



*Sunday, February 21, 2016*

*9:00am*

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## *Second Sunday of Lent*

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who brings us safely through the sea,  
who gives us water from the rock,  
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful Father,

**C: we have sinned against heaven and before you.**

**We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.**

**We use your gifts to our own ends.**

**Forgive us and restore us,**

**that we may resist all that draws us away from you,  
and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

**P:** We are reconciled to God through Christ;  
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.

Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.

Once lost, we now are found.

God clothes you in the finest robe of all,

the righteousness of ☩ Jesus Christ,

forgiving you all your sins

and making of you a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Around You, O Lord Jesus*

**ELW 468**

### 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

*Assistant:*  
 In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*  
 Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

*Assistant:*  
 For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
 For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, praise, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
 praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ *Coda*  
 Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**L:** The first reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis

<sup>1</sup>After 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.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But 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.” <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 27

**A:** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to  
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the  
hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround  
me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of  
rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and | answer me.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in  
anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,  
the LORD will | take me in.**

**A:** <sup>11</sup>Teach me your | way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

**C:** <sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will | of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.**

**A:** <sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living!

**C:** <sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD| and be strong.  
Take heart and wait | for the LORD!**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

**L:** The second reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Philippians

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But

our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*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*

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

<sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

<sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate,"*

ELW 722

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**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:** 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.

*(A brief silence.)*

For an end to killings because of faith, we turn to you, O Lord. Protect all those who risk their lives each time they worship you. Give new vision to the intolerant.

**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.**

#### PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the refrain with a final note and a double bar line.

### Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the verses with a final note and a double bar line. The text "To refrain" is written above the final note of the second staff.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we 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 HYMN**    *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*    ELW 618

**COMMUNION HYMN**    *Thy Holy Wings*    ELW 613

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: 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**    *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*    ELW 536

### **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### *~Worship Leaders~*

**Pastor** ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

**Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison    **Lector** ~ Ken Rockney

**Acolyte** ~ Cody Georgeson & Autumn Evenson    **Greeter** ~ Carolyn Lien

**Ushers** ~ Brenda Schroeder, Harriet Eikland, Carolyn Lien & Peggy Luther

**Communion Set up and Take down** ~ Judy Taylor & Jackie Zahn

**Communion Assistants** ~ Peggy Luther & Hilary Terland

**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson

**Nursery** ~ Nataliya Amundson

**Fellowship Coffee Hour** ~ Karen Hayes & Gloria Fruit

**Church Lock-up** ~ Arvid Mathison

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Sunday, February 21, 2016**

- 9:00am          Worship
- 10:00am        Coffee hour hosted by Karen Hayes & Gloria Fruit
- 10:15am        Sunday School/Confirmation
- 1:00pm         Youth Event w/ Grace Lutheran to Rock n Jump

### **Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

- 9:00am          Staff Meeting
- 10:00am        Prayers for our people
- 10:30am-1:30pm    Pastor's office hours
- 7:15pm         Church Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

- 6:00pm         Confirmation
- 7:00pm         Lenten Worship

### **Thursday, February 25, 2016**

- 9:00am         Text Study
- 9:00am         Newsletter Assembly

### **Sunday, February 28, 2016**

- 8:00am         Choir Practice
- 9:00am         Worship, Durkee Baptism
- 10:00am        Coffee hour hosted by Light Circle
- 10:15am        Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:15am        Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 11:00am        Choir Sings at Sienna Crest in Fort Atkinson

***Join us for Lenten Worship  
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm  
Lenten Theme: "Open My Life, 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.

## ~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 John & Amy Lindstrom.

### **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	-Griffin Clark*	

-The grieving family of 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.*)

### **Attendance Report for last Sunday, February 14, 2016: 89**

**Attendance of Sunday, February 7, 2016 : 103**

**Attendance for Sunday, January 31, 2016: 62**

**Attendance for Sunday January 24, 2016: 117**

## ~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. *Information available in narthex.*

~Announcements~

**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.

**ATTENTION: You are invited to the Food, Fellowship and Fun Group.** March 14, 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. There will be a lunch served and then you are invited to stay and visit with friends, bring your cards for a game of Euchre, or a project you are working on. This is a time to have a meal, be in fellowship and have fun together. I will need a count of how many plan to come. The deadline to sign up will be on March 6. If you are bringing a friend, please include that in the number of people. Hope to see lots of you in attendance.

**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 EKLC?** 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. *Sign up sheet is available in Church Narthex.*

