



***Sunday, February 27, 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.

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Hymn..... “Great Is Their Faithfulness”#733

Sharing of the Peace.....

Greeting.....Page 203

Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God”Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: God of tender care,
 like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children,
 and you know already what we need.
 In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts,
 that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

First LessonIsaiah 49:8-16a
Spark NRSV Page 790, Pew Bible Page 592

*The Lord shows motherly compassion for God's suffering people. Even if a nursing mother could under rare circumstances forget her child,
 God will never forget us.*

⁸Thus says the LORD:
 In a time of favor I have answered you,
 on a day of salvation I have helped you;
 I have kept you and given you
 as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,
 to apportion the desolate heritages;
⁹saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"
 to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."
 They shall feed along the ways,
 on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;
¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
 neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,
 for he who has pity on them will lead them,
 and by springs of water will guide them.
¹¹And I will turn all my mountains into a road,
 and my highways shall be raised up.
¹²Lo, these shall come from far away,
 and lo, these from the north and from the west,
 and these from the land of Syene.
¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
 break forth, O mountains, into singing!
 For the LORD has comforted his people,
 and will have compassion on his suffering ones.
¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
 my LORD has forgotten me."
¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child,
 or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
 Even these may forget,
 yet I will not forget you.
¹⁶See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 131

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹O LORD, I am not proud; I have no ¹ haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters,

or with things that are too ¹ hard for me.

C: ²**But I still my soul and make it quiet,**

like a child upon its ¹ mother's breast;

my soul is quiet- ¹ ed within me.

A: ³O Israel, wait up- ¹ on the LORD,

from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.

Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Spark NRSV Page 1263, Pew Bible Page 928

We are servants and stewards of Christ whose primary responsibility is to be trustworthy. We do not stand over others as their judge, but we stand under Christ to whom we will be held accountable.

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "*Alleluia*"Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Matthew 6:24-34

Spark Story Bible Pg. 276, Spark NRSV Pg. 1065, Pew Bible Pg. 787

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to trust in God rather than material wealth.

²⁴No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more

clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon..... “Known and Not Forgotten ”.....Intern Miranda Hinrichs

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.**

Hymn..... “All Depends On Our Possessing”.....#589

The Prayers of the Church.....

Assistant Minister: let us pray,

Congregation: have mercy, O God.

The Offering.....

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: We look with hope for his coming.

Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus.

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Pastor: Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit.

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Pastor: Power of the Most High, one God, 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:*

“Children of the Heavenly Father” #781

Post Communion Prayer.....

Assistant Minister : Ever-faithful God,
you have taken us again into your arms
and nourished us as your dear children.

Lead us and guide us,
that we may share our bread and your healing light
with those who hunger and thirst,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing.....

Pastor: God the Father, the Majestic Glory;
God the Son, the Morning Star;
and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
bless you and + grant you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Hymn..... *“Now Thank We All Our God”*.....#840

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~*Worship Assistants*~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz
Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs
Assistant Minister ~ Carolyn Lien
Lector ~ Arvid Mathison
Acolytes ~ Steven DeForest & Carson Kaashagen
Greeter ~ Marge Stach **Ushers** ~ Obedience Circle
Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Jean Carlson & Bea Householder
Communion Assistants ~ Joanne Gyland & Karen Hayes
Organist ~ Judy Rusch
Coffee hour ~ Steadfast Circle

~*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 Mel Melton in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
-For peace in Afghanistan and Iraq and among all the nations of the world.

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...

-Payton Mancheski	-Scott Taylor	-Butch Bergholz*
-Eugene Lund	-Stephanie Lien	-Deb Kelter
-Roxanne Wildes	-Earl Ellickson	-Willard Scheel*
-Ann Courtier*		

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 2-20-2011. *Denotes new/changed request

In case of severe weather, you may contact the following resources to learn about cancellations at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

*church office @ 423-3017 (A message will be left on the office answering system as soon as a cancellation is made)

*web site, www.eastkoshkonong.org

~*Daily Scripture Readings*~

Monday ~ Psalm 104, Deuteronomy 32:1-14, Hebrews 10:32-39

Tuesday ~ Psalm 104, 1 Kings 17:1-16, 1 Corinthians 4:6-21

Wednesday ~ Psalm 104, Isaiah 66:7-13, Luke 12:22-31

Thursday ~ Psalm 2, Exodus 6:2-9, Hebrews 8:1-7

Friday ~ Psalm 2, Exodus 19:9b-25, Hebrews 11:23-28

Saturday ~ Psalm 2, 1 Kings 21:20-29, Mark 9:9-13

~ *Announcements* ~

- **Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the Wednesday night Lenten Meal on March 30. Contact the church office to sign up!! Thank you.**
- **2011 Offering Envelopes:** Please review the offering envelopes remaining in the narthex and help East Koshkonong in their distribution. Perhaps you see one from a family member, neighbor, or friend that hasn't been able to attend worship. If you have any questions please call the church office or contact a council member. Thank you.
- **Join us for a study of Ephesians Sunday mornings during Epiphany!** We will meet today & next Sunday from 10:30 to 11:15am. Come be refreshed and encouraged as we reflect on God's Extraordinary Church by reading God's Word.
- **Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?** A Community GriefShare, grief recovery support group will start meeting on Thursdays beginning February 24th at 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Cambridge at Willerup Methodist Church. GriefShare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics and is open to the community. For additional information see the flyer in the narthex and/or contact Gary Friesen at 423-4037.
- **Attention High School Youth!!** Sundays at EKLC! Come join in on the fun Sunday evenings! Next gathering: **Is TONIGHT at 6pm!** Feel free to invite friends! Bring yourself, your questions, and \$3 to chip in for pizza. Contact Intern Miranda @ 423-3017 or Scott Zahn @ 423-9845 for questions and/or more information.

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, February 27, 2011

9:00am **Worship**
10:15am **Sunday School**
10:15am **Coffee hour hosted by Obedience Circle**
10:30am **Ephesians Bible Study**

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

5:15pm **Wednesday Evening Band Practice**
6:00pm **Worship**
6:45pm-8pm **Confirmation**

Thursday, March 3, 2011

9:00am **Pin & Sew**
12:00pm **Potluck**
1:00pm **WELCA Meeting**
1:30pm **Bible Study**

Sunday, March 6, 2011

9:00am **Worship with guest Rev. Sara Yotter**
10:15am **Coffee hour hosted by the Sunday School**
10:30am **Ephesians Bible Study**

Next Sunday, March 6th, Rev. Sara Yotter, Assistant to the Bishop, will preach at worship & meet with the call committee afterward.