

Sunday, March 6, 2016 9:00am

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Derek Moran of LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

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 \square Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW 607

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

TIME FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 32

A: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: ²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

A: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

A: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

A: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

C: 8"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

A: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: ¹⁰Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

A: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

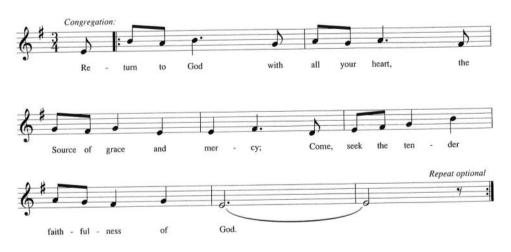
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b} There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Ouickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is

alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25% Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and

has been found."

P: The gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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

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.*) For campus ministries, we give you thanks, eternal Lord. Equip the students, staff, and ministers to share your steadfast love with their university community and all whom they meet...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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 BY INTINCTION

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. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. 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)



*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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW 773

COMMUNION HYMN What Wondrous Loves Is This ELW 666

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.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit Lector ~ Trudy Spike

Acolyte ~ Allison Lund & Caleb Wipperfurth

Greeter ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien

Ushers ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien, Maureen & Sarah Lien

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Bea Householder & Karen Hayes

Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Scott Nottestad

Musician ~ Andrew Severson Sunday School Musician ~ Heidi Woodstock

Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Sunday School Church Lock-up ~ Holly Loomis

Join us for Lenten Worship Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm Lenten Theme: "Open My Life, Lord"

March 9, Open My Heart 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.

~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 Jens Notstad.

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 families of Cora Chapman and Gailen Hoel as we express sympathy for their loss. *Cora Chapman is the mother of Dave Chapman. 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.)

Attendance Report for last Sunday, February 28, 2016: 109

Attendance for Sunday, February 21, 2016: 93 Attendance for Sunday February 14, 2016: 89 Attendance of Sunday, February 7, 2016: 103

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, March 6, 2016

9:00am Worship, Sunday School Youth Sing

Lutheran Social Services Sunday

10:00am Coffee hour hosted by Sunday School

10:15am Confirmation

11:00am (following Sunday School) Education Committee Meeting

11:30am Holy Communion Class

5:00pm Ladies Bel Canto & Country Chordsmen practice 6:00pm Men Bel Canto & Country Chordsmen practice

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

9:00am Staff Meeting

9:00am Peace Circle meets at Bea Householder's Home

10:00am Prayers for our people 10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 10, 2016

9:00am Text Study

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:30am – 3:30pm LEAD event at First Lutheran Church, Janesville

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

~Announcements~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellow-ship 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.

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!

Don't forget to pick up a Lenten Devotion in the Church Narthex!

TODAY is LSS Sunday! Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan calls for Lutheran churches all across its service area to hold March 6 as a day to learn about and support LSS. This morning we have a special visitor from the LSS staff to share with us information about LSS and how we can partner with this organization in God's mission for the world. We will also collect a special offering for this important ministry. For information about LSS you may check out their website at www.lsswis.org.

Holy Communion Class TODAY at 11:30. We will gather in the Friendship Hall.

Grace Lutheran Church is having a camper breakfast Today from 10-12p. We have a great menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon sausage, orange slices, hash browns and beverage. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under all monies raised will help send our youth to a Christian Bible Camp.

Bel Canto & Country Chordsmen practice TODAY, Sunday, March 6th. Ladies at 5 and Men at 6.

~Announcements~

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. I will need a count of how many plan to come. The deadline to sign up with be on March 6. If you are bringing a friend, please include that in the number of people. Hope to see lots of you in attendance. This event is hosted by the ARK committee.

LEAD – LEADERSHIP EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR ALL! SATURDAY, MARCH 12 at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, JANESVILLE: 8:30 – 3:30 PM, FEE: \$30 including lunch. On-line Registration is Open: https://bit.ly/SCSWLEAD2016 Our own life experience and stories influence our perceptions of the world around us as well as our understanding of God's Story and our place in that Holy Story. During our time together, we will have the opportunity to share our own stories in a new way, and hear stories from people we may not have had the opportunity to listen to before, all while reflecting on the all-encompassing Story of God, particularly as we have seen and heard that Story through the person of Jesus, the Heart of God. *Information available in narthex*.

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.

~ Sermon notes~