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Sunday, September 4, 2016

16th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

C: we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ✠ Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

A: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

C: ²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching | day and night.**

A: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.

C: ⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

A: ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

C: ⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands as able to welcome the gospel.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

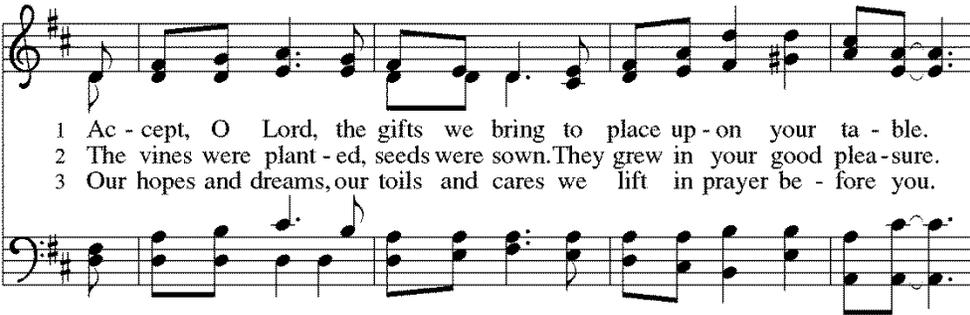
The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

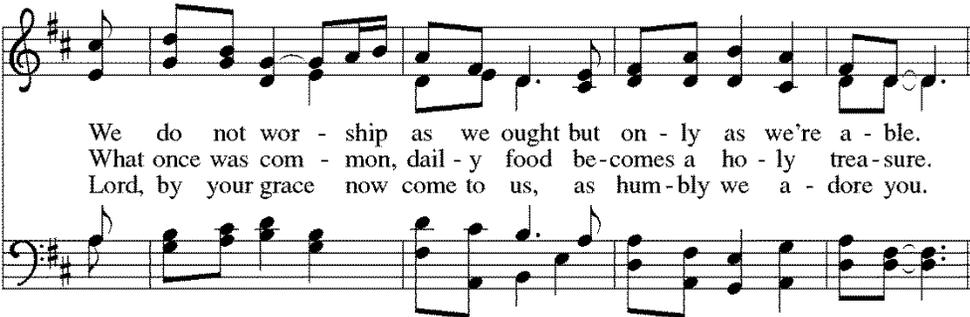
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church we 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

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace the assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory.

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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.

Amen.

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.**

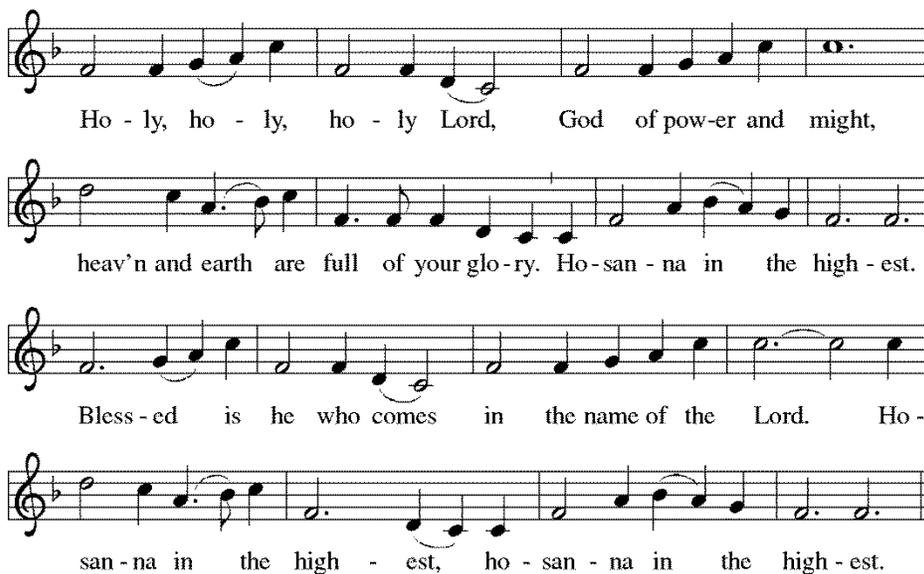
PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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 SONG *Lamb of God*

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN *Take My Life, That I May Be*

LBW 406

COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life*

LBW 235

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We come again to you, O God,
 giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
 you have embraced us and healed us,
 making us one in the body of Christ.
 Go with us on our way.
 Equip us for every good work,
 that we may continue to give you thanks
 by embracing others with mercy and healing;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick
Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Karen Hayes
Acolytes ~ Erika Lund & Isaiah Long
Greeter ~ Karen Hayes
Ushers ~ Dennis & Judy Lund Family
Communion Set up/Take down ~ Joy Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad
Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit
Musician ~ Andrew Severson
Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson Or Brenda Schroeder
Church Lock-up ~ Gloria Fruit

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, September 4, 2016

9:00am Worship at the upper church

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:30am -3:30pm Habitat Build
8:30am Staff Meeting
9:30am Prayers for Our People
10:00am Bible Study
11am-2pm Pastor's Office Hours

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:30am -3:30pm Habitat Build

Sunday, September 11, 2016

9:00am Worship, Rally Sunday
Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
10:00am Coffee Hour

~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 Jens Notstad.

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

-Raymond Lund* -Sharon Chapman -Kathy Bergholz
-The grieving family of Rose Robinson. (Rose is Pam Lund's mother and Ashley Furseth's grandmother)

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: 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.)

Attendance Report:

Sunday, August 28: 69
Sunday, August 21: 73
Sunday, August 14: 101
Sunday, August 7: 86

Treasurer's Report

Weekly Offerings Report			<i>July summary: Income exceeded Expenses by \$2,600! Most likely due to July having five Sundays. Income also exceeded budget goal for July by \$2,092.92. Income year-to-date is \$19,025.20 more than for the same time last year. General Offerings year-to-date are currently trailing to meet the 2016 budget by \$11,705.94.</i>
	August Goal to meet "Full-Time" Budget	August Offerings	
8/28/16 Offerings	\$ 15,269.13	\$ 13,831.00	
\$ 3,386.00			

~Announcements~

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 6pm in the Council Room.

Acolyte Training Sunday, September 18th immediately following Sunday School meet for about 30 minutes.

BUDGET REQUESTS DUE All organizations and committees of EKLC are invited to submit budget requests in to the Church office by **October 1, 2016** for the 2017 EKLC Budget. Please include a brief summary of what is to be included in this budget line item. Thank you.

Audio Ministry Help needed recording worship services. Did you know each worship service is recorded and sent to our homebound members? This is an important ministry, and we need help! Many hands make light work. If you are interested and gifted in using recording technology, please talk to Karen Hayes or Pastor Brenda.

EKLC gets funds for 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.

Thank you to all who have directed your Thrivent Choice dollars to EKLC!

If you're a Thrivent member and would like to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to EKLC contact your Thrivent Representative.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity Next Habitat build dates are: 9/6, 9/10, 11/12.

Choir It is time for EKLC choir to resume. We are looking for new members as well as our returning members. **Please consider joining us--we need you! The next rehearsal is at 8am September 11th.**

Adult Bible Study will resume this fall on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:am beginning with 1 & 2 Corinthians. Sign up sheet is in Narthex.

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~Sermon Notes~