



Sunday, March 11, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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~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.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

*** INDICATES CONGREGATION TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

This confession provides extended silence for listening, pondering, and self-reflection. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☐ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of heaven and earth,
you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,
embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

The assembly may kneel or stand.

An extended silence may be kept.

Merciful God,

C: forgive us.

Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

For the wrong we have done,

for the good we have failed to do,

have mercy on us,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: People of God, look to the ☐ Son,

given to heal you and set you free

because God loved the world so much.

Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* ELW 696**

***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.

***KYRIE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. God of truth,

**Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and
follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus.**

C: Amen.

CHOIR *Forever and Until*

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-13

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.**

BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 18:28-40

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release

someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Our Father, We Have Wandered* ELW 606

*APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church we confess our faith.

C: 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: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Direct and guide us in following your will. Grant us clarity in the midst of confusion, and give us courage in the face of challenge. Make us passionate to share the gospel.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY CREATE IN ME**

ELW 186

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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**

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

HOLY COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participating this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect?

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, please kneel or stand at the railing. When you are given bread, you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays with cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

COMMUNION HYMN

***Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* ELW 464**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW 536**

***DISMISSAL**

A: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~*Worship Leaders*~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick, Pastor

Assisting Minister ~ Karen Hayes **Lector** ~ Linda Mathison

Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Mallory Wallace

Greeter ~ Carole Kenseth **Ushers** ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Joy Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Gloria Fruit & Kristen Lien

Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

Nursery ~ Sonja Jacobson & Jenna Christensen

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes **Coffee Hour** ~ Sonja Jacobson

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...

-Nancy Walheim

-Lyle Walheim

-Lowell Severson

-Justin Bloomer

-Bryan Porter

-Kevin Porter

-Phyllis Vergenz

-Sara Depies

-Christy Anderson

-Jody Anderson

-Joann Zimmerman

-Mary Ellen Christensen

-The grieving family of Jan Lehmann

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

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.)

~Calendar~

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Daylight Savings Time Begins...SPRING forward!

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:15am Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:00am Peace Circle at Bea Householder
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours
- 5:30pm CART board meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- 10:30am Book Study
- 12:00pm Lenten Morning Worship
- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at EKLC
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Lenten Evening Worship

Thursday, March 15, 2018

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 8:00am-12:00pm Pin & Sew (no potluck)
- 10:00am Pictorial Directory Meeting
- 11:30am Clergy Conference Meeting

Friday, March 16, 2018

- Pastor's Day Off
- Office Closed
- 6:30pm Easter Party & Service Project @ Grace Lutheran

Sunday, March 18, 2018

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Joy Circle
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Announcements~

Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday Brunch, March 25th following worship served by the youth.

Wednesdays during Lent: 12:00 Noon ELW Morning Prayer & 7:00pm ELW Evening Prayer “The Call to ‘I AM’: A Five Part Lenten Series” Come and hear the many ways that Jesus reveals “I AM” to the people around him. All of the readings through this series come from the Gospel of John, which we are focusing on in worship this year. This series will help give us a better picture of who Jesus is and how he changes our lives.

- Mar. 14: I AM the Good Shepherd
- Mar. 21: I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Adult Book Study is on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. We gather and work our way through *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism*. This is an in depth study with DVD and a book. All are welcome to join in the study at any time!

For this year's emphasis on giving for Lent, the Worship Committee has chosen the Million Dollar Mission Jar Challenge which Sabra and Eric Jacobson introduced to us after the last Synod Assembly. World Hunger will be the recipient of this, and we encourage each family to participate with \$40 in 40 Days. If that level is not possible for you, then whatever you can manage will be much appreciated. This donation will be taken to Synod Assembly by our voting delegates, Hilary and Ryan Terland. Thank you so much for your participation.

Did you know.....that the Health Ministry committee has individually wrapped hand sanitizer wipes available for your use at church? They are located in a clear, covered container in the narthex on the table behind the left door from the narthex into the sanctuary. During the recent widespread cases of influenza and other viruses throughout the country, we encourage you to feel free to use them. Thank you! ~The Health Ministry

~Announcements~

Attention Seniors Join others from our community at the Amundson Center on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon for Area Senior Dining. Enjoy a delicious healthy meal and conversation. Open to anyone over the age of 60. For questions and to make reservations please call 608-838-7117. (Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours before) Suggested donation of \$4.

Meals on Wheels Delivery Schedule This Week:

Monday 3/12 & Tuesday 3/13: Sir Kenneth of Utica

Wednesday 3/14: Ron Anderson

Thursday 3/15 & Friday 3/16: Marge Stach & Bea Householder

Thank you to the folks who give of their time for this special ministry.

Youth Gathering Fundraiser You may have noticed the wall of envelopes in the narthex to support the EKLC youth going to the 2018 Youth Gathering in Houston. This is a fundraiser to support this cause. There is a number on each envelope. Please take one or more and fill it with money to equal or exceed the amount on the envelope. Please put your name on the envelope and place it in the offering plate during Lent on Sundays or Wednesdays. The goal is to end up with all of the envelopes taken from the wall and filled. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

Cambridge Combined Youth Events:

Friday, March 16th: 6:30pm-8:00pm ~ Easter Party and Service Project: All Cambridge area middle and high school students are invited to meet in the fellowship hall at Grace Lutheran Church to stuff Easter eggs and create baskets to give back to our community. Baskets will be taken to Cambridge Police Dept., Fire Dept, and EMS at a later date to thank them for their service. They're asking each participant to bring one or two bags of candy to put towards the effort. Movie and snack provided.

Saturday, April 14th ~ Takin' a little trip-y to the Mighty Mississippi to the Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, IA. Meeting in Grace Lutheran parking lot at 9am. Admission \$15. Watching Jerusalem in 4D (that means you'll feel wind, mist, and the seats move too!) Permission forms available in Church Narthex.

Information for both events are in EKLC Narthex.

