



Sunday, September 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, September 03, 2017

13th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

**Indicates Congregation to stand as you are able*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: ¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

A: ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

C: ²Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.

A: ³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

C: ⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R**

A: ⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

C: ⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

A: ⁷singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

C: ⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

L: A reading from Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the

needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* ELW 808

*APOSTLES' CREED

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

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: We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. 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.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

***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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW 473 3X

COMMUNION HYMN *We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW 479**

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** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick **Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison

Lector ~ Holly Loomis **Greeter** ~ Wilma Furseth

Acolytes ~ Emma Nottestad & Meta Wescott

Ushers ~ Curt & Linda Hanson, Lane & Judy Taylor

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Peace Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Joanne Gyland & Jean Lehr

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson or Brenda Schroeder

Offering Counters ~ Jean Lehr & Leila Carl

Audio Ministry ~ Bonnie Ehrke **Church Lock-up** ~ Holly Loomis

Coffee Hour ~ Holly & Maggie Loomis

~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

-Belva Anderson

-Jack

-Verdal Anderson

-Brent Bergholz

-The grieving families of Keith Morrison and James Weihert (James is the father of Debbie Bergholz)

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. 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~

EKLC hosts Cambridge Café: Our church will be hosting the Cambridge Community Meal at the Cambridge High School on Thursday, September 7th. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30, but we need volunteers to help set up starting at 3:45. If you are able to help make food, set up, or serve, we could really use your help. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Rally Sunday AND God's work. Our hands. is Sunday September 10th!

125th: There will be a meeting of the 125th Anniversary Committee on Sunday, September 3, following church services. We will plan to meet in Friendship Hall.

The Committee is putting together a scrapbook and other items to commemorate the event. If you have copies of the articles that were in the Cambridge News and/or the Edgerton Reporter that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the church office.

Confirmation: All confirmation students and their parents are asked to attend an informational and question-and-answer meeting about confirmation on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00pm. Confirmation classes will be Sundays during Sunday school and Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Please bring the paperwork to this meeting that you received in the mail. We have a fun and full year planned for you this year! Please talk to Pastor Brenda or Ann Nottestad if you have any questions or concerns.

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. Starting on September 10th, we begin our practices 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 !!!!

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, September 3, 2017

- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Holly & Maggie Loomis
- 10:30am Stewardship Meeting
- 10:30am 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting in Friendship Hall

Monday, September 4, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

- 1:00pm Pastors Meeting at Hope Lutheran, McFarland
- 6:00pm Confirmation Meeting for parents and students
- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2017

- 3:45pm Cambridge Community Café Setup
- 5:30-6:30pm Cambridge Community Café Meal

Saturday, September 9, 2017

- 9am-3pm Synod CONNECT Retreat

Sunday, September 10, 2017

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. RALLY SUNDAY

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by EKL Youth
- 10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Attendance Report~

August 27: 64
 August 20: 309
 August 13: 86
 August 6: 58

Weekly Offerings Report

	August	
8/27/17 Offerings	Goal to meet Budget	August Offerings
\$ 1,256.56	\$ 18,552.03	\$ 16,854.40

~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.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Please stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast as we begin the long road to recovery.

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.

Next week is "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday. Please bring change and coins as we will have the youth collect a "noisy offering" during worship for the hurricane relief.