



*Sunday, July 30, 2017*

*9:00 a.m.*

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# ***Sunday, July 30, 2017***

*8th 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 *Praise and Thanksgiving***

**ELW 689**

## **\*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:** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Aryel Beck

## FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

**A:** <sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

**C:** <sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened | it gives light;  
it gives understanding | to the simple.**

**A:** <sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant  
because I long for | your commandments.

**C:** <sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,  
as you always do to those who | love your name.**

**A:** <sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

**C:** <sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,  
and I will keep | your commandments.**

**A:** <sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant  
and teach | me your statutes.

**C:** <sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,  
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*The gospel is announced.*

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

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

<sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *We Are Called*

**ELW 720**

**\*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 Fa-**

ther, 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:** Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Shine the light of understanding on your church on earth. Bind us together in the word to share your love with the world...

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** .. Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

**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.**

**\*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 *O Living Bread from Heaven***

**ELW 542**

**COMMUNION HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration***

**ELW 462**

## **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** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

## **\*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** ~ Carolyn Lien

**Lector** ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen **Greeter** ~ Diane Luginbuhl

**Acolytes** ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Ilsa Lund

**Ushers** ~ Bea Householder, Joanne Gyland,  
Brenda Schroeder & Harriet Eikland

**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Marge Stach & Bea Householder

**Communion Assistants** ~ Gloria Fruit & Brenda Schroeder

**Musician** ~ Judy Rusch **Special Music** ~ Aryel Beck

**Coffee Hour** ~ Light Circle **Audio Ministry** ~ Hilary Terland

**Offering Counters** ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin

**Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit

## ~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

-Sharon Chapman

Bryan Porter

-Kristina & baby Oscar Trizan

-The grieving family of Leona Hanson. (Leona is Ken Stach's mother)

### **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~

**Pastor Brenda will be out of the office:** While Pastor Brenda is on vacation during July 30-August 2, please contact Pastor Holly Slater (from St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church) in case of a pastoral emergency. Pastor Holly's number is 608-609-0548.

While Pastor Brenda is away for continuing education during August 6-10, please contact Pastor Jennifer Jelinek (from Grace Lutheran Church) in case of a pastoral emergency. Pastor Jennifer's number is 608-295-7120.

**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.

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

### **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 setting up the tent for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. We will be setting 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!

**MS Bike Tour** On Sunday, August 6, EKLC will once again be hosting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Bike Tour. The event, running on August 5 and 6, has start/finish locations of Pewaukee to Whitewater to Madison. Participants raise a minimum of \$300.00 to participate. The Upper Church grounds will be the location of this year's rest stop. The bikers and volunteer workers will on our grounds during the Sunday morning worship! Make sure you take a minute to welcome them and cheer them on. If you would like to find out more about this ride or make a donation, please visit their website: <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

**Join Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge for "A Day on the Prairie"** on Saturday, August 19. We will leave from the lodge (317 South Page Street) in Stoughton at 12 noon. A traveling afternoon trip to the Koshkonong area to learn about the churches, the museum and the history of the immigration to that area. We can start the day at Stoughton's Coffee Break Festival, Mandt Park, which begins at 9 AM. No registration needed but it will be helpful to have an estimate of how many might be joining us and if you need a ride! The schedule: 12:00 PM- Leave Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge for those who want to caravan over or who need a ride. Or you can drive right to the church and meet us there. 12:15 PM - Meet at West Koshkonong Church (1911 Koshkonong Road, Stoughton). Host – David Hanson. **1:30 PM- Leave West Koshkonong and travel over to East Koshkonong Churches (454 East Koshkonong Road, Cambridge). Stop at historic monument near the church before heading to Cambridge. Host- Larry Gunnelson.** 3:00 PM- Leave for Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society Library and Museum & 1906 Cambridge School (211 South Street, Cambridge). Museum is on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with steps. No admission but donations are welcome! Host: Gary Swain and Dana Kelly. 5:00 PM- Travel back to Stoughton for bingo and/or meet for supper somewhere on the way home! Please contact Darlene Arneson at [arneson-family5@gmail.com](mailto:arneson-family5@gmail.com) or 608-873-7209 for more information. The public is always welcome at Mandt Lodge!

*~Attendance Report~*

July 23:	86
July 16:	112
July 9:	75
July 2:	63

**Weekly Offerings Report**

7/23/17 Offerings	July Goal to meet Budget	July Offerings - to Date
\$ 5,621.11	\$ 18,285.78	\$ 16,137.63

## *~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 30, 2017**

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

### **Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

9:30am Prayers for Our People

### **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

### **Thursday, August 3, 2017**

8am-12pm Pin & Sew

### **Sunday, August 6, 2017**

8:50am Hymn Sing  
9:00am Worship  
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Carole Kenseth  
10:15am 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting

### *~Sermon Notes~*

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