



Sunday, February 28, 2016

9:00am

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Sunday, February 28, 2016
Third 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 *Jesus, Still Lead On*

ELW 624

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, 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. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR *In the Garden*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1- 9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

A: ¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary
land where there | is no water.

C: ²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

A: ³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

C: ⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name. R**

A: ⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

C: ⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

A: ⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

C: ⁸**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Re - tum 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 13:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

ELW 321

HOLY BAPTISM

PAGE 227

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 commun-
ion 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.*
Incline our ears to you, faithful God. Open us to receive your word.
Transform our thoughts into your thoughts and our ways into your
ways for the glory of your kingdom....

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trust-
ing 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

ELW 465

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 AROUND THE ALTAR

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. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. 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.

LAMB OF GOD

(sing all 4 verses and Lent verse together)

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:

* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.

Advent: You give us hope as we wait for you:

Christmas: You are God's word of promise made flesh:

Epiphany: You are God's light to all of the world:

Lent: You call us to the way of your cross:

Easter: You broke the bonds of sin and of death:

Pentecost: You pour your Holy Spirit on us:

Sundays after Pentecost: You are the bread of life for us all:

COMMUNION HYMN *O Living Bread From Heaven* ELW 542

COMMUNION HYMN *Restore in Us, O God* ELW 328

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 *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW 331

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Vicki Schuh

Acolyte ~ Ryan Lund & Sully Schlieckau **Greeter** ~ Hal Schuh

Ushers ~ Don Amundson Family

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Gloria Fruit & Barb Klemp

Communion Assistants ~ Kristen Lien & Gloria Fruit

Offering Counters ~ Joy Graffin, Brian & Brittany Rosenthal

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Light Circle

Church Lock-up ~ Holly Loomis



*Today we welcome into Holy Baptism:
Lukas Anthony Durkee
Parents ~ James and Rebekah Durkee
Sponsors ~ Clark and Elisa Eikland
Erick Barden*

~Calendar of Events~

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
11:00am Choir Sings at Sienna Crest in Fort Atkinson

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Office Closed

Sunday, March 6, 2016

9:00am Worship, Sunday School Youth Sing
Lutheran Social Services Sunday
10:00am Coffee hour hosted by Sunday School
10:15am Confirmation
11:00am (following Sunday School) Education Committee Meeting

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

Attendance Report for last Sunday, February 21, 2016: 93

Attendance for Sunday February 14, 2016: 89

Attendance of Sunday, February 7, 2016 : 103

Attendance for Sunday, January 31, 2016: 62

Weekly Offerings Report

	100% Budget	
	February	February
2/7/16	Goal to meet	Offerings-
Offerings	Budget	to-Date
\$ 3,590.25	\$ 13,639.49	\$ 3,590.25

Weekly Offerings Report

	100% Budget	
	February	February
2/10/16 & 2/14/16	Goal to meet	Offerings-
Offerings	Budget	to-Date
\$ 3,918.00	\$ 13,639.49	\$ 7,508.25

Weekly Offerings Report

	100% Budget	
	February	February
2/17/16 & 2/21/16	Goal to meet	Offerings-
Offerings	Budget	to-Date
\$ 2,172.00	\$ 13,639.49	\$ 9,080.25

~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...

-Sharon Jacobson*	-Hazel Tellefson	-Diane Nelson
-Amie Broeniman	-Emma Broeniman	-June Lehr
-Ron Buser	-Allison Moc	-Johnnie Jacobson
-Duane Hommen	-Julia Radloff	-Griffin Clark
-Howard Johnson		

-The grieving families of Cora Chapman* and Gailen Hoel* as we express sympathy for their loss. *Cora Chapman is the mother of Dave Chapman. Gailen Hoel is Barb Klemp's cousin.*

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.*)

~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!

March 6 is LSS Sunday! Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan calls for Lutheran churches all across its service area to hold March 6 as a day to learn about and support LSS. On March, 6, we will have a special visitor from the LSS staff to share with us information about LSS and how we can partner with this organization in God's mission for the world. We will also collect a special offering for this important ministry. For information about LSS before March 6, you may check out their website at www.lsswis.org.

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 On Monday March 14th at 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 with 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. This event is hosted by the ARK committee.

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.*

Grace Lutheran Church is having a camper breakfast Sunday March 6 from 10-12p. We have a great menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon sausage, orange slices, hash browns and beverage. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under all monies raised will help send our youth to a Christian Bible Camp.

Good Friday Community Cross Walk Community area churches come together for Good Friday Cross Walk. All are welcome. We begin at noon at Veteran's Park by Main St. We will gather and walk to 5 different locations within 2 blocks. Join us as we come together for this Holy Friday brief Worship Service and short walk.

