



SO ABRAHAM
CALLED
THAT PLACE
"THE LORD
WILL
PROVIDE."

GENESIS 22:14, NRSV

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

**Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,**

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

☩ God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW 781**

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. God of promise, You stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life.

C: Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

A: ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;

C: ⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

A: ¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

C: ¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

A: ¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

C: ¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD. R

UNDERSTANDING GENESIS

ACCLAMATION

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THE READING: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Chapter 21

¹The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

Chapter 22

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW 759

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

C: **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: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation...

A brief silence.

A: Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community (*here specific local congregations may be named*). Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: ...Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (New Melody) ELW 182*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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.

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: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

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 *Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW 462

COMMUNION HYMN *Come to the Table*

ELW 481

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW 631

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~*Worship Leaders*~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Michael Stuve

Lector ~ Peggy Luther **Greeter** ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison

Acolytes ~ Caleb Wipperfurth & Karly Lewellin

Ushers ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Holly Loomis

Communion Assistants ~ Jane Furseth & Carroll Ehrke

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Nursery ~ Natasha Amundson

Offering Counters ~ Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Church Lock-up** ~ Gloria Fruit

Coffee Hour ~ Hilary Terland & Lindsay Baker

~*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 Lindsay Stolen.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Kevin Porter

-Lyle Walheim

-Justin Bloomer

-Sharon Chapman

-Bryan Porter

-Lois Zerkle

-Jack

-Brent Bergholz

-Alma Houfe

-Rigby*

-June Lehr*

~*Attendance Report*~

September 10: 111

September 3: 66

August 27: 64

August 20: 309

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

- For those in Texas, Florida and anywhere else being affected by the hurricanes.
- 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. 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.)

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, September 17, 2017

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Hilary Terland & Lindsay Baker
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation
- 10:30am Mutual Ministry

Monday, September 18, 2017

- Pastor's Day Off
- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

- OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-1pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- 1:30pm Pastors Meeting at Hope Lutheran, McFarland
- 6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, September 21, 2017

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast
- 6:00pm Property
- 6:30pm Church Council

Sunday, September 24, 2017

- 9:00am Worship, Colt Baker Baptism
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Peace Circle
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Announcements~

Join the choir! The EKLC choir invites you to sing with us. All voices are welcome and needed as we continue our music ministry that has served this congregation for decades. Practice is at 8 A.M. on the second and fourth Sunday of each month as we sing for the 9 A.M. service. Any questions you have please call the church office at 423-3017 or Vicki Schuh at 423-4006.

Do you enjoy decorating? We are looking for an individual/group/or committee to handle the seasonal decorating of the church to include the narthex/sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We have a very nice supply of seasonal items available for your use. If you like to decorate, this is a great volunteer job for you! Please contact the church office with additional questions or to sign up! Thank you !!!!

Just a reminder to bring in your Cambridge Piggly Wiggly grocery store receipts! A can to collect them is in the narthex. **Remember you need to use your Piggly Wiggly card when checking out for EKLC to receive credit! Thank you!!**

New Member Meeting on October 1 Pastor Brenda would like to offer new member meetings on a quarterly basis. This is an introductory meeting about what we believe as Lutherans and how we live out our faith at East Koshkonong. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member, please invite them to this meeting and join them in helping them discern if EKLC is right for them. It's a no commitment conversation, but they can commit if they would like to. And remember, most of our visitors do not likely receive the newsletter, so it's important to tell them by word of mouth. We will meet on Sunday, October 1 at 10:45am. More information to come.

Help for Hurricane Harvey

Lutheran Disaster Response is our Lutheran organization that will be offering rescue and relief for Hurricane Harvey victims and survivors. 100% of your donation through LDR will go directly to the people in need. **If you would like to give a donation to LDR through East Koshkonong, please write a check to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church with "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the memo line.** We will collect offerings and donations through September.

If you are a Thrivent member, please consider applying for a grant to go to Lutheran Disaster Response on behalf of EKLC. Members of EKLC have already raised \$500 through Thrivent grants. You may talk to Pastor Brenda about how to apply for a grant.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HURRICANE HARVEY

SEPTEMBER 2017

ELCA.org/disaster

Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on Aug. 25, 2017, and was one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. The road to recovery will be long, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response - United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response, U.S.* \$ _____ DDG0073

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____ DDG0060

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Email Address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Write "*Hurricane Response, United States*" or "*Lutheran Disaster Response*" on your check's memo line.



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