



*Sunday, May 15, 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 of Easter**

*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:** O God our shepherd,  
you know your sheep by name  
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.  
Guide us by your voice,  
that we may walk in certainty and security  
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

First Lesson..... Acts 2:42-47  
*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life  
**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 23

*Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>1</sup>is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup>be in want.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup>in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup>side still waters.

**A:** <sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup>soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup>for your name's sake.

**C:** <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup>fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup>comfort me.

**A:** <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup>of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup>running over.

**C:** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days <sup>1</sup>of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup>LORD forever.

Second Lesson.....1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**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. Luke, the twentieth-fourth chapter.

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

The Gospel:.....John 10:1-10  
*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.*

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon..... "Jesus Kept It"..... Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us".....#789

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.....

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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.

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Communion .....

The Lamb of God.....Page 208

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

***"Here Is Bread" #483***

Prayer after Communion.....

**Assistant Minister :** Mighty and compassionate God,  
you have brought us over from death to life  
through your Son, our risen Savior,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation:** Amen.

Blessing.....

**Pastor:** The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good  
so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through + Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Hymn..... "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" .....#544

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## ~ *Calendar of Events* ~

*Sunday, May 15, 2011*

Synod Assembly

9:00am          Worship

10:15am        Sunday School

10:15am        Coffee Hour hosted by Alma Houfe, Maxine Porter,  
& Belva Anderson

*Tuesday, May 17, 2011*

6:30pm          Church Council

*Wednesday, May 18, 2011*

5:15pm          Wednesday Evening Band Practice

6:00pm          Worship

*Thursday, May 19, 2011*

8:30am          Peace Circle meets in Ladies Lounge

1:30pm          Obedience Circle meets in Friendship Hall

*Sunday, May 22, 2011*

9:00am          Worship,

Senior Recognition Sunday with Graduates Blessing

10:15am        Final Sunday School Spring Session

10:15am        Coffee Hour hosted by Light Circle

11:00am        Internship Committee Meeting @ Andy Christensen's Home

12:00pm        Family Focus Group; CamRock Clean up Day and Grill Out

## ~*Worship Assistants*~

**Pastor** ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

**Intern Pastor** ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

**Assistant Minister** ~ Gloria Fruit

**Lector** ~ Joy Graffin

**Acolytes** ~ Katie Dieckhoff & Veronica Wipperfurth

**Greeter** ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien **Ushers** ~ Light Circle

**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Jean Carlson & Beverly Lien

**Communion Assistants** ~ Bill Hitchcock & Joan Kaare

**Pianist** ~ Shelly Frank

**Nursery** ~ Natasha Amundson

**Coffee hour** ~ Alma Houfe, Maxine Porter, & Belva Anderson

## ~*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 family of Roland Wolf and Wilmer Christianson in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- For peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.
- For the people of Japan in the aftermath of the disaster there.
- Those attending Synod Assembly for our church this weekend; Pastor Jim Schwarz, Sonja Christensen, and Ann Nottestad.

### **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.
- Hunter Sayloff\*

### **Healing and health concerns...**

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| -Verna Evenson    | -Della Porter    | -Payton Mancheski |
| -Eugene Lund      | -Violet Jasensky | -Gloria Salov     |
| -Roxanne Wildes   | -Hayley Diehls   | -Diane Barcellena |
| -Tony Hartwick    | -Kim Badertscher | -Janette Klemp*   |
| -Christina Krull* |                  |                   |

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 5-1-2011. \*Denotes new/changed request

## ~ Announcements ~

- **Are you interested in singing in or playing an instrument in the Wednesday evening band?** We could use a few more musical folks to join us in leading worship on Wednesdays. Contact Miranda Hinrichs (608-423-3017 ext. 3) or Judy Rusch (920-563-8644) for more information.
- **Obedience Circle meets Thursday, May 19th in Friendship Hall.** All are welcome!
- **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!
- **Youth Grill Out and Bonfire! Friday night May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** Join us at Scott and Jackie Zahn's home! Bring a snack or side dish to share. Drinks, grill items, and s'mores fixings provided. Bring your friends and come for a night of fun and hanging out! *For High School youth and Confirmation Youth.* Parent/adult volunteers needed. Please call to RSVP. Contact Scott Zahn (608) 213-1104 or Miranda Hinrichs (651) 895-2879 for more information or to RSVP.
- **Self-Defense Introduction** Wednesday Nights, 7 to 8pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> For Women, Teens, Men, and Pre-teens age 10 and up (Special Kid section: 7 to 7:45 June 15<sup>th</sup> for Ages 5 and up) Join us following Wednesday night worship for an introduction to basic self-defense techniques and education. Wear comfortable modest clothing that you will be able to move in. Please no short shorts. Led by Miranda Hinrichs: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt and 4-time Senior National Taekwondo Champion. Call to register: (651)895-2879 or (608) 423-3017 x3
- **Children's and Youth Volunteer Thank You Night** Come! We want to honor you!! Wednesday night May 25<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm. Join us for desserts and fellowship following Wednesday evening worship. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). Thank you for welcoming the children and teaching them about their Savior Jesus!
- **Family CamRock Clean Up Day and Grill Out.** A Family Focus Event on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. Join other individuals and families from churches in the community for a day of service and fun! Walk the trails of CamRock picking up trash and debris, and then meet up at CamRock 2 for fellowship and a grill out. Bring your own grill items and a dish to share. Watch the bulletins for more information.
- **Youth Canoe Trip, Save The Date! For Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet at 8am for a day of canoeing and enjoying God's Creation, and we will return for dinner and a bonfire at Lane and Judy Taylor's home. *For High School youth and Confirmation youth.* Feel free to invite your friends. Watch for more details. Adults welcome too! We will need additional chaperones/drivers. Contact Steve Wagner (608)-320-4814 or Miranda Hinrichs (651)-895-2879 for more information.