



Sunday, January 29, 2017

Worship 9:00am

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*4th Sunday after the Epiphany
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Robin Cherwinka

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way
to follow our own ways.**

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* **ELW 754**

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Come, Let Us*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

A: ¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

C: ²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

A: ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their
friends; they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

C: ⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor
those who | fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their
health and do not take | back their word.**

A: ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they
take bribes a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things
shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perish-
ing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is
written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the
world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know
God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs
and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those
who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you
were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many
were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to
shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the
strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things

that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The assembly stands as able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The gospel is announced.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones: Cuando el pobre

ELW 725

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the 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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. *A brief silence.* We pray for wholeness in the body of Christ. Bind up fractures within the church. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us one at your table...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace the assembly is seated.

STORY OF EKLC MISSION

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

ELW 501

COMMUNION HYMN

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

ELW 467

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Jane Furseth

Acolytes ~ Sully Schlieckau & Anders Amundson

Greeter ~ Marge Stach **Ushers** ~ Don & Natasha Amundson Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Communion Assistants ~ Hilary Terland & Judy Taylor

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Leila Carl

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Coffee Hour ~ Worship Committee

Church Lock-up ~ Holly Loomis

~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...

-Melissa Anderson -Betty Gunnelson -Ron Buser*
-Christy Anderson -Roger Jacobson -Griffin Clark*
-The grieving family of Butch Bergholz.

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: 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:

Sunday, January 22: 75
Sunday, January 15, 2017: 70
Sunday, January 8, 2017 : 166
Sunday, January 1, 2017: 50

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, January 29, 2017

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:30am Q&A Annual Report Session

Monday, January 30, 2017

Pastor's day off

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 11am-2pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

- 10:00am Pastor Meeting at Grace Lutheran
- 6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Women of the ELCA of EKLC

- 9:00am *Pin & Sew*
- 12:00pm *Potluck*
- 1:00pm *Meeting*
- 1:30pm *Bible Study*
- 9:00am Pastor Text Study

Sunday, February 5, 2017

- 9:00am Worship
- Annual Meeting immediately following worship
- 10:15am Coffee hour hosted by Sunday School

~Announcements~

Welcome Robin Cherwinka, who joins us today as a representative of South Central Synod of Wisconsin. Robin serves as synod council Vice President. If you have any questions for Robin, she is happy to talk with you. Thank you Robin for joining us today!

Audio Ministry Help needed recording worship services. Did you know each worship service is recorded and sent to our homebound members? This is an important ministry, and we need help! Many hands make light work. If you are interested and gifted in using recording technology, please talk to Karen Hayes or Pastor Brenda.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 5, 2017 immediately following worship Here's a few things that you'll want to know regarding the 2017 annual meeting:

- **The annual meeting will be on Sunday, February 5th** The weather reschedule date on February 12th
- **Reports are available for pick up in the Narthex today.** Please take them home, review for errors, changes, etc., and then bring your questions to the Question & Answer session.
- **Questions & Answer session** will be led by council **TODAY**, January 29th. Our goal with the Q & A session is to get these concerns out and hopefully addressed so they don't become issues at the annual meeting. People should come prepared to the meeting and have all the information they need.
- All registered, voting members of EKLC are welcome at this session, even if you don't have any questions. Just come and listen.
- Please contact any member of council if you have any questions regarding the annual meeting, or anything else. We work better when we work together.

~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.

~Sermon Notes~
