



*“Surely the
LORD is in
this place.”*

Genesis 28:16

Sunday, September 24, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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September 24, 2017

16th 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.

*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. Loving God,
Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with
dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us
ability to follow our dreams.

C: Amen.

CHOIR *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power. R**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R**

UNDERSTANDING GENESIS

ACCLAMATION

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THE READING: Genesis 27: 1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Chapter 27

¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." ²He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. ³Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. ⁴Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

¹⁵Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; ¹⁶and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. ¹⁷Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

¹⁸So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" ¹⁹Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." ²⁰But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." ²²So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." ²³He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

Chapter 28

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have

done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW 800

HOLY BAPTISM

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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: Let us pray for the church and its ministry. Unite us in one Spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the 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*

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 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 *Just As I Am, without One Plea* ELW 592

COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life* ELW 515

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807**

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Holly Loomis
Lector ~ Ann Nottestad **Greeter** ~ Harriet Eikland
Acolytes ~ Meta Wescott & Ilsa Lund
Ushers ~ Wilma Furseth, Ruth Bovre, Paul & Lori Olson
Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Judy Taylor & Jackie Zahn
Communion Assistants ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison
Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh
Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen
Offering Counters ~ Carroll Ehrke & Joy Graffin
Audio Ministry ~ Hilary Terland **Church Lock-up** ~ Judy Rusch
Coffee Hour ~ Peace Circle

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

Monday, September 25, 2017

Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

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

Thursday, September 28, 2017

9:00am Newsletter Assembly

Sunday, October 1, 2017

9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation



Today we welcome into Holy Baptism:

Colt Alan Baker

Parents ~ Brian and Lindsay Baker

Sponsors ~ Ryan and Hilary Terland

~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...

-Kevin Porter

-Lyle Walheim

-Justin Bloomer

-Sharon Chapman

-Bryan Porter

-Alma Houfe

-Rigby

-June Lehr

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

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

-For those affected by the forest fires in the west.

-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.)

~Announcements~

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.

Piggly Wiggly Receipts 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!!**

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.

~Attendance Report~

September 17:	75
September 10:	111
September 3:	66
August 27:	64

Weekly Offerings Report

	September Goal to meet Budget	September Offerings to - Date
9/10/17 Offerings	\$ 19,340.98	\$ 7,169.70
\$ 2,475.10		

Weekly Offerings Report

	September Goal to meet Budget	September Offerings to - Date
9/17/17 Offerings	\$ 19,340.98	\$ 9,598.42
\$ 2,428.72		

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

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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