



Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Worship Plan for Sunday, May 21, 2017

Sixth 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.

GATHERING SONG *The Day of Resurrection!*

ELW 361

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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

L: A reading from the seventeenth chapter of Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

A: ⁸Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.

C: ⁹**Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

A: ¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

C: ¹¹**You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

A: ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through
fire and water, but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

C: ¹³**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

A: ¹⁴those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

C: ¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the |
smoke of rams;**

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

A: ¹⁶Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

C: ¹⁷**I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

A: ¹⁸If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

C: ¹⁹**but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

A: ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

L: A reading from the third chapter of 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclama-

tion to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Loving Spirit*

ELW 397

HOLY BAPTISM

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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. Draw your whole church together as one. Bring an end to division. Send your Spirit into your people and rouse us to greater love and mission...

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/OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* 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.

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.

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

SHARING OF HOLY 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

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COMMUNION HYMN *Borning Cry*

ELW 732

COMMUNION HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW 462

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.

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES

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 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

ELW 848

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 ~ Carolyn Lien **Lector** ~ Holly Loomis

Acolytes ~ Alyssa Woodley & Ilsa Lund

Greeters ~ Brian & Brittany Rosenthal

Ushers ~ Paul & Lori Olson, Ruth Bovre & Wilma Furseth

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Communion Assistants ~ Brenda Schroeder & Jane Furseth

Musician ~ Andrew Severson **Audio Ministry** ~ Hilary Terland

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Coffee Hour ~ Worship Committee **Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

Altar Flowers ~ In honor of Baptism of Chase Matthew Mancheski &
Kurt and Barb Klemp's 40th Wedding Anniversary. God Bless you!



Today we welcome into Holy Baptism:
Chase Matthew Mancheski
Parents ~ Matthew and Lauren Mancheski
Sponsors ~ Jessica Reinstad
Monika Nischik

~2017 Graduates ~

Today we recognized EKLC 2017 High School Graduates:
Katie Dieckhoff, Noah Furseth, Amelia Gunnelson,
Andrew Severson, Thomas Stach, and Emily Zahn

College Graduates:
Hannah Kaare, Luther College
Emma Stolen, University of Indianapolis

~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

-Gary

-Kevin Porter

-Karen Hayes

-Lyle Walheim

-Bishop Mary Froiland*

-Ryan Redford*

-Sharon Chapman*

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 14: 68

May 7: 120

April 30: 80

April 23, 2017: 63

~ 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~

Today is Graduate Recognition! Graduating Seniors will be recognized during worship today with a Graduates Blessing. Following worship join us in Friendship Hall as have fellowship together in their honor with refreshments and cake.

Worship at the UPPER CHURCH Next Sunday, May 28, 2017!

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)

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Upper Church is moving forward! The 125th Committee are meeting 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-STEEPLE 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 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 Committee Meeting
- 10:00am 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for our people
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

- 11am-2pm Pastor's Leadership Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2017

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly (Volunteers Appreciated)
- 9:00am Pastor Text Study
- 6:00pm Property Meeting
- 6:30pm Church Council

Sunday, May 28, 2017

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship at Upper Church, Choir Concert