



*Sunday, July 16, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

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***Sunday, July 16, 2017***  
*6th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*ELW Holy Communion Setting Four*

**HYMN SING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children,  
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,  
our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God ✙ forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW 679**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC *Child of the World*

Taylor Berge  
Cally Lovick-Gill  
Haven Lovick -Gill  
Payton Mancheski  
Rylie Mancheski

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

**L:** The first reading is from the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah. <sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

A: <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

C: <sup>2</sup>**To you, the one | who answers prayer,  
to you all | flesh shall come.**

A: <sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- | er than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts  
to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your  
house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

A: <sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God  
of | our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the  
oceans | far away.

C: <sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains | by your power;  
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

A: <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

C: <sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your  
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for  
joy.**

A: <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very  
plenteous; the river of God is | full of water. You prepare the  
grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

C: <sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

A: <sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,  
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

C: <sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

A: <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys  
cloak them- | selves with grain; let them shout for | joy and sing.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

L: The second reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so

that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.    **C:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*The gospel is announced.*

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

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

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.

<sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

<sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone

with ears listen!”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation* ELW 734

## 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 together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we give thanks for your living word that goes out and does not return empty. Make your church a partner in accomplishing what you desire. Unite us in faith, witness, and mission...

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** ...All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**ELW 184**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

**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.**

## **PREFACE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting  
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **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**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together.



## 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.*

**LAMB OF GOD**

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

**ELW 468**

**COMMUNION HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy***

**ELW 473 3X**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

**A:** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

**ELW 547**

## DISMISSAL

**A:** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider**~ Rev. Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison  
**Lector** ~ Don Amundson **Greeter** ~ Gloria Fruit  
**Acolytes** ~ Alyssa Woodley & Anders Amundson  
**Ushers** ~ Dennis & Judy Lund Family  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Marilyn Gunderson  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Vicki Schuh & Hilary Terland  
**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson  
**Special Music** ~ Taylor Berge, Cally Lovick-Gill,  
Haven Lovick -Gill, Payton Mancheski & Rylie Mancheski  
**Coffee Hour** ~ Brenda Schroeder  
**Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke  
**Offering Counters** ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit  
**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...**

-Kevin Porter                      -Lyle Walheim                      -Justin Bloomer  
-Gary                                      -Rigby                                      -Elizabeth  
-Randy\*                                      -Judy Jacobson  
-Kristina & baby Oscar Trizan\*

### **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. 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~*

Please welcome visitors from the Ellickson family reunion today!

**BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-AWAY** Now through August 7th, the School District of Cambridge, along with the Cambridge Food Pantry and CART, is holding their annual school supply and clothing drive for district families and community members in need. **Please consider donating gently used clothing items -- shirts, pants, sweatshirts, jackets -- and picking up school supplies -- backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, etc.** - while out shopping. These donations will be collected in the narthex through Sunday, August 6th.

**Pin & Sew Thursday EVENING, July 26 at 6pm!** Have you always wanted to take part of pin & sew but aren't available during the day? Or, maybe you've wanted to learn how to quilt? Then here's your chance!! Join the Pin & Sew ministry as they meet **Thursday, July 26th at 6:00pm in the upper church basement.** Come and see!

**East Koshkonong will be hosting the AIDS Ride Wisconsin** on July 28, 2017. Our grounds will be a rest stop/water station during this ride. The bikers will be here between 8:45 and 11:45. Since this ride is not happening on a Sunday morning, when we can stand outside before worship and welcome/cheer on the bikers, it would be nice if anyone having free time would stop by during this time period and welcome folks to our church grounds as well as thank them for their contributions. If you would like to learn more about this ride, check out this website: [http://arcw.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=1210&pg=entry](http://arcw.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1210&pg=entry)

### **125th Anniversary Celebration of the Upper Church**

You can still make a donation towards expenses for this special event. Please designate it as "125th donation" in the memo line of your check. Thank you!

**"Help Wanted"** Just a reminder that we will need some help putting up the tent for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. We will be putting it up on the church lawn on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and taking it down following the reception on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider lending some "guy power" as we prepare for what we expect to be a wonderful event. Thanks!

**The next planning Committee for the 125th Anniversary** of the Upper Church special service has been scheduled **TODAY** Sunday, July 16, right after church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

## ~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.*

## ~Calendar of Events~

### **Sunday, July 16, 2017**

8:50am Hymn Sing  
9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted needed  
10:15am 125th Planning Meeting in Friendship Hall  
10:30am EKL 2018 Youth Gathering Meeting

### **Monday, July 17, 2017**

Pastor's Day Off

### **Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

8:30am Staff Meeting  
9:30am Prayers for Our People  
10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

### **Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

10:15am Bible Study  
1:00pm Pastor's Meeting at EKLC

### **Thursday, July 20, 2017**

8:00am Men's Breakfast  
8am-noon Pin & Sew

### **Sunday, July 23, 2017**

8:50am Hymn Sing  
9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted needed  
10:30am Stewardship Meeting

### ~Attendance Report~

July 9 : 75  
July 2: 63  
June 25: 100  
June 18: 68