



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

*Sunday, May 22, 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Presentation from Synod Assembly Representatives.....Sonja Christensen&
Ann Nottestad

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Hymn..... "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing".....#389

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The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life with all the world,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

First Lesson..... Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹ put to shame; deliver me ¹ in your righteousness.

C: ²**Incline your ¹ ear to me; make haste to de- ¹ liver me.**

A: ³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag ¹ and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead ¹ me and guide me.

C: ⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly ¹ set for me, for you are my tow- ¹ er of strength.**

A: ⁵Into your hands I com- ¹ mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ¹ God of truth.

C: ¹⁵**My times are ¹ in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.**

A: ¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant; save me in your ¹ steadfast love.

Second Lesson.....1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.\

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

The Gospel:.....John 14:1-14
On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon..... Intern Miranda Hinrichs

Hymn..... *"You Are the Way"*.....#758

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.**

Blessing of the Graduates.....Insert

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

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

"I Come With Joy" #482 Verses 1-3

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..... *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*#543

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~ Calendar of Events ~

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**

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

- 5:15pm **Wednesday Evening Band Practice**
- 6:00pm **Worship**
- 7-8pm **Volunteer Appreciation Night**

Sunday, May 29, 2011

- 9:00am **Worship at the Upper Church**



*Thank you to all my family and friends
who remembered me on my 90th birthday.
I am so blessed,
Florence Mathison*

~*Worship Assistants*~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz
Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs
Assistant Minister ~ Arvid Mathison
Lector ~ Arvid Mathison
Acolytes ~ Sydney Currie & Seth Wagner
Greeter ~ Lynette Swenson **Ushers** ~ Light Circle
Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Jeff & Holly Loomis
Communion Assistants ~ Lyle Walheim & Holly Loomis
Organist ~ Judy Rusch
Nursery ~ Gina Reese
Coffee hour ~ Light Circle

~*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 Nottstad.
- 2011 Graduating High School Seniors.

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 | -Butch Bergholz | |

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 5-15-2011. *Denotes new/changed request

~ Announcements ~

- **June 4th, Senior High End of School Concert Event: What:** * Concert with AGAPE; * Hip-Hop Worship, * Games with other HS students from around South-Central WI, * LYO Annual Meeting (short). **When:** Sat. June 4th, 2011 (4-9 PM) **Where:** McFarland Lutheran Church, 5529 Marsh Rd. McFarland, WI; **Who:** All Senior High Students and Friends are Invited! **Cost:** \$20 includes food, fun, fellowship and concert ticket! (financial assistance available) **For more information about the event, financial assistance, or about the LYO Annual Meeting, please contact Cory Hamilton in the Synod Office. 608-270-0201 or coryh@scsw-elca.org**
- **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!
- **VBS @ Grace Lutheran, June 13-June 17th.** Grace Lutheran Church of Cambridge invites children 4K-5th grade to join them in VBS this June 13th-June 17th. VBS will begin each day at 12pm-12:30 for lunch, then from 12:30-2:30 they will have lessons, crafts and Games. Cost is \$5 per child for the week. (Registration forms available in Church Narthex) Registration deadline is Friday, June 10th. For more information or to register, call Grace Lutheran at 423-3135.
- **Children's and Youth Volunteer Thank You Night** Come! We want to honor you!! Wednesday night May 25th 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 **TODAY** 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 25th.** 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.
- **4th Annual Taylor Open - May 28th, 2011.** Taylor Falligant was a straight "A" student and athlete at Edgerton High School and more importantly she was genuine, caring and a loving daughter, sister and friend to all who knew her. On January 15, 2007 Taylor tragically died in a car accident on her way to school. In memory of Taylor, the Taylor Open was created to help fund her dreams of excellence. All proceeds benefit the Taylor Marie Falligant memorial Scholarship Fund, supporting Edgerton High School graduates. Visit www.tayloropen08.com to register.