



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
6:00pm

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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.

Ash Wednesday

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

Silence.....

Greeting.....Page 251

The Prayer of the Day.....

A: 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.

C: Amen.

The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir..... *"What a Friend"*

First Lesson.....Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Spark NRSV Page 989-990, Pew Bible Page 740-741

Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —
²a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

- ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
- ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
- ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?
- ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
- ¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.
- ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 51:1-17

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C: ⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson.....2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Spark NRSV Page 1281, Pew Bible Page 940

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

Chapter 5

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Chapter 6

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting

no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (spoken).....Page 252

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Spark NRSV Page 1064; Pew Bible Page 787

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon.....Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs

Invitation to Lent.....

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

Imposition of Ashes.....Page 254

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. 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.....Page 254

The Prayers of the Church.....

A: God of mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving.....

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution.....

The Lord’s Prayer.....Page 255

The Communion Distribution.....

*You are invited to sing the following hymn during the distribution of Communion:
“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” 599*

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.....Page 255

Pastor: The blessed, holy Trinity
keep you in grace,
lead you in light,
and + give you peace.
Congregation: Amen.

Hymn.....“*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*”#802

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz
Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs
Assistant Minister ~ Arvid Mathison
Lector ~ Beverly Lien
Acolytes ~ Noah Furseth & Alex Loomis
Greeter ~ Sabra Jacobson **Ushers** ~ Wegner Family & Killen Family
Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Marge Stach
Communion Assistants ~ Arvid & Linda Mathison
Pianist ~ Judy Rusch

~Daily Scripture Readings~

Thursday ~ Psalm 51, Jonah 3:1-10, Romans 1:1-17
Friday ~ Psalm 51, Jonah 4:1-11, Romans 1:8-17
Saturday ~ Psalm 51, Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 18:1-7
Sunday ~ Genesis 2:15-3:7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11
Monday ~ Psalm 32, 1 Kings 19:1-8, Hebrews 2:10-18
Tuesday ~ Psalm 32, Genesis 4:1-16, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wednesday ~ Psalm 32, Exodus 34:1-28, Matthew 18:10-14



LENTEN WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS 6:00PM

LENTEN SUPPERS FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Lenten Supper Schedule:

March 16:

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

Please bring potluck items to kitchen prior to worship to keep warm or cool.

March 23:

Hosted by Diane Luginbuhl, Bonnie & Erica Ehrke
Proceeds fund the Susan G. Komen Cancer Walk

March 30:

Hosted by Light Circle

April 6:

Hosted by Peace Circle

April 13:

All Congregation Potluck

*Please bring the following according to the first letter in your last name:

A-I ~ Salads; J-N ~ Desserts; O-Z ~ Main Dishes

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~ *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...

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| -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

~ *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.

