

First

SUNDAY IN

LENT



*Sunday, March 13, 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 First Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude..... *"Jesus, Still Lead On"* J.S. Bach
 *"Siciliana"* Alan Viner
 *"Jesus, Still Lead On"* Paul Kickstat
 *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"* David P. Dahl

Confession and Forgiveness..... Page 94

Hymn..... *"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"* #326

Greeting and Kyrie..... Page 203

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Lord God, our strength,
 the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,
 and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty
 promises. Keep us steadfast in your word,
 and when we fall, raise us again and restore us
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

The East Koshkonong Church Choir..... *"Just a Closer Walk"*

First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Spark NRSV Page 3-4, Pew Bible Page 2

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

Chapter 2

¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Chapter 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord GOD had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die;⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 32

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!

C: ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!**

A: ³While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.

C: ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.**

A: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.

C: ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in¹ time of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them.

A: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.

C: ⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;
I will guide you¹ with my eye.**

A: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will¹ not stay near you."

C: ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the LORD.**

A: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart.

Second Lesson.....Romans 5:12-19

Spark NRSV Page 1248-1249, Pew Bible Page 917

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — ¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel:.....Matthew 4:1-11

Spark NRSV Pg. 1061, Pew Bible Pg. 785

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of

the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon..... “Stubborn as a Mule”.....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... *“Jesus, Still lead On”*#624

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.....

Solo..... “Draw Near To Me”, J.S. BachSandra Stark, Soprano

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 3X

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..... "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer".....#618

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude..... "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer".....Ralph C. Schultz

~*Worship Assistants*~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

Assistant Minister ~ Gloria Fruit

Lector ~ Joan Kaare

Acolytes ~ Thomas Stach & Austin Haugen

Greeter ~ Florence Mathison **Ushers** ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Carroll Ehrke & Carolyn Lien

Organist ~ Charles Stark

Nursery ~ Sonja Christensen

Altar Flowers ~ Steadfast Circle

Coffee hour ~ Choir

~ *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 families of David Danielson and Willard Scheel 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

-Violet Jasensky*

-Roxanne Wildes

-Earl Ellickson

-David Cooper*

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 3-6-2011. *Denotes new/changed request

~ Calendar of Events~

Sunday, March 13, 2011 ~ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!

9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Choir
10:30am Gift Link Leader Orientation

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

6:30pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

6:00pm Worship
All Congregation Potluck following worship
6:30-8pm Gift Link for adults and youth

Thursday, March 17, 2011

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ The Feed Mill

Friday, March 18, 2011

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, March 20, 2011

9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Coffee Hour hosted by Internship Committee

~ Announcements~

- **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!
- **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.
- **Attention High School Youth!!** Sundays at EKLC! Come join in on the fun Sunday evenings! Next gathering: **March 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.
- **There is a coffee hour sign-up sheet in the friendship hall** for anyone interested in hosting a coffee hour after a Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR** if no one has signed up for that Sunday. However, there is coffee available in the kitchen for those functions (Bible studies, meetings, etc.) that are held right after church if they wish they may make coffee for their groups IF there is no host for coffee hour.