



## *Easter*

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

*6pm*

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## **Welcome Visitors!**

Prelude..... “Come, Now Is The Time to Worship” .....

Gathering Songs..... “Spirit of Gentleness” .....#396

..... “God of Wonders ” .....

**Lord of all creation of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High**

**Chorus:**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy**

**You are holy, holy**

**The universe declares your majesty**

**You are holy, holy**

**Lord of heaven and earth (2X)**

**Early in the morning I will celebrate the light**

**When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night**

**Chorus**

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (3X)**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy**

**Precious Lord reveal your heart to me.**

**You are holy, holy**

**You are holy, holy**

**The universe declares your majesty**

**You are holy, holy**

**Lord of heaven and earth (2X)**

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (3X)**

Gathering Prayer.....

.....“Texas Kyrie”..... Heartland Liturgy

.....“Glory in the Highest”.....Heartland Liturgy

First Lesson..... Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the unknown god whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,  
'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

<sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 66:8-20

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

**A:** <sup>8</sup>Bless our <sup>1</sup>God, you peoples;  
let the sound of <sup>1</sup>praise be heard.

**C:** <sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us a-<sup>1</sup>mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup>feet to slip.**

**A:** <sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have <sup>1</sup>tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil-<sup>1</sup>ver is tried.

**C:** <sup>11</sup>**You brought us in-<sup>1</sup> to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up-<sup>1</sup> on our backs.**

**A:** <sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>1</sup>fire and  
water, but you brought us out into a place <sup>1</sup>of refreshment.

**C:** <sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house <sup>1</sup>with burnt offerings  
and will pay <sup>1</sup>you my vows—**

**A:** <sup>14</sup>those that I promised <sup>1</sup>with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>1</sup>was in trouble.

**C:** <sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup>smoke of  
rams; I will give you ox-<sup>1</sup>en and goats.**

**A:** <sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup>who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has <sup>1</sup>done for me.

**C:** <sup>17</sup>**I called out to God <sup>1</sup>with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord <sup>1</sup>with my tongue.**

**A:** <sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup>in my heart,  
the Lord would <sup>1</sup>not have heard me;

**C:** <sup>19</sup>**but in truth <sup>1</sup>God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound <sup>1</sup>of my prayer.**

**A:** <sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject-<sup>1</sup>ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unailing <sup>1</sup>love from me.

Second Lesson.....1 Peter 3:13-22

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but

made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of Life

**Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:.....John 14:15-21  
*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

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

The Message....“Building Bridges In Love”....Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs

Hymn.....“I Love To Tell The Story” .....#661

The 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 .....

**A:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the peace.....

The Offering.....

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy.....Heartland Liturgy

Christ’s Words before the Meal.....

The Lord’s Prayer .....

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Lamb of God.....Heartland Liturgy

The Communion Distribution.....

Communion Blessing.....

Hymn ..... “*Canticle for Departure* ” .....Heartland Liturgy

**~ *Worship Assistants* ~**

**Pastor** ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

**Intern Pastor** ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

**Lector** ~ Ann Nottestad

**Acolytes** ~ Steven DeForest & Carson Kaashagen

**Ushers** ~ Stach Family & Gunnelson Family

**Pianist** ~ Judy Rusch

## ~ *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...**

- 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.

### **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  | -Dave Nettum*     |

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 5-22-2011. \*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) **To RSVP to this event contact Intern Pastor Miranda Hinrichs by Wednesday, June 1st at 608-423-3017 ext #3 or 651-895-2879.**
- **The Christian Concert featuring the “Trumphant Quartet”** at The Fire-side Theatre will be on Tuesday, August 2nd. Tickets are \$34.95 (gratuity not included) Arrival time: 10:30am. Payment due by June 30th, Checks made out to WELCA and sent to Jo Lee.
- **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. A sign up sheet and release forms are available for those interested in taking part in the Self Defense Class.
- **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.
- **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 13<sup>th</sup> -June 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 deadline is Friday, June 10th. For more information or to register, call Grace Lutheran at 423-3135.
- **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.

## ~ *Calendar of Events* ~



### **Children's and Youth Volunteer Thank You Night**

Tonight, after worship from 7-8pm, we will be honoring those who have volunteered their time to our youth. Join us for desserts and fellowship following this evening's 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!

#### *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 Upper Church**

#### *Monday, May 30, 2011*

**Office Closed for Memorial Day.**

#### *Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

- 5:15pm**            **Wednesday Evening Band Practice**
- 6:00pm**            **Worship**
- 7-8pm**             **Self Defense Introduction**

#### *Thursday, June 2, 2011*

- 9:00am**            **Pin & Sew**
- 12:00pm**         **Potluck**
- 1:00pm**            **WELCA Meeting**
- 1:30pm**            **Bible Study**

#### *Saturday, June 4, 2011*

- 4-9pm**             **Agape Concert @ McFarland Lutheran**

#### *Sunday, June 5, 2011*

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