



Sunday, February 18, 2018

7:00 p.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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First Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

*** INDICATES CONGREGATION TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

This confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection.

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

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The assembly may kneel or stand.

An extended silence may be kept.

P: Merciful God,

C: forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

**For the wrong we have done,
for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P: People of God, look to the ✙ Son,
given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.
Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *The Glory of These Forty Days* ELW 320**

***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.

***KYRIE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: God of new life,
As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life,
leaving in the grave all that prevents us from loving you fully. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 104:27-30

A: ²⁷All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.

C: ²⁸**You give it to them; they | gather it;**
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

A: ²⁹When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

C: ³⁰**You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;**
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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THE READING : John 11:1-44

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Je-

sus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep.

³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* ELW 333

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With 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: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

A: We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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**

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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 HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

COMMUNION HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast* ELW 479

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

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** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* ELW 337

***DISMISSAL**

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

Assisting Minister ~ Arvid Mathison **Lector** ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Greeters ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison

Ushers ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien, Carroll & Bonnie Ehrke

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Marilyn Gunderson & Bea Householder

Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr, Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Nursery ~ Natasha Amundson

Coffee Hour ~ Lane and Judy Taylor in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers by the piano are in honor of Lane and Judy Taylor's 60th wedding anniversary.

God Bless you Lane and Judy!



Youth

Fundraiser

Gathering

The youth going to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston this summer have put together a "Wall of Money" fundraiser in the narthex. There is a number on each envelope. You can take an envelope and fill it with the amount of money equivalent to the number on the envelope. Then place the envelope in the offering plate during Lent on Sundays or Wednesdays. The goal is to end up with all of the envelopes filled. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

~Calendar~

Sunday, February 18, 2018

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Monday, February 19, 2018

- 6:00pm Property Meeting
- 6:30pm Church Council

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 2pm-4pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- 10:30am Book Study
- 12:00pm Lenten Morning Worship
- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at EKLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Lenten Evening Worship

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Sunday, February 25, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Attendance Report~

February 11, 2018:	80
February 4, 2018:	87
January 28, 2018:	79
January 21, 2018:	68

~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...

-Nancy Walheim	-Lyle Walheim	-Lowell Severson
-Justin Bloomer	-Bryan Porter	-Kevin Porter
-Phyllis Vergenz	-Sara Depies	-Christy Anderson
-Jody Anderson	-Jan Lehmann	-Patty Swain Krueger
- Don Lundy	-Mary Ellen Christensen	

- The grieving family of Pastor A. Stanley Christensen.

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~

Wednesdays during Lent: 12:00 Noon ELW Morning Prayer & 7:00pm ELW Evening Prayer “The Call to ‘I AM’: A Five Part Lenten Series” Come and hear the many ways that Jesus reveals “I AM” to the people around him. All of the readings through this series come from the Gospel of John, which we are focusing on in worship this year. This series will help give us a better picture of who Jesus is and how he changes our lives.

- Feb. 21: I AM the Bread of Life
- Feb. 28: I AM the Light of the World
- Mar. 7: I AM the Door
- Mar. 14: I AM the Good Shepherd
- Mar. 21: I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Adult Book Study is on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. We gather and work our way through *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism*. This is an in depth study with DVD and a book. All are welcome to join in the study at any time!

For this year's emphasis on giving for Lent, the Worship Committee has chosen the Million Dollar Mission Jar Challenge which Sabra and Eric Jacobson introduced to us after the last Synod Assembly. World Hunger will be the recipient of this , and we encourage each family to participate with \$40 in 40 Days. If that level is not possible for you, then whatever you can manage will be much appreciated. This donation will be taken to Synod Assembly by our voting delegates, Hilary and Ryan Terland. Thank you so much for your participation.

Did you know.....that the Health Ministry committee has individually wrapped hand sanitizer wipes available for your use at church? They are located in a clear, covered container in the narthex on the table behind the left door from the narthex into the sanctuary. During the recent widespread cases of influenza and other viruses throughout the country, we encourage you to feel free to use them. Thank you! ~The Health Ministry

Attention Seniors Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. (Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before)
Suggested donation of \$4.