



**Sunday, October 25, 2026**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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Sermon One with Children

**Gathering Hymn-** The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot  
free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.  
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Choir- Love Lifted Me

### First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:<sup>2</sup> “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup> You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup> “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalms 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>|</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>|</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law <sup>|</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching <sup>|</sup> day and night. R**

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

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so <sup>|</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>|</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>|</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>|</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way <sup>|</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>|</sup> be destroyed. R**

## **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46**

**P:** The holy gospel according to **Matthew 22: 34-46**

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

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?”

<sup>45</sup> “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions

**P:** The gospel of the Lord

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

## Sermon Two

### Hymn of the Day Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain *especially* Marlene, Ron, Danelle, Judy, Mary Lou, Lisa, Landon, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Robert, Karen, Terry, Pat, Wilma and the family of Lori Gunnelson. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

## **Noisy Offering-For Sunday School Mission Project for ELCA World Hunger**

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**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.

## **Words of Institution**

**P:** 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, 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.

**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**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

## **Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**P:** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## **Sending Song All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! #634**

## **Dismissal**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

## **Thanks be to God**

## Calendar

**Wednesday, October 28**

5:30p.m. Worship

6:30p.m. Confirmation

**Sunday, November 1, 2026**

9:00a.m. All Saints Worship Service

Sunday School kids sing

9:40a.m Fellowship & Bingo

### Announcements

**We are glad you joined us!** We hope that you will experience the good news in mind, body, and spirit s we pray, listen, sing and share the peace of Christ and the meal of Holy Communion. You are invited to worship in as many ways as you are comfortable and able.

In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates congregation's responses.

Our Worship Service will be live streamed on the internet.

**Please take a moment to fill out the communion card in the back of the pew or the one you were given.**

**The EKLC Health Ministry will have an AED refresher class immediately following church services today in Friendship Hall.**

**No medical background necessary.**

**See you then!**

EKLC once again will be participating with other local congregations in contributing to the Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets that are distributed through the Cambridge Food Pantry. This year, we will be collecting 50 20-ounce cans of apple pie filling and 50 cans of 30-ounce PIE READY pumpkin pie filling. Collection box will be in the Narthex through November 1.

***November 1, 2026, Sunday School Class Sings and Multi-generational Bingo after worship***

**GIVE PLUS**

**You may make a secure offering/donation to EKLC by following the directions below.** All donations are secured through Vanco. Thank you for your generous offering in this way! **Online giving directions**, you may set up recurring donations or make a one-time donation.

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Option 2: Download the GivePlus app on your smartphone for either Android or iOS. If needed, create an account with your email address. Sign into your account and search for "East Koshkonong Lutheran Church." Select the plus "+" sign and complete the form.