



*Sunday, October 9, 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 Seventeenth 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..... “Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness” .....#488

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise “Glory be to God” .....Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

**Assistant Minister:** Lord of the feast,  
you have prepared a table before all peoples  
and poured out your life with abundance.  
Call us again to your banquet.  
Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,  
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

The East Koshkonong Lutheran Church Choir..... “Let Us Serve Him”

First Lesson.....Isaiah 25:1-9  
*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.  
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.\

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

Psalm.....Psalm

*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.....Philippians 4:1-9

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**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-second chapter.

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

The Gospel.....Matthew 22:1-14  
*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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

Sermon..... "The Lord is Near" .....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... "*Blest Are They*" .....#728

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:  
"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" #501*

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..... “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing ”.....#547

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

*~Worship Assistants~*

**Pastor** ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz  
**Assistant Minister** ~ Arvid Mathison  
**Lector** ~ Beverly Lien  
**Acolyte**~ Steven DeForest and Eli Rawinski  
**Greeter** ~ Bob & Lynette Swenson **Ushers** ~ Justice Circle  
**Communion Set-up/Take down** ~ Justice Circle  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Joan Kaare & Bea Householder  
**Organist** ~ Judy Rusch  
**Coffee Hour** ~ Hosted by Choir

*~ 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).
- **All organizations and committees need to get their budget requests** in to the Church office by November 13, 2011. Your attention to this would be most appreciated. Church Council.
- **Pastor Nathan Strong’s ordination service will be October 16th** at First Lutheran Church, 3200 E. Military Ave., Fremont, Nebraska 68025 (Nathan’s home congregation). Pastor Strong accepted a call to two North Dakota Churches: Davenport Lutheran Church (270 1ST St., Davenport, ND 58021 and Norman Lutheran Church (16803 52nd St. SE, Kindred, ND 58051). If you would like to send Nathan a card and/or well wishes you can mail it to his parents Rick & Sharon Strong, 2204 Estes Lane, Fremont, NE 68025.

## ~ *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 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 | -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 9, 2011***

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

### ***Monday, October 10, 2011***

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| 7:00pm | Dartball league @ EKLC |
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### ***Tuesday, October 11, 2011***

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| 5:30pm | Worship Committee Meeting |
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### ***Wednesday, October 12, 2011***

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| 6:00pm | Confirmation Session |
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### ***Saturday, October 15, 2011***

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| 4:00pm | Family Focus Halloween Bash @ The Sperle's |
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### ***Sunday, October 16, 2011***

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| 9:00am  | Worship         |
|         | Rockney Baptism |
| 10:15am | Sunday School   |

# Meet Nickey



[www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)

On April 27, 2011, severe storms and tornadoes ravaged the small town of Phil Campbell, Alabama. The home of Nickey, Kathy and their three grandchildren was obliterated; reduced to a heap of splinters and rubble. They received the maximum \$30,000 in aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but it wasn't enough to purchase a new home. The family of five temporarily moved into a friend's RV. They were homeless.

Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, directed through Lutheran Disaster Response, helped coordinate and support the rebuilding effort. With the help of volunteers, their house was rebuilt in three weeks. And just two months after the tornado leveled their home, they received the keys to their new three-bedroom home. The family was the first family in Phil Campbell to move into a new home after the disaster.

During the blessing of their home on June 30, 2010, members of the community gathered to pray for the family and the recovery of all others affected by the destructive storms. Nickey and Kathy were speechless; Kathy silently wiped away tears. In addition, local ELCA congregations provided two homemade quilts and a \$500 gift card to help them furnish their new home.

"I'm very grateful," Nickey said. "You can't put it into words."

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Your gifts to ELCA Disaster Response ensure that this church is ready to bring help and hope to disaster survivors—both immediately after the disaster and on the long road to recovery. Will you help with your gift today?

## YES! I would like to support ELCA Disaster Response.

- I have enclosed my gift of \$100.  
 I have enclosed my gift of \$250.  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger."  
 Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to: ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Give online with a credit card at [www.elca.org/hungerdonate](http://www.elca.org/hungerdonate).



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