



Sunday, July 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Worship Plan for Sunday, July 09, 2017

*5th 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 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW 533

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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

L: The first reading is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

A: ⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

C: ⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

A: ¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

C: ¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

A: ¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

C: ¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your
works.**

A: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

L: The second reading is from the 7th chapter of Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW 608

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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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

A brief silence.

Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries and Young Adults in Global Mission as they raise up leaders to serve the world...

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.

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.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord's Prayer*

Arvid Mathison

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 una-

ble 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 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

COMMUNION HYMN *Here Is Bread*

ELW 483

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 *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

ELW 663

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** ~ Holly Loomis
Lector ~ Joanne Gyland **Acolytes** ~ Isaiah Long & Caleb Wipperfurth
Greeter ~ Ruth Bovre
Ushers ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien, Ron & Nancy Knapwurst
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Light Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Ken Rockney & Sonja Jacobson
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Special Music** ~ Arvid Mathison
Coffee Hour ~ Buddy & Beverly Lien **Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke
Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Gloria Fruit
Church Lock-up ~ Arvid Mathison

~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

-Sharon Chapman

-Sally Hampton

-Judy Jacobson*

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: Matt Kaare. 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~

EKL Youth trip to Chicago:

Who: EKL Youth Group

What: ELCA Churchwide Office Tour and Fun in Chicago

When: Friday July 14

Cost: \$0

RSVP or FOR MORE INFO: eklyouthgroup@gmail.com

Jaime: 608-206-4323

Ann: 608-575-4569

Join us for a day in Chicago! We will leave from EKLC at 8am and head to the ELCA Churchwide office for a tour. After our tour, we will grab lunch and have some fun exploring the city before we head home.

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 is moving forward! The 125th Committee are meeting to share ideas on how we can make the special service on August 20th an enjoyable event for everyone. We will, of course, have some expenses to meet. If you would like to make a donation towards those expenses, please designate it as “125th donation” in the memo line of your check.

Thank you very much for considering donating.

“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!

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

Save the date: FIRESIDE CHRISTIAN CONCERT, Tuesday, August 8, 2017, Matinee--Southern Raised. Fish and Chicken Buffet. Cost: \$38.50 (includes tip). Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

Hebrews Bible Study Wednesday at 10:15: Back by popular demand - Wednesday morning Bible study. All are welcome to join in the conversation at any time! (whether it's in the beginning or the middle or the end)

For those not available at this time, or those who would like to study something different - If you would like to start a Bible study or book study at a different time during the week, please call the church office and/or talk to Pastor Brenda about it!

~Attendance Report~

July 2: 63
 June 25: 100
 June 18: 68
 June 11: 60

~ Treasurer's Report~

Weekly Offerings Report		
7/2/17	July	July
Offerings	Goal to meet Budget	Offerings - to Date
\$ 3,834.25	\$ 18,285.78	\$ 3,834.25

~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 9, 2017

- 8:50am Hymn Sing
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Buddy & Beverly Lien
- 10:30am Mutual Ministry Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

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

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

Thursday, July 13, 2017

- 6:00pm Property Meeting
- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2017

- 8:00am EKL Youth leave for Chicago

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

~Sermon Notes~
