



*Sunday, May 1, 2016*

*Worship 9:00 am*

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# *Worship Plan for Sunday, May 1, 2016*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Youth Sunday*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may stand as able and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**A:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**A:** Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**C: you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

**A:** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ  
puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves us

and ✠ frees us from our sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**

**GREETING**

**A:** 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****Page 203****CANTICLE OF PRAISE****Page 204****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A:** Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

**FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

<sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 67**

**A:** <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations on earth. R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

**A:** <sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5**

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

<sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C" Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

**A:** The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

**A:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Assembly is seated*

**MESSAGE** *“About God”*      *Written by Carrie Varnell*  
*Skit performed by EKLC Confirmation Class*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*    **ELW 815**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**2<sup>ND</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**A:** With the whole church let us pray:

**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:** Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.* Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth.

**A:** Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** ...We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

**A:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Special music by Shanna Schlieckau,  
Emma Nottestad and Karly Lewellin*

## OFFERTORY

ELW 184

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

K-1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

**A:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

## BLESSING

**A:** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

**All sing led by Sunday School Youth**

**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

**~Worship Leaders~**

**Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Greeters, Ushers** ~ Youth

**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

**Musician** ~ Heidi Woodstock

**Fellowship Coffee Hour** ~ Brunch hosted by youth

**Nursery** ~ Sabra Jacobson/Brenda Schroeder

**Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

**~Confirmation Class~**

Kody Lewellin, Cody Georgeson, Ryan Lund,

Allison Lund & Erika Lund

*Teachers ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick and Peggy Luther*

**~Sunday School Class~**

**PreK**

Haven Lovick Gill, Reid Jaskolski, Morgan Rockney, Skyler Breithaupt

*Teacher~ Jenna Christensen*

**K-1st Grade**

Kyle Durkee, Zackary Durkee, Tanner Furseth, Riley Jacobson, Kinsley

Johnson, Payton Mancheski, Rylie Mancheski,

Gracie Rude & Kaylee Lund

*Teacher ~ Sabra Jacobson*

**2nd—4th Grade**

Oden Jaskolski, Cally Lovick Gill, Shanna Schlieckau, Christian Terland,

Anna Amundson, Kellan Jacobson & Brayden Lund

*Teacher~ Shawn Schlieckau*

**5th & 6th Grade**

Anders Amundson, Autumn Evenson, Karly Lewellin, Isaiah Long, Em-

ma Nottestad, Meta Wescott, Sully Schlieckau & Caleb Wipperfurth

*Teacher ~ Ann Nottestad*

# ~Calendar of Events~

## **Sunday, May 1, 2016**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Youth Sunday Worship
- 10:00am Brunch hosted by youth
- 10:15am Habitat for Humanity Informational Meeting

## **Monday, May 2, 2016**

- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

## **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

- 10:30am Prayers for Our People
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 12pm-3pm Pastor's Office Hours

## **Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Confirmation End of 2015-16 year Celebration
- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study

## **Thursday, May 5, 2016**

- 9:00am Text Study
- Women of the ELCA monthly Meeting
- 9:00am Pin & Sew
- 12:00pm Potluck
- 1:00pm Meeting
- 1:30pm Bible Study

## **Sunday, May 8, 2016**

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship, Choir Concert
- 10:00am Fellowship Coffee Hour hosted by Choir



## ~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...**

-Diane Nelson

-Christy Anderson

-Dennis & Mary Hareid

-Amie Broeniman

-Emma Broeniman

-June Lehr

-Ron Buser

-Allison Moc

-Johnnie Jacobson

-Julia Radloff

-Griffin Clark

-Rev. Stan Christensen

-Harriet Eikland

-Lois Bendall

-Cheryl Rude\*

-Judy Jacobson\*

-Lisa Sperle\*

### **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:

Zach Hromatko and 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.)

## ~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.*

**Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you!** Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

**Bible Study on James has begun!** We meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am and another group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm . The same study will be on both Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings to provide opportunity for people available during day or night to attend. All are welcome to join at anytime.

**Habitat for Humanity** Stewardship is seeking donations for the Habitat for Humanity Summer Faith Build project! Donations can be enclosed in special envelopes provided in the Narthex. Simply drop these envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line that it is for the Habitat Home!

**Graduate Recognition Sunday May 29th** On Sunday May 29th during our 9:00 a.m. worship service we would like to recognize all of our members who will be graduating from high school this year. We would also like to recognize all our members who have graduated from college in the past six months or who will be graduating this spring. **We would appreciate it if the graduating students or their parents would notify the office** of those who are graduating, including from what high school or college. We would also like to know who of our graduates will be able to attend worship on May 29th when this recognition will take place. Thank you, in advance, for contacting us! 608-423-3017

**Attendance Report for: last Sunday, April 24: 89**

**Sunday, April 17: 123**

**Sunday, April 10: 75**

**Sunday, April 3: 96**

