



"I tell you,
there is
rejoicing in
the presence
of the angels of
God over one
sinner who
repents."

Luke 15:10

*Sunday, March 14, 2010
9am*

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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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

~Gathering~

Prelude.....

Confession and Forgiveness.....

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
we are gathered in the name of the Father,
and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and are not worthy to be called your children.**

Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.

**Bring us back to you as those
who once were dead but now have life,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Through the Holy Spirit,
God gives life, freedom from the power of sin,
and resurrection from the dead.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Live in newness of life.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn..... "Now the Silence".....#460

1st time ~ Small group 2nd time ~ Congregation 3rd time ~ Small group

Greeting.....

P: From our God who loves us with an everlasting love,
who brings forth a new creation in Christ,
who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness:
Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

The Prayer of the Day.....

A: Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward,
and you embrace us all with your mercy.
By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace,
and feed us at the table of your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir..... "In the Garden"

~ *The Word* ~

First Lesson.....Joshua 5:9-12

NRSV Spark Bible pg. 237, Pew Bible pg.171

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalms.....Psalm 32

A: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions ¹are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹put away!

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

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

C: ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me ¹day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹heat 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 guilt ¹of my sin.

C: ⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹time
of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they ¹shall not reach
them. R**

A: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹of deliverance.

C: ⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹you should go;
I will guide you ¹with my eye.**

A: ⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹not stay near
you."

C: ¹⁰**Great are the tribulations ¹of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹in the LORD.**

A: ¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹true of heart. R

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fifteenth Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Spark Story Bible pg. 378, NRSV Spark Bible Pg. 1153 , Pew Bible Pg 850

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Clint Schnekloth

Hymn..... *"Our Father, We Have Wandered "*.....#606

The Nicene Creed.....

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

and became truly human.
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

Sharing of the Peace.....

~The Meal~

Offering

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

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Eucharistic Prayer.....

P: as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: now and forever.

C: Amen

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Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer.....

A: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Blessing.....

P: The God who formed us in love,
who renews us through grace,
and who will transform us into glory,
+ bless you this day and always.
C: Amen.

Hymn..... *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*#666

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Assistants~

Assisting Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Reader ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolytes ~ Austin Haugen & Joe Janness

Greeter ~ Delbert & Irene Swain **Ushers** ~ Joy Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Joan Volenberg & Beverly Lien

Communion Assistants ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien

Organist ~ Joe Dever

~ *Prayer Requests* ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry
- The birth of Kinsley Johnson, child of Bridget and Jesse Johnson.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad
- Healthy pregnancy and upcoming births
- Alexandra Oates returning home from her service in Iraq.

God's guidance and direction for...

- Please keep the families of Mike Forrer, Erik Smithback and Ed Gretebeck in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- For the people of Haiti and Chile
- 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 Taiwan.
- 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
- Cpl Jacob Janes -LTC Eric Killen

Healing and health concerns...

- Carol Barfknecht -Ishula Webb -Jan Christensen-Goecke
- Roxanne Wildes -Bret May -Betty Alder
- Joyce Krull -Cody Wolf -John Brownell
- Gloria Anderson -Barbara Collins

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 3-7-2010

*Denotes new/changed request

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, March 14, 2010 (Daylight Savings time: Spring ahead)

Worship.....	9:00am
Coffee Hour hosted by Obedience Circle.....	10:15am
Sunday School.....	10:15am
Lenten Proverb Study.....	10:15am

Monday, March 15, 2010

Monday Morning Prayer and Staff Meeting.....	8:30am
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Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Church Council Meeting.....	6:30pm
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Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Evening Band Practice.....	5:15pm
Worship.....	6:00pm
Lenten Supper.....	6:45pm
Confirmation.....	6-8pm

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Men's Breakfast.....	8:00am
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Friday, March 19, 2010

Mercy Me Concert @ Alliant Energy Center.....	7:00pm
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Saturday, March 20, 2010

Internship Committee Meeting @ Andy Christensen Home.....	8:00am
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Sunday, March 21, 2010

Worship.....	9:00am
Sunday School.....	10:15am
Coffee Hour hosted by Hilary Mani and Jackie Zahn.....	10:15am
Lenten Proverbs Study.....	10:30am

Obedience Circle Meets Thursday, March 18th at 1:30pm @ East Koshkoning Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, March 28 at 2pm, in the Skaalen Chapel, there will be a benefit concert for the Auxiliary featuring **The Bel Canto Singer and the Country Chordsmen**, (also known as the Men's and Women's Chorus' of the Cambridge/Deerfield area). Under the direction of Judy Brandt, each group will perform individually and then will join their voices together for a number of special selections. Admissions to the concert is a free-will donation and includes a dessert fellowship following the concert. Proceeds from the event will be applied to the Auxiliary projects for 2010. The Auxiliary would like to thank Judy and the choir members for their support of the Auxiliary programs. This is sure to be a great concert – come and join us!

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. Following worship will be a meal. All are welcome to share in the fellowship.

March 17th - Confirmation Trip sponsors the meal

March 24th - ALL CONGREGATION POTLUCK

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