



Sunday, March 26, 2017

Worship 9:00am

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW 324

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR *Bread of the World*

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has

the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

A: ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

C: ²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

A: ³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name’s sake.

C: ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me. R**

A: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

C: ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One

thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

“Do YOU believe that Jesus of Nazareth physically healed the blindness of the man who had been born blind?”

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 611

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us 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

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

A: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God of the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; 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.

EKLC MISSION MINUTE OFFERING

Hilary Terland

OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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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.**

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

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

COMMUNION HYMN *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW 542

COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

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, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673

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. John W. Eyster
Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis **Lector** ~ Linda Mathison
Acolyte ~ Alyssa Woodley & Sully Schlieckau
Greeters ~ Don & Eileen Hoehn
Ushers ~ Curt & Linda Hanson, Lane & Judy Taylor
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel
Communion Assistants ~ Bea Householder & Dennis Lund
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Offering Counters ~ Joy Graffin, Brian/Brittany Rosenthal
Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen **Audio Ministry** ~ Karen Hayes
Coffee Hour ~ Light Circle
Church Lock-up ~ Arvid Mathison

~*Announcements*~

Welcome Pastor John W. Eyster as you lead us in worship today!

Are you a Thrivent member? Don't forget about Thrivent Action Teams! Contact your Thrivent Representative about using your Thrivent Action Team dollars.

Bible Study on Galatians continues. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. for one hour. All are welcome.

125th Anniversary The planning is underway for our observation of the 125th anniversary of the Upper Church. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please sign-up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.

40 Days of Giving is a Lenten mission where we will collect monetary gifts and non perishable food for five local food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson & Stoughton. We collect donations now thru Easter Sunday, April 16th. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please make checks out to EKLC. To assist the offering counters please put your name on the envelope.

Sermon Series March 8 - April 5: *With Awe and Love*, A Midweek Service Based on Luther's Small Catechism; **Wednesday, March 29: Baptism; Wednesday, April 5: Holy Communion.** Services offered at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck Supper at 6:00pm. Please bring your family and a dish to pass.

~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 & Amy Lindstrom

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

- Christy Anderson -Esther Walheim -Arlen Lund*
- Alma Houfe -Lyle Walheim -Kristina Trizan*
- Lauren, Matt & Chase Mancheski
- The grieving families of Myron Fosdal and Roger 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.)

~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 Koshkonnong. 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~

*Pastor Brenda will be on vacation March 23- March 26th.
Pastor Richard Dowling will be on call for pastoral emergencies.
You can contact him at 608-628-4230.*

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Monday, March 27, 2017

Pastor's day off

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for Our People
10am-11am Visitation before Memorial Service
11:00am Myron Fosdal Memorial Service
1pm-2pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

10:45am Galatians Bible Study
12:00pm Lenten Worship Service
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Lenten Supper
7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, March 30, 2017

9:00am Pastor's Text Study
10:30am Pastor's Meeting at Grace Lutheran

Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Attendance Report:

Sunday

March 19, 2017: 84

March 12, 2017: 84

March 5, 2017 : 94

February 26, 2017: 79

Wednesday

Noon ~ March 22, 2017: 13

7:00pm ~ March 22, 2017: 23

Noon ~ March 15, 2017: 14

7:00pm ~ March 15, 2017: 31

Treasurer's Report:

Weekly Offerings Report		
	February	
2/26/17	Goal to meet	February
Offerings	Budget	Offerings
\$ 939.00	\$ 15,341.45	\$ 11,812.00

Weekly Offerings Report		
	March	
3/1/17 & 3/5/17	Goal to meet	March
Offerings	Budget	Offerings- to-Date
\$ 3,956.09	\$ 20,874.37	\$ 3,956.09

Weekly Offerings Report		
	March	
3/8/17 & 3/12/17	Goal to meet	March
Offerings	Budget	Offerings- to-Date
\$ 4,651.00	\$ 20,874.37	\$ 8,607.09

Weekly Offerings Report		
	March	
3/15/17 & 3/19/17	Goal to meet	March
Offerings	Budget	Offerings- to-Date
\$ 3,553.25	\$ 20,874.37	\$ 12,160.34