



*Sunday, September 6, 2015*

*9:00am*

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***Sunday, September 6, 2015***  
***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Holy Communion***

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose name is majestic in all the earth,  
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,  
who does all things well.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and saving God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess to you all the ways**

**we turn from you and harm one another.**

**In your compassion,**

**forgive our sins and heal our hurts.**

**Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,**

**the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,**

**the sheaves of wisdom and justice;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P:** In the name of ✠ Jesus, the Son of God,  
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your transgressions are forgiven;

God's love is healing balm for your wounds.

Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**    *We Praise You, O God (KREMSER)*                      **ELW 870**

**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. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

FIRST READING *(Isaiah 35:4-7a)*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(Psalm 146)*

**A:** <sup>1</sup> Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

**C:** <sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

**A:** <sup>3</sup> Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**C:** <sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

**A:** <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**C:** <sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

**A:**<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger. The LORD sets the | captive free.

**C:**<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down; the LORD | loves the righteous.**

**A:**<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

**C:**<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall | reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING**      (*James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17*)

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**      *(Mark 7:24-37)*

**P:** The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **TIME FOR CHILDREN**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Healer of Our Every Ill*

***ELW 612***

## 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:** With confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God, we pray for the church. Give it the courage to translate faith into action. Guide the hands and feet of the faithful to answer the needs so abundant in this world.

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** ...Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*ELW 184*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

God gives food to those who hunger.

Come, be fed, be healed.

## 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW 772

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Argentine): Santo, santo, santo*

ELW 473 3X

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God,  
 that you welcome us to your table  
 and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst.  
 By your gifts of word and holy meal,  
 strengthen us to take up the cross  
 as we go about our callings in this world,  
 following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

**P:** Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers *in their homes/in prisons/in hospitals*. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:  
 The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW 536

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ~*Worship Leaders*~

**Pastor** ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

**Assisting Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison

**Lector** ~ Sabra Jacobson **Acolyte** ~ Kody Lewellin & Autumn Evenson

**Greeter** ~ John & Bobbie Rawinski

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

**Communion Set-up/take-down** ~ Light Circle

**Communion Assistants** ~ Emily Zahn & Judy Taylor

**Offering Counters** ~ Jean Carlson, Eric & Cheryl Nuenthel

**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson

**Fellowship Hour** ~ Amundson Family

## ~*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.**

\*Denotes new/changed request.

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (*see calendar*)

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

-Please keep the families of Wendy Hagen\* and Delbert Swain in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.

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

-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, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, Joe Janness. 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.)*

### **Healing and health concerns...**

-Anbjorg Kaashagen

-Joy Borchardt

-Ruth Jacobson

-Sonja Christensen

-John Pritchard

-Linda Melton

-Lyle Walheim\*

-Dennis Graffin\*

## *~Calendar of Events~*

### **Sunday, September 6, 2015**

9:00am           Worship

10:00am        Fellowship Coffee Hour hosted by Amundson Family

### **Monday, September 7, 2015**

OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY LABOR DAY

### **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

9:00am           Staff Meeting

9:00am           Peace Circle @ Eileen Hoehn's home

10:00am         Prayers For Our People

10:30am-1:30pm   Pastor's Office Hours\*

5:30pm           Education Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm           Confirmation Class

### **Thursday, September 10, 2015**

9:00am           Pastor's Text Study

11:00am         Clergy Conference Meeting

### **Sunday, September 13, 2015**

9:00am           Worship

10:00am         Fellowship Coffee Hour Host Needed

10:15am         Sunday School

\*Pastor's office hours may change due to pastoral needs. She is always available at other times by appointment.

## ~Announcements~

*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.*

**RALLY SUNDAY** EKLC is looking forward to a new and exciting Sunday School year! Join us in our kick-off on Rally day September 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning with worship at 9am, followed by fellowship and fun activities in the education wing! This day marks the beginning of our education programs. Registration forms can be found on our website: <http://www.eastkoshkonong.org/>, in the narthex and will be available on Rally day. It will include a special Children's sermon that will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks (for all children young and old)**. All are invited to bring their backpacks, handbags, brief cases etc. See you in church!

**EKLC is seeking a Sunday School Teacher** Please contact Sabra Jacobson for more information or questions 608-312-3202

**Please join the EKLC choir!** Next rehearsal is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am. All are welcome!

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

**LWR Kits** EKLC is collecting donations for LWR School Kits Collection boxes and supply lists are in the Narthex. We are blessed to be a blessing!

**EKL Youth Group** - September 27 at 11 am/after Sunday School. Lunch will be provided, we'll have a meeting and play games throughout the church! Everyone 6-12 grades are welcome! Bring a friend!

**Confirmation Class** - Confirmation will meet September 9 at 6:00pm - meeting to officially sign up and have meet n greet games. September 16 - first class. We'll be meeting every Sunday school hour and Wednesday night for an hour. Pastor's promise - we will have a blast!

**Book Study September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm** Pastor Brenda said earlier this summer that she wants to start a fall book study on understanding racism and privilege in our society. Anyone who is interested in this topic, please join in for an at-most hour-long introductory meeting on September 23 at 5:00 pm. We will take a look at the book *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. For questions about this or if you'd like to join but this time does not work, please contact Pastor Brenda.

**Shoe boxes needed for College Care Packages.** Please bring your extra shoe boxes in to the EKLC Narthex for the Confirmation Class, as they will once again assemble Care Packages to send to College Students.

### ~Weekly Reports~

**Attendance Report for last Sunday, August 30, 2015: 59**

**Attendance for Sunday, August 23, 2015: 128**

**Attendance for Sunday, August 16, 2015: 100**

**Attendance for Sunday August 9, 2015: 63**

<b>Weekly Offerings Report</b>		
8/30/15 Offerings	August Goal to meet Budget	August Total Offerings
\$ 1,435.00	\$ 12,926.84	\$ 16,294.41