



Sunday, May 31, 2015

9:00am

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The Holy Trinity

First Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We have thought better of ourselves than others.

We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. *Brief silence* Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

A: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

A: ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

A: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

A: ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C: ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

A: ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

A: ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 3:1–17

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Special message (by DVD) from Bishop Mary Froiland

CREED

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: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence. Holy God, you dwell in the church by your life-giving Spirit. Inspire the newly baptized, empower church leaders, and renew all of us for service in Christ's name...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

ELW 802

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Attendance Report for last Sunday, May 24, 2015: 66

Attendance for Sunday, May 17, 2015: 72

Attendance for Sunday, May 10, 2015: 162

Attendance for Easter Sunday, May 3, 2015: 127

~Worship Leaders~

Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh

Lector ~ Arvid Mathison **Acolyte** ~ Kody Lewellin

Greeter ~ Jocie Georgeson

Ushers ~ Roger & Taylor Evenson and Tom & Trudy Spike

Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Scott Nottestad

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

~Prayers~

Synod Assembly May 30th & 31st.

Please pray for all those attending this year's South-Central Synod Assembly, Pastor Brenda Lovick, as well as our voting members Kurt and Barb Klemp. Thank you to all of them for representing EKLC as they attend the assembly.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

-For the people of Nepal who have been affected by the earthquake.

-For peace in Iran, Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

-Anbjorg Kaashagen

-Joy Borchardt

-Ruth Jacobson

-Margie Martin Erickson

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday.

Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Prayer requests week May 24, 2015. *Denotes new/changed request.

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, May 31, 2015

9:00am Worship at Lower Church
10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle
Synod Assembly at Marriott Hotel & Convention Center in Middleton, WI

Thursday, June 4, 2015

9:00am Pin & Sew
12:00pm Potluck
1:00pm Meeting
1:30pm Bible Study

Sunday, June 7, 2015

9:00am Worship

~Announcements~

***VISITORS** – We are happy to welcome you among us to share Christian worship and fellowship! We invite you to identify yourself as a visitor to an usher so that s/he may offer you a packet of information about our church.*

We will be grateful if you will fill out a communion card and hand it to an usher as you share the Holy Communion with us today. Please join us at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to “come and eat”!

If you have prayer requests or questions, please write on the back of the communion card. We pray God’s blessings for you as we continue our life’s pilgrimage.

In the event of a pastoral emergency while Pastor Brenda Lovick is on vacation June 2-8, please contact Pastor Holly Slater at 608-609-0548. If you would like to contact Pastor Brenda regarding a non-emergency, you may leave a message for her at 608-616-5085, and she will respond to you after June 8.

Comment cards have been placed in the card slots in each pew. We invite any comments that people want to share – good or bad (e.g. new idea; suggestions; things you like/don’t like; items that need to be fixed, etc.) All comments will be reviewed by the Council.

FACEBOOK PAGE – Please “Like” us on East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Facebook!

Recognition of Graduates has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 21, 2015. On Sunday June 21st 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 June 21st when this recognition will take place.