



Sunday, March 13, 2016

9:00am

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Sunday, March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful Father,

C: we have sinned against heaven and before you.

We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.

We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us,

that we may resist all that draws us away from you,

and be at peace with one another. Amen.

P: We are reconciled to God through Christ;
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.

Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.

Once lost, we now are found.

God clothes you in the finest robe of all,

the righteousness of ✠ Jesus Christ,

forgiving you all your sins

and making of you a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **ELW 803**

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

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHOIR *Gather Us In*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 126

A: ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

C: ²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The
LORD has done great things for them.”**

A: ³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

C: ⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

A: ⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

C: ⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der
faith - ful - ness of God. *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Holy God, Holy and Glorious*

ELW 637

APOSTLES' CREED

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: Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope. (*A brief silence.*) Holy God, in times of both joy and sorrow you call us to worship you. Bless the work of musicians, altar guilds, readers, presiding and assisting ministers, and all who serve in worship. Sustain them with your Spirit as we journey toward Holy Week...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

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

(sing all 4 verses and Lent verse together)

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

* you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.

- Advent:* You give us hope as we wait for you:
- Christmas:* You are God's word of promise made flesh:
- Epiphany:* You are God's light to all of the world:
- Lent:* You call us to the way of your cross:
- Easter:* You broke the bonds of sin and of death:
- Pentecost:* You pour your Holy Spirit on us:
- Sundays after Pentecost:* You are the bread of life for us all:

COMMUNION HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* **ELW 597**

COMMUNION HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **ELW 324**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of ☩ Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* ELW 754

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Join us for Lenten Worship

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm

Lenten Theme: “Open My Life, Lord”

March 16, Open My Life Lord

All through Lent we will collect an offering to be divided among five food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson and Stoughton.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis

Lector ~ Ruth Bovre

Acolyte ~ Kody Lewellin & Isaiah Long

Greeter ~ Bonnie Ehrke

Ushers ~ Bea Householder, Joanne Gyland,

Karen Hayes & Carolyn Lien

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Choir Director~ Vicki Schuh

Nursery ~ Sonja & Jenna Christensen

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

Church Lock-up ~ Arvid Mathison

Attendance Report for last Sunday, March 6, 2016: 109

Attendance of Sunday, February 28, 2016 : 109

Attendance for Sunday, February 21, 2016: 93

Attendance for Sunday February 14, 2016: 89

~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.

*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 Lindsay Stolen.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health

concerns...

-Sharon Jacobson

-Hazel Tellefson

-Diane Nelson

-Amie Broeniman

-Emma Broeniman

-June Lehr

-Ron Buser

-Allison Moc

-Johnnie Jacobson

-Julia Radloff

-Griffin Clark

-Christy Anderson

-The grieving family Gailen Hoel as we express sympathy for their loss. *Gailen Hoel is Barb Klemp's cousin.*

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, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, Joe Janness.

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.*)

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, March 13, 2016 Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee hour hosted Holly & Maggie Loomis
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:30am Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 11:00am EKL Youth Event

Monday, March 14, 2016

- 11:30am Food, Fellowship and Fun Group

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

- 8:00am-12:00pm Pin & Sew Only
- 9:00am Staff Meeting
- 10:00am Prayers for our people
- 10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 17, 2016

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 9:00am Text Study
- 11:00am Clergy Conference Meeting
- 1:00pm Joy Circle meets at Beverly Lien's Home

Friday, March 18, 2016

- 6:30pm-9:00pm Glow in the Dark Easter Event at Grace Lutheran

Saturday, March 19, 2016

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, March 20, 2016 Palm Sunday

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Palm Sunday Brunch
- 10:15am Confirmation
- 1:30pm Skaalen Annual Meeting

~Announcements~

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.

Palm Sunday Brunch March 20th! Join us at EKLC next Sunday! We will have egg bakes and French toast soufflé, fruit salad and assorted pastries. Free will donations will be added to the Lenten Food Pantry collection. Hosted by the Confirmation families and the Education Committee.

Lenten Food Pantry Focus: Through Lent, we are collecting monetary donations and nonperishable food donations for five local food pantries. Let's work together to help hungry families in our community!

Good Friday Community Cross Walk, March 25th. Community area churches come together for Good Friday Cross Walk. All are welcome. We begin at noon at Veteran's Park by Main St., Cambridge. We will gather and walk to 5 different locations within 2 blocks. Join us as we come together for this Holy Friday brief Worship Service and short walk.

Are you interested in membership with EKLC? If you are interested in becoming a member or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Brenda or Julie in the church office. Pastor Brenda would like to offer a membership class, but would like to know when to schedule it.

Future Bible Study We will soon start a weekly Bible study during the day, likely beginning in April. If you have a preference for day of the week and time, please let Pastor Brenda know.

ATTENTION: You are invited to the Food, Fellowship and Fun Group On Monday March 14th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. There will be a lunch served and then you are invited to stay and visit with friends, bring your cards for a game of Euchre, or a project you are working on. This is a time to have a meal, be in fellowship and have fun together. If you didn't sign up you're still welcome to attend...and bring a friend! Hope to see lots of you in attendance. This event is hosted by the ARK committee.

EKLC Cemetery Association This is a friendly reminder to please have all decorations removed from the Church Cemetery by April 1st. Thank you.

Devotionals available in narthex: April, May, June *Christ in Our Home* and *Portals of Prayer* Devotionals are available for you in the Church Narthex!! Also...Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Devotional!

Family Focus is selling Butter Braids again, with orders due at the beginning of April (delivery mid-April). They are \$12 and come in the same variety of flavors. If interested, please talk to Ann Nottestad. Call (608) 575-4569 or email sajen_14@yahoo.com

