



Sunday, May 14, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Worship Plan for Sunday, May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter / ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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 you

and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen.

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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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR *Soon and Very Soon*

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the 7th chapter of Acts.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

A: ¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame; deliver me | in your righteousness.

C: ²**Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

A: ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

C: ⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

A: ⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

C: ¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

A: ¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The word of the Lord.

C:4 Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW 816

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A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Show us your ways. Teach us your truth. Enliven us in mission. Keep us from discord. Lead us to unity for the sake of the gospel...

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFORTORY

ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.
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

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.**

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

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COMMUNION HYMN *You Are the Way*

ELW 758

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 494

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ELW 836

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider~ Rev. Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis

Lector ~ Vicki Schuh

Acolytes ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Karly Lewellin

Greeters ~ Bob & Lynette Swenson

Ushers ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Peace Circle

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

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Coffee Hour** ~ 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. **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...

-Elizabeth* -Kevin Porter -Karen Hayes

- For Doug Ganz and family as they grieve the loss of Doug's mother.

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.)

~Attendance Report~

May 7: 120

April 30: 80

April 23, 2017: 63

April 16, Easter 9am: 153

April 16, Sunrise: 84

~ Treasurer's Report~

In March Expenses exceeded Income by \$2,800. Larger bills included repair items dealing with the well. General Offerings were \$250 less than March 2016 and were \$6,167 less than the budget goal for March. To date, Income is trailing Expenses by \$23,000.

~Announcements~

Graduate Recognition is next Sunday, May 21st, during our 9:00 a.m. worship service. We would appreciate it if the graduating students or their parents would notify the office, 608-423-3017, of those who are graduating, including from what high school or college and if they will attend the Graduate Recognition.

Join us for Food Fellowship and Fun Monday June 5th at 11:30!

Save the date: FIRESIDE CHRISTIAN FISH FRY, Tuesday, August 8, 2017, Matinee--Southern Raised

CD Player's Annual Dessert Show Sat. May 20th at 6:30pm and Sun. May 21st at 2:00pm at the Deerfield Elementary School. Concert tickets are \$10, include dessert and must be purchased in advance from any Bel Canto choir member or by calling Judy at 608-239-6948 or Deanne at 608-212-0672. Bleacher tickets are available for \$5 at the door (these seats do not include dessert)

Worship at the UPPER CHURCH May 28, 2017!

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Upper Church is moving forward! Eight people have signed up to be on the committee and we have already met to share ideas on how we can make the special service on August 20th an enjoyable event for everyone. We will, of course, have some expenses to meet. If you would like to make a donation towards those expenses, please designate it as "125th donation" in the memo line of your check. Thank you very much for considering donating.

SYNOD'S SECOND ANNUAL STEEPLE-TO-STEPPLE BIKE RIDE FOR HUNGER! The ride will be **Saturday, June 24**. See details at <http://www.scswwide.com/>. We have kept registration rates the same, and will not be charging your processing fees, but are encouraging riders to make **extra donations** to support this worthy cause when signing up. All routes are again starting and finishing at All Saints Lutheran Church in Fitchburg. The courses will be similar, with some minor tweaks. This is a great family event! Invite your youth and family groups to participate in this worthwhile event to help end hunger! **We hope to see you pedaling for world hunger June 24! Register or donate today at <https://scsw.eventbrite.com/>**

~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.

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:00am	Choir Practice
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Choir

Monday, May 15, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

8:00am - 12:00pm	Office Closed
8:45am- 11:15am	Staff event at Midvale Community Lutheran
1pm-3pm	Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

10:00am	Bible Study
1:00pm	Pastor's Meeting at EKLC

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:00am	Men's Breakfast
9:00am	Pastor Text Study

Friday, May 19, 2017

June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 21, 2017

8:00am	Choir Practice
9:00am	Worship, Graduate Recognition Sunday Mancheski Baptism
10:00am	Coffee Hour hosted by Worship Committee
10:00am	Stewardship Meeting (note date change)