



Whoever
loses his
life for my
sake will
Find it.

Matthew 10:39, ESV

Sunday, June 25, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, June 25, 2017
3rd 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ava Williams

Shanna Schlieckau

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

A: ⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

C: ⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

A: ⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

C: ¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

A: ¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

C: ¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

A: ¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O
LORD: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing
help.

C: ¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep
waters. R**

A: ¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

C: ¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

A: ¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

C: ¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The gospel is announced.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O

Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons

ELW 798

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.

God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age (*especially through Philipp Melancthon and the witness of the Augsburg Confession*). Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout 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.

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

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

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

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

COMMUNION HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

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

When Peace like a River: It Is Well with My Soul ELW 785

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. JoAnn Fabie **Assisting Minister** ~ Michael Stuve
Lector ~ Jane Furseth **Acolytes** ~ Sully Schlieckau & Ilsa Lund
Greeters ~ Tom and Trudy Spike
Ushers ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien
Communion Assistants ~ Bobbie Rawinski & Dennis Lund
Musician ~ Judy Rusch
Special Music ~ Ava Williams and Shanna Schlieckau
Coffee Hour ~ Cemetery Board **Audio Ministry** ~ Bonnie Ehrke
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
-Gary	-Elizabeth	-Rigby
-June Lehr	-Kristina Trezin & baby	-Sally Hampton*
-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: 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~

Thank you Pastor JoAnn Fabie for leading us in worship this morning.

Pastor Brenda will be out of the office June 25-July 1 for continuing education in Washington Island. Please contact Pastor Richard Dowling for pastoral emergencies during this time: 608-628-4230.

Pick up a devotional in the narthex! July, August, September devotions are available in the narthex, pick one up today.

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 on 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.

Attention youth 8-12th grade and parents: 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering informational meeting is scheduled for July 16th following Sunday worship. If you missed the June 21st meeting, please come hear about the gathering and ask questions.

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!

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 for-

ward! 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.

~Attendance Report~

June 18: 68
 June 11: 60
 June 4: 69
 May 28: 82

~ Treasurer's Report~

Weekly Offerings Report		
	June	June
6/11/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to-Date
\$ 3,615.25	\$ 19,605.26	\$ 8,188.25

Weekly Offerings Report		
	June	June
6/18/17	Goal to meet	Offerings
Offerings	Budget	to-Date
\$ 1,197.25	\$ 19,605.26	\$ 9,385.50

~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 Koshkoning. 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.

COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES

As a council, we want to make all of you aware that there will be a change coming up in the dates that the church council meets. When we initially picked a date as a council, we picked the end of the month as it seemed to meet everyone's schedule best. It's proving to be difficult, if not almost impossible to get all the notes and financial information approved by council before the newsletter deadline each month, which means it hard to share with the congregation on a timely basis. In order to remedy this, we will be changing our meeting dates. Please know that as a council we are NOT meeting formally in June due to schedule changes/short notice for everyone with the coming of summer. We are keeping each other informed through emails and Sunday morning worship.

In July, we will be meeting on Thursday July 13 at 6:30 p.m. During that meeting, we will pick a new monthly meeting date which we will share with all of you. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

