graff (who led the Personality Plus Adult Form in 2014) will be returning to lead the discussion on the book "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by Tedd Tripp. The book guides parents through defining goals and providing Scriptural methods for accomplishing them. John and Penny will take it pass the "parenting" goals and delve into how EKLC, as a congregation, can work together to "shepherd" our youth's hearts and bring them up in God's guiding light. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, Aunt or Uncle or you "know" a youth - this adult forum is for you. Please join us for a fun and enlightening discussion. The cost of the book is \$13.95. Please contact Julie in the office and let her know if you are attending so that we can order the books ahead of time and give you time to read the book. Funds are available to assist in purchasing the books for anyone if needed. Any questions - Please contact any of the education committee members: Gloria Fruit, Barb Klemp or Ann Nottestad.

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## *~Prayers~*

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

-For those of West Africa – May health care givers find the courage and self protection to go to West Africa to fight Ebola.

**God's protection & safety for people of the world.** -For peace in Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.

### **God's protection and safety for those being deployed...**

-Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

### **Healing and health concerns...**

-Joy Borchardt                      -Vernetta Gruenwald\*

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday.

**Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.** Prayer requests week February 15, 2015. \*Denotes new/changed request.