

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.

Ash Wednesday

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

Gathering Hymn.... *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*#505

Greeting.....

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day.....

P: Let us pray
C: Almighty and ever-living God,
you hate nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and honest hearts,
so that, truly repenting of our sins,
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
full pardon and forgiveness through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
All: Amen

First Lesson.....Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Spark NRSV Page 989; Pew Bible Page 740

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

A: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

C: ²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness, and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

A: ³For I know ¹my offenses, and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.

C: ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment. R**

A: ⁵Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

C: ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me, and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.**

A: ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹er than snow.

C: ⁸**Let me hear ¹joy and gladness, that the body you have broken ¹may rejoice. R**

A: ⁹Hide your face ¹from my sins, and blot out ¹all my wickedness.

C: ¹⁰**Create in me a clean ¹heart, O God, and renew a right spir- ¹it within me.**

A: ¹¹Cast me not away ¹from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- ¹it from me.

C: ¹²**Restore to me the joy of ¹your salvation and sustain me with your boun- ¹tiful Spirit. R**

A: ¹³Let me teach your ways ¹to offenders, and sinners shall be re- ¹stored to you.

C: ¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of ¹my salvation, and my tongue shall sing ¹of your righteousness.**

A: ¹⁵O Lord, o- ¹pen my lips, and my mouth shall pro- ¹claim your praise.

C: ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or ¹I would give it. You are not pleased ¹with burnt offering.**

A: ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a ¹troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will ¹not despise. R

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Spark NRSV Page 1064; Pew Bible Page 787

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon.....Pastor Clint Schnekloth

Hymn.....“*Out of the Depths, I Cry to You*”.....#600

Invitation to Lent

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus’ Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God’s mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin.....Page 252-253

Imposition of Ashes.....Page 254

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward & kneel before the altar. As you are preparing for the imposition of ashes you are invited to re-read and meditate on Psalm 51, printed previously in the bulletin.

Litany After the Ashes.....

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen

The Prayers of the Church.....

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the peace.....

Offering *“Make Me Humble”* EKLC Choir

Offertory..... *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*#186

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 152

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 153

The Eucharistic Prayer.....

The Lord’s Prayer.....Page 154

The Communion Distribution.....

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

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” 599

Hymn.....*“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”*#319

Blessing.....

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;

be of good courage:

hold fast to that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

help the afflicted; honor all people;

love and serve God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....

~ 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
- Healthy pregnancy and upcoming births

God's guidance and direction for...

- Please keep the family of Dan Kurowski in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.*
- For the people of Haiti
- For true repentance
- Those suffering from cancer and other long time illnesses
- Those who are struggling because of the recession or job loss
- For peace in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen.
- For those suffering from infertility or difficult pregnancies.

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.
- SSGT John Calhoun - Matt Bissen - SSGT Paul Johnson
- Alexandra Oates -Cpl Jacob Janes -LTC Eric Killen

Healing and health concerns...

- Carol Barfknecht -Ishula Webb -Ed Gretebeck
- Roxanne Wildes -Brett May -Betty Alder
- Joyce Krull -Cody Wolf -Jan Christensen-Goecke

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 of 2-14-2010

* Denotes new/changed request

~ *Announcements* ~

- **LWR Health Kits for Haiti.** Because of the great need in Haiti, Lutheran World Relief has run out of its supply of Health Kits. If you feel led to contribute in this way please find a list of items needed for the health kits and assembly instructions in the narthex. Lindsay Stolen brought EKLC a large supply of tooth brushes to be included in these health kits, they are located next to the supply lists please take one to include in your health kit.
- **Monday Mornings at 8:30am** Pastor Clint, Intern Nathan and Office Manager Julie Kriedeman hold a Morning Prayer Service followed by a staff meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful opportunity to pray together.
- **Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship:** We are excited to announce that our congregation will be co-sponsoring a Bhutanese refugee family beginning some time in 2010. As we anticipate that family's arrival, we are beginning to collect new and "previously loved" items for the family and their apartment. You are invited to stop in the narthex after worship today and pick out an item from the refugee family Christmas tree. Grab an ornament, and then sign out on the accompanying sheet. Together, we can provide hospitality to a refugee family in the name of Christ.
- **Wednesday 6 PM - Worship. During the Lenten season we will be exploring** the relationship between the book of Proverbs and a selection of country songs, performed by our Wednesday worship band. Come and experience the wisdom of Proverbs in comparison to the wisdom of country music. The book of Proverb takes a look at a wise person and a foolish person. It provides a way of looking at situations in life, and teaching us that the wise way is the one that should be strived for. It is not the easier path but often the one that will lead to wisdom. You're invited on this journey with the wisdom of God during the Lenten season. Following worship will be a meal. All are welcome to share in the fellowship.

February 17th - Ash Wednesday - no meal on Ash Wednesday

February 24th - ALL CONGREGATION POTLUCK

Please bring the following according to the first letter in your last name:
A-I Desserts; J-N Main Dishes; O-Z Salads

March 3rd - Colorado Trip sponsors the meal

March 10th - Colorado sponsors the meal

March 17th - Confirmation Trip sponsors the meal

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~Worship Assistants~

Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Reader ~ Beverly Lien

Acolytes ~ Matthew Kaare & Allen May

Ushers ~ Joy Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Ruth Bovre & Beverly Lien

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

~Calendar of Events~

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

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

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Men's Breakfast @ The Curve.....8:00am

Saturday, February 20, 2010

Lay Internship Committee meeting @ Bonnie Ehrke's.....8:00am

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Worship.....9:00am
Coffee Hour hosted by Wilma Furseth.....10:15am
Sunday School.....10:15am
Lenten Proverbs Study.....10:30am

Monday, February 22, 2010

Morning Prayer Service.....8:30am

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

New Member Class.....6:30pm

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Wednesday Evening Band Practice.....5:15pm
Worship.....6:00pm
All Church Potluck.....Following Worship

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Worship ~ Guest Preacher John Mix of Dane Co. Jail Chaplaincy ...9:00am
Coffee Hour hosted by Natasha Amundson.....10:15am
Sunday School.....10:15am
Lenten Proverb Study.....10:30am