

Fourth



SUNDAY

IN LENT

*Sunday, April 3, 2011
9:00am*

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Welcome visitors! Thank you for taking the time to fill out the communion card provided by the ushers. We believe that the host of the meal provided during worship today is Christ. Christ invites everyone to this meal, saying, "This is for you for the forgiveness of sin." Echoing Christ, we invite everyone to this banquet. If you would like to receive deeper instruction in the Christian faith; if you desire to be baptized; or if you simply seek someone to pray with or for you, inquire of the pastor or indicate the need on the communion card. Grape juice is in the center ring of the communion tray.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Thank you for observing a time of reflection & silence
in the sanctuary prior to worship.*

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Hymn..... "God, Whose Almighty Word".....#673

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

By your gracious life and death for us,
bring light into the darkness of our hearts,
and anoint us with your Spirit,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

The Children's Choir.....

First Lesson1 Samuel 16:1-13

Spark NRSV Page 313-314, Pew Bible Page 226

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life
Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 23

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

- A:** ¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.
- C:** ²The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.
- A:** ³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.
- C:** ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.
- A:** ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.
- C:** ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.

Second Lesson.....Ephesians 5:8-14

Spark NRSV Page 1299, Pew Bible Page 951-952

Because we now live in the divine light that is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
 "Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "*We are turning*"Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....John 9:1-41

Spark NRSV Pg. 1183-1184, Pew Bible Pg. 871-872

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did

he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon.....Pastor Jim Schwarz
 Hymn..... *"As the Deer Runs to the River"*#331
 Apostles' Creed.....

**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.**

The Prayers of the Church.....

Assistant Minister: God of mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace.....

The Offering and Prayer.....

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 207

The Eucharistic Prayer.....

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Congregation: **Christ has died.**

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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Pastor: Grace our table with your presence.

Congregation: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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Pastor: Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.

Congregation: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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Pastor: O, God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer.....Page 208

Communion

The Lamb of God.....Page 208

*You are invited to sing the following hymn during the
distribution of Communion:*

"Come to the Table" #481 2X

Prayer after Communion.....

Assistant Minister : Merciful God,
accompany our journey through these forty days.

Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure
in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Blessing.....

Pastor: The blessed, holy Trinity
keep you in grace,
lead you in light,
and + give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Hymn..... "O God of Mercy, God of Light".....#714

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

Assistant Minister ~ Arvid Mathison

Lector ~ Trudy Spike

Acolytes ~ Katie Dieckhoff & Veronica Wipperfurth

Greeter ~ Ruth Bovre **Ushers** ~ Justice Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Justice Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Kathy Bergholz and Joy Graffin

Pianist~ Shelly Frank

Nursery ~ Sabra Jacobson & Brenda Schroeder

Coffee hour ~ Sunday School



Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers this morning
are in honor of
Eugene and Mary Lou Lund's
50th Anniversary on April 8th.
Happy Anniversary!!*

~ *Prayer Requests* ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

- Please keep the family of Ernest Kopp in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- For peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.
- For the people of Japan in the aftermath of the disaster there.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

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| -Scott Taylor | -Butch Bergholz | -Della Porter |
| -Eugene Lund | -Stephanie Lien | -Violet Jasensky |
| -Roxanne Wildes | -Earl Ellickson | -David Cooper |
| -Helena Osterbur | -Tony Hartwick | -Kim Badertscher |
| -Gloria Salov | | |

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.

Prayer requests week 3-27-2011.

*Denotes new/changed request



~ Announcements ~

- **Lutheran Men in Mission, Building Men for Christ Workshop:** Sat., May 21, 2011, 8:30am-5pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1145 North 5th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174. A one-day workshop to help church leaders develop a life-changing men's ministry for their congregation.
- **You are invited to worship at 6pm each Wednesday during Lent.** Posted in the narthex is the bulletin for the season, including scripture readings, sermon themes, and hymns. Take a look to see what awaits you at EKLC!
- **Rockdale Lutheran Church Sunday School Breakfast Fundraiser:** On Sunday, April 10th from 8am-noon the RLC Sunday School will be hosting a Breakfast to raise money for their Sunday School and The Cambridge Food Pantry. **Location:** Rockdale Lutheran Church **Menu:** Scrambled eggs, potato bake, sausage, Canadian bacon, pastries, juice, milk and coffee. **Cost:** advance \$6:00 for adults (\$8 @ the door) or ages 6-11 \$4.00 (\$6 @ at the door), age 5 and under are free. They will also be accepting non-perishable food items for the food pantry. For advance tickets call Staci Lein @ 608-332-8293.
- **Minute to Win It:** Sat., April 9 @ Grace Lutheran Church. Join other families from the community for this family-friendly evening of food, fun and fellowship. Dinner: 5pm-6pm Games: 6pm-7pm. Dinner will be potluck. Those with last names beginning A-M bring main dish, N-Z bring side dish or salad. Organized by the Family Focus Group: *consisting of members from West Koshkonong, East Koshkonong, Grace, Rockdale, and Liberty Churches, whose mission is to bring together families of faith within our community.* For more information contact Lisa Sperle 512-8543 or Mandi Buonincontro 770-2750.
- **Family Camping Weekend:** Join other families from the Cambridge Lutheran churches for a weekend of family camping at Yellowstone Lake State Park in Blanchardville, WI **August 12th-14th.** The park is 1.5 hours south-west from Cambridge and offers a multitude of activities. Three tent-only, group sites have been reserved to accommodate a total of 75 people. Space is limited. Signup your family today! For more information or to reserve your spot call Lisa Sperle @ 608-512-8543.
- **Gift Link: A Lenten Growth Experience.** Five sessions designed to help you discover meaningful life and service based on your God-given gifts. 6:30-8:00 P.M. Wednesdays following Lenten Worship: March 30th, April 6th and 13th. Sessions are for Youth and Adults and will include presentations, personal reflection exercises, small group sharing, prayer, and resources for you to use later at home. Participants will be seated at an intergenerational table for small group discussion. 6:30-7:00 Dinner with Your Small Group at tables in the Friendship Hall. 7:00-8:00 Large Group Presentation with Small Group Activities. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex, or you may register by calling the church office at 608-423-3017.
- **West Koshkonong Church Salad Luncheon: Sat., April 9 @ 12 noon.** Performance by J. Adam Shelton, Lyric Tenor and Kirstin Ihde, Piano: Presenting a mixed program of opera, musical theatre, art song, and spirituals. Tickets are \$9.00 (includes cookbook with recipes of featured salads/pies) Sold at Nordic Nook Stoughton or West Koshkonong Church office.

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, April 3, 2011

9:00am Worship

10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Sunday School

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

6:00pm Worship

Lenten Supper following worship hosted by Peace Circle. All proceeds will finance the Church Building Fund.

6:30-8:00pm Gift Link for adults & youth, Confirmation

Thursday, April 7, 2011

9:00am Pin & Sew

12:00pm Potluck

1:00pm WELCA Meeting

1:30pm Bible Study

Saturday, April 9, 2011

5:00pm-7pm Minute to Win It, Family Focus Group @ Grace Lutheran Church.

Sunday, April 10, 2011

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School

10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Church Council

LENTEN WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM



LENTEN SUPPERS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Lenten Supper Schedule:

April 6:

Hosted by Peace Circle

April 13:

All Congregation Potluck

*Please bring the following according to the first letter in your last name:

A-I ~ Salads; J-N ~ Desserts ; O-Z ~ Main Dishes

Please bring potluck items to kitchen prior to worship to keep warm or cool.