



*Sunday, February 20, 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.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

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The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Holy God of compassion,
you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace.
Lead us to love our enemies,
and transform our words and deeds
to be like his through whom we pray,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

First LessonLeviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Spark NRSV Page 128-129, Pew Bible Page 93

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the

gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You 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. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 119:33-40

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

C: ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

A: ³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

C: ³⁶**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

A: ³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

C: ³⁸**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

A: ³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

C: ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Spark NRSV Page 1262-1263, Pew Bible Page 927-928

Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God's temple because God's Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ's benefits.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

²⁰and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to 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 fifth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Matthew 5:38-48

Spark Story Bible Pg. 274, Spark NRSV Pg. 1063, Pew Bible Pg. 786-787

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance.

God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

³⁸You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and

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

“Now the Silence” #460 2X

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..... *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*.....#631

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~Daily Scripture Readings~

Monday ~ Psalm 119:57-64, Proverbs, 25:11-22, Romans 12:9-21

Tuesday ~ Psalm 119:57-64, Genesis 31:1-50, Hebrews 12:14-16

Wednesday ~ Psalm 119:57-64, Proverbs 3:27-35, Luke 18:18-30

Thursday ~ Psalm 131, Proverbs 12:22-28, Philippians 2:19-24

Friday ~ Psalm 131, Isaiah 26:1-6, Philippians 2:25-30

Saturday ~ Psalm 131, Isaiah 31:1-9, Luke 11:14-23



Today we welcome into Holy Baptism:

William Earl Ryan Cutrano

Parents ~ Michael and Kimberly Cutrano

Sponsors ~ Jessica Ellickson and Pat Ludwig

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

Assistant Minister ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Karen Hayes

Acolytes ~ Amelia Gunnelson & Torleif Ehrke

Greeter ~ Barb & Kurt Klemp **Ushers** ~ Obedience Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel

Communion Assistants ~ Bobbie Rawinski & Bea Householder

Pianist ~ Shelly Frank

Coffee hour ~ Joy 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.
- William Earl Ryan Cutrano

God's guidance and direction for...

- 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...

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| -Payton Mancheski* | -Scott Taylor | -Jo Lee |
| -Kenneth Dieckhoff | -Eugene Lund | -Stephanie Lien |
| -Roxanne Wildes | -Earl Ellickson | -Todd Furseth |
| -Betty Gunnelson | -Arlen Lund | -Deb Kelter |
| -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 2-13-2011. *Denotes new/changed request

~ Announcements ~

- **Join us for a study of Ephesians Sunday mornings during Epiphany!** We will meet from 10:30 to 11:15am for five mornings: Feb 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and March 6th. Come be refreshed and encouraged as we reflect on God's Extraordinary Church by reading God's Word. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex or during Coffee hour.
- **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.
- **Lenten Meals.** Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve Wednesday night Lenten Meals on March 23 and March 30. Contact the church office.
- **Attention High School Youth!!** Sundays at EKLC! Come join in on the fun Sunday evenings! Next gathering: **February 27th 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.
- **Ezra Benjamin Schnekloth was born January 28th to Pastor Clint Schnekloth and Amanda Grell.** If you would like to send them a note or card their new address is: Pastor Clint Schnekloth; 3205 Charing Cross; Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703.

~ Calendar of Events ~

Sunday, February 20, 2011

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

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

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

Sunday, February 27, 2011

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

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