



Sunday, July 23, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Worship Plan for Sunday, July 23, 2017

7th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

**Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able*

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.

P: 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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705**

***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.

A: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

L: The first reading is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

A: ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

C: ¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**

A: ¹³For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

C: ¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people | seeks my life; they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

A: ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

C: ¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your
handmaid.**

A: ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see
it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and
comforted me. R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

L: The second reading is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”

¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we

were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW 693

*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.

Enliven your church with love for your world, O God. Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia and Europe. Make us one in faithful witness to your will...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

***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.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***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**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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 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

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COMMUNION HYMN *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* **ELW 501**

COMMUNION HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

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

P: 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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW 771

*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** ~ Gloria Fruit
Lector ~ Sabra Jacobson **Greeter** ~ Sonja Jacobson
Acolytes ~ Sully Schlieckau & Karly Lewellin
Ushers ~ Lindsay Baker, Ryan & Hilary Terland Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Judy Taylor & Jackie Zahn
Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Jackie Zahn
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Coffee Hour** ~ Stewardship Committee
Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland
Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr, Eric/Cheryl Nuenthel
Church Lock-up ~ Judy Rusch

~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
-Rigby -Elizabeth -Randi
-Judy Jacobson -Kristina & baby Oscar Trizan*
-Sharon Chapman

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.)

~Announcements~

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 Wednesday (note day correction) 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 **Wednesday, July 26th at 6:00pm in the upper church basement.** Come and see!

Hebrews Bible Study resumes Wednesday, August 16th at 10:15am
We will not meet for bible study, July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9th. We will join together again on Wednesday, August 16th. All are welcome!

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

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 125th anniversary event. We will be putting it up on the church lawn on Saturday, August 19th, and taking it down following the reception on Sunday, August 20th. 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!

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, July 23, 2017

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

Monday, July 24, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

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

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

- 11:00am Pastor's Leadership Meeting
6:00pm Pin & Sew

Thursday, July 27, 2017

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly
9:00am Pastor Text Study
6:00pm Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, July 30, 2017

- 8:50am Hymn Sing
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle

~Attendance Report~

July 16: 112
July 9: 75
July 2: 63
June 25: 100

