



*Sunday, October 2, 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Prelude.....

Confession and Forgiveness.....Page 94

Hymn..... *"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"*.....#835 vs 1-4

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise *"Glory be to God"* .....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

**Assistant Minister:** Beloved God,  
from you come all things that are good.  
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit  
to know those things that are right,  
and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

The Children's Choir..... *"I've got Peace Like a River"*

First Lesson..... Isaiah 5:1-7  
*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth wild grapes'of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

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

Psalm.....Psalm 80:7-15

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

**A:** <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C:** <sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

**A:** <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

**C:** <sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

**A:** <sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.

**C:** <sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

**A:** <sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**C:** <sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**

**A:** <sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Lesson.....Philippians 3:4b-14  
*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing  
in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of*

*Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**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. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

The Gospel.....Matthew 21:33-46  
*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

<sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

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

Sermon..... “Authority for Our Day ” .....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” .....#729

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:** Lord, in your mercy,

**Congregation:** hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace.....

The Offering and Prayer.....

The Great Thanksgiving.....Page 206

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 207

The Eucharistic Prayer.....Page 207

**Pastor:**...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**Congregation:** **Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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**Pastor:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Congregation:** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer.....Page 208  
 Communion .....  
 The Lamb of God.....Page 208

*You are invited to sing the following hymn during the  
 distribution of Communion:  
 "Eat This Bread" #472 3X*

Prayer after Communion.....

**Assistant Minister:** God our shepherd,  
 you have gathered us again from scattered places  
 and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament.  
 Go with us now, that we may seek the lost,  
 bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak,  
 until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast  
 with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

Blessing.....

**Pastor:** The peace of God,  
 which surpasses all understanding,  
 + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Hymn..... "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*" .....#545

**Assistant Minister:** Go in peace. The Lord is near.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*~Worship Assistants~*

- Pastor** ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz  
**Assistant Minister** ~ Gloria Fruit  
**Lector** ~ Beverly Lien  
**Acolyte**~ Sydney Currie and Taylor Evenson  
**Greeter** ~ John & Bobbie Rawinski **Ushers** ~ Justice Circle  
**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Justice Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Joanne Gyland & Jean Carlson  
**Pianist** ~ Shelly Frank  
**Coffee Hour** ~ Hosted by Sunday School



*Altar Flowers*

*Altar Flowers this morning  
 are in honor of  
 Carroll and Bonnie Ehrke's  
 50th Anniversary*

## ~ *Prayer Requests* ~

### **Thanksgiving to God for...**

- The Marriage of Ronald & Kristin Miller and Gareth and Jennifer (Graffin) Walsh
- 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 Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.
- For those on the East Coast for losses suffered during Hurricane Irene.

### **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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| -Dave Nettum   | -Sandy Notstad     | -Jerry Behm |
| -Julia Schremp | -Tony Hartwick     | -Pam Wiora  |
| -Marques Bovre | -Cynthia Burnside* |             |

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. Prayer requests week September 18, 2011

## ~ *Calendar of Events* ~

### ***Sunday, October 2, 2011***

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| <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>Worship with Sunday School Choir</b> |
| <b>10:15am</b> | <b>Sunday School hosts coffee hour</b>  |

### ***Wednesday, October 5, 2011***

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| <b>6:00pm</b> | <b>Confirmation Session</b> |
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### ***Sunday, October 9, 2011***

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| <b>9:00am</b>  | <b>Worship</b>                          |
| <b>10:15am</b> | <b>Sunday School</b>                    |
| <b>10:15am</b> | <b>Coffee hour hosted by EKLC Choir</b> |

## ~ Announcements ~

- **The EKLC Church Choir is looking for singers!!** Any one interested in joining the choir would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Krisy Klemp if your interested or have any questions (608-884-4080).
- **Meals on Wheels.** September 26th thru October 7th East Koshkonong Congregation is scheduled to deliver meals to help persons in need of a noon meal. Pick up time is about 11:15am Monday thru Friday at The Family Restaurant in Cambridge. There are no Meals on Wheels deliveries on "no school" days. To volunteer please call Wilma Furseth 423-3194.

Bring your gently worn coats, caps, & mittens to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church by



**October 2nd** and we'll take them to  
Klinke Cleaners.

They'll be cleaned and donated  
to the Community Action Coalition.

- **Premarriage/Marriage Seminars offered from Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin** are scheduled for fall 2011 and Spring 2012!

**Fall 2011 Session** ~ please register by October 3, 2011

**Date:** Mondays: October 3rd, 10th, & 17th  
**Time:** 6:30-7:45pm  
**Place:** Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 2833  
Raritan Rd, Fitchburg (Madison)  
**Cost:** \$240; \$100 for returning couples

**Spring 2012 Session** ~ please register by March 5, 2012

**Date:** Mondays: March 5th, March 12th, & March 19th  
**Time:** 6:30-7:45pm  
**Place:** Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, 2833  
Raritan Rd, Fitchburg (Madison)  
**Cost:** \$240; \$100 for returning couples

**To Register:** Call LCFS' Administrative Office at 1-800-291-4513. Ask to register for the Madison area pre-marriage/marriage seminar, and arrange payment.

More information is posted in Narthex.