



*Sunday, September 25, 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 Fifteenth 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..... "God Is Here!".....#526

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

Canticle of Praise "Glory be to God"Page 204

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

The East Koshkonong Church Choir..... "Lord Listen to Your Children"

First Lesson.....Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot turn from their wicked ways. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and

turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalms.....Psalm 25:1-9

Assistant Minister = A: ~ Congregation = C:

A: ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.

C: ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

A: ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

C: ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

A: ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

C: ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

A: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

C: ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

A: ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

Second Lesson.....Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete; be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23–32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon..... “Yes and No ”.....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”#772

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:*

“Now We Join in Celebration” verse 1 #462

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..... “On Our Way Rejoicing”.....#537

Assistant Minister: Go in peace. The Lord is near.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Assistant Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Lector ~ Mary Ellen Christensen

Acolyte~ Emily Zahn & Amelia Gunnelson

Greeter ~ Florence Mathison **Ushers** ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Bea Householder & Harriet Eikland

Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad

Organist ~ Judy Rusch

Coffee Hour ~ Hosted by Steadfast Circle



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers this morning
are in honor of
Erica Ehrke's Bridal Shower*

~ *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 families of Harland Hoesly and Michael Sipe in your thoughts and prayers as we express sympathy for their loss.
- 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* | | |

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, September 25, 2011

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| 9:00am | Worship |
| 10:15am | Sunday School |
| 10:15am | Coffee hour hosted by Steadfast Circle |

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

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| 6:00pm | Confirmation Session |
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Saturday, October 1, 2011

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| 3:00pm | Ronald Nelson and Kristi Miller Wedding |
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Sunday, October 2, 2011

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| 9:00am | Worship with Sunday School Choir |
| 10:15am | Sunday School hosts coffee hour |

~ Announcements ~

- **Quilt packing day is September 27th @ the Upper Church.**
- **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.
- **There is a coffee hour sign-up sheet in the friendship hall** for anyone interested in hosting a coffee hour after a Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please note: **THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR** if no one has signed up for that Sunday. However, there is coffee available in the kitchen for those functions (Bible studies, meetings, etc.) that are held right after church. Groups may make coffee IF there is no host for coffee hour.



Bring your gently worn coats, caps, & mittens to East Koshkonong Lutheran Church by **October 2nd** and we'll take them to Klinker 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.