



THE SOWER

*Sunday, July 10, 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 after Pentecost

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

Prelude.....

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Hymn..... “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”#533

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God”Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,
live according to it,
and grow in faith and hope and love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

First Lesson..... Isaiah 55:10–13
God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹You are to be praised, O ¹God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹be fulfilled.

C: ²To you, the one who ¹answers prayer,
to you all ¹flesh shall come.

A: ³Our sins are strong- ¹er than we are,
but you blot out ¹our transgressions.

C: ⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ¹courts to
dwell there!

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness ¹of your temple.**

A: ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of ¹
our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans ¹far away.

C: ⁶You make firm the mountains ¹by your power;
you are girded a- ¹bout with might.

A: ⁷You still the roaring ¹of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor ¹of the peoples.

C: ⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your ¹
marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to ¹sing for joy.]

A: ⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; the river of God is ¹full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹for the earth.

C: ¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth ¹out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹bless its increase.

A: ¹¹You crown the year ¹with your goodness,
and your paths over- ¹flow with plenty.

C: ¹²May the fields of the wilderness be ¹rich for grazing,
and the hills be ¹clothed with joy.

A: ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- ¹selves with grain;
let them shout for ¹joy and sing.

Second Lesson.....Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 thirteenth chapter.
Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples sow the seed of God's word by proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven is near. Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message.....India Youth Exchange

Hymn..... *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*.....#679

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: Hear us, O God.,

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

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:*

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #473

Prayer after Communion.....

Assistant Minister : Generous God,
we give you thanks that again this day
you have opened wide your hand
and satisfied us with the food of life,
the body and blood of Christ.
Sharing your compassionate heart,
may we be blessed and given
to all who hunger and thirst;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing.....

Pastor: God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless us, keep us, and + grant us peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Hymn..... “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”#547

Assistant Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz
Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs
Guest Speaker ~ India Youth Exchange
Assistant Minister ~ Gloria Fruit
Lector ~ Jane Furseth
Acolytes ~ Steven DeForest & Carson Kaashagen
Greeter ~ Orin & Joan Kaare **Ushers** ~ Joy Circle
Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Joy Circle
Communion Assistants ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison
Organist ~ Judy Rusch
Nursery ~ Sonja Christensen

~ 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...

- For peace in Syria, 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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| -Payton Mancheski | -Kim Badertscher | -Dave Nettum |
| -Eugene Lund | -Mary Lou Lund | -Julia Schremp |
| -Tony Hartwick | | |

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 6-19-2011. *Denotes new/changed request

~ Calendar of Events ~

Sunday, July 10, 2011

9:00am **Worship: Guest, India Youth Exchange**
10:15am **Coffee hour, program and fellowship with India Youth Exchange**

Sunday, July 17, 2011

9:00am **Worship**

Thursday, July 21, 2011

8:00am **Men's Breakfast @ The Lake Ripley Family Restaurant**

~ Announcements ~

- **The Sons of Norway** Vennelag 513 will hold its annual Kaffe Stue at the Mt. Horeb Community Center, 107 N. Grove Street in Mt. Horeb on Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Traditional Norwegian foods will be served
- **Wednesday Evening Worship.** There will be no Wednesday Worship Services during July and August. During the summer the Worship Committee and Church Council will have the opportunity to review needs and preferences for weekday services at EKLC. Suggestions from members of the congregation are welcome and can be made through council and committee members.
- **Farewell & Godspeed For Intern Miranda Hinrichs, July 24th, 2011.** It's time to say our goodbyes and best wishes to Miranda as her internship comes to a close with us, so we'd like to send her in style! You're invited to Miranda's Farewell & Godspeed that will be held during worship on Sunday, the 24th of July, 2011, Miranda's last Sunday with us. Immediately following worship, we'll be throwing her a Sending Potluck and Card Shower party in the fellowship hall for one last hurrah! Bring a dish to pass and a card with your best wishes for Miranda! Please bring a dish if your last name ends in: A – L: main dish; M – S: salad (potato, fruit, jell-o, etc.); T – Z: dessert
- **Pie and Ice cream Social, Sun. July 10, 1-4pm @ Albion Academy Historical Society!!** The Albion Academy Historical Society will have their annual 'Pie & Ice Cream Social' on Sunday, July 10th from 1pm-4pm. Visit the first co-education school in Wisconsin and Sheepskin School, a one room elementary school, that served grades 1-8. Albion Academy Historical Society is located at 605 Campus Lane, Albion, located 3 miles north of Edgerton. The museum will be open 1-4pm. Sundays June 5-September 4 (not July 17)
- **Help send more children to VBS Day Camp at Lutherdale** by making a donation to the EKLC VBS fund to assist in covering portions of the costs of the program. Any amount is appreciated - please submit in a pew envelope during service, or mail to the church. Be sure to include VBS in the subject line. Thank you for your help in providing a valuable spiritual experience for our youth!

Lutherdale Day Camp

August 8, 2011

Who: Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

What: Games, Worship, Bible Study, Swimming & More!

When: 8 AM to 5 PM Monday Aug 8th, 2011

(Bus will depart East Koshkonong at 8AM and return at 6 PM)

Where: Lutherdale Bible Camp

Cost: \$25 per Camper (\$65 family max), includes transportation & lunch
Registration forms available in Church Narthex.

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