



*Sunday, September 4, 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 Twelfth 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..... *"As We Gather at Your Table"*.....#522

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

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

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: O Lord God,
enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.
Without your help, we mortals will fail;
remove far from us everything that is harmful,
and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

First Lesson..... Ezekiel 33:7–11
God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm.....Psalm 119:33-40

Assistant Minister = A; ~ Congregation = C:

A: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

C: ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

A: ³⁵Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.

C: ³⁶**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.**

A: ³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

C: ³⁸**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.**

A: ³⁹Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.

C: ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.**

Second Lesson.....Romans 13:8-14
*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal
of the law. Clothes make the person as we put on the Lord Jesus Christ and live
today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 eighteenth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to

the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon..... "The Direction of Discipline".....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... "*God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*".....#603

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:

“Just As I Am, without One Plea” #592

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.**

Sending of Communion.....

Assistant Minister: Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.
Anoint with a servant heart
those who take your word and sacrament
to our sisters and brothers
where they reside.
Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those
who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.
May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Blessing.....

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

Hymn..... *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*.....#865

Assistant Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Assistant Minister ~ Arvid Mathison

Lector ~ Arvid Mathison

Acolyte~ Noah Furseth & Nick Woodstock

Greeter ~ Franklin & Beverly Lien **Ushers** ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Carolyn Lien & Mary Ellen Christensen

Pianist ~ Shelly Frank



*Altar flowers are in
loving memory of
Michael Sipe*

~ 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 Bill Hitchcock, 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...

-Payton Mancheski

-Dave Nettum

-Sandy Notstad

-Julia Schremp

-Tony Hartwick

-Diane Barcellona

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 August 28, 2011



Thank you to everyone at East Koshkonong for your prayers for Kim Badertscher. Kim had been admitted to the Cleveland Ohio Clinic for a lung transplant in February. After many surgeries and treatments, she was discharged from the clinic on Friday, Aug. 25 and headed for home in Ada, Ohio. Praise the Lord in thanksgiving for healing and peace. Kim is a friend of Erica Ehrke's when they were in college at Ohio Northern University. ~ Bonnie Ehrke

~ *Announcements* ~

- **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.
- **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).
- **Sunday School Registration is Sunday, September 11, 2011.** First day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 18th.
- **EKLC Confirmation Information** for 2011-2012 has been mailed to parents . Weekday Sessions begin September 21 at 6:00pm. Registration forms are due September 11th.
- **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.



The family of Janette Klemp is holding an Open House in honor of her 80th birthday, Saturday, September 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. All are invited to share in the celebration!

~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Sunday, September 4, 2011

9:00am **Worship**

Monday, September 5, 2011

LABOR DAY ~ OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, September 9, 2011

5:00pm **Smithback/Omit Wedding Rehearsal**

Saturday, September 10, 2011

2:00pm **Nicole Smithback & Eric Omit Wedding**

Sunday, September 11, 2011

9:00am **Worship**

10:15am **Sunday School Registration**

1:00pm **Kid's Pampered Chef party @ Grace Lutheran Church**

Kids Cooking Party



We're having a Kids' Cooking Party and you're invited!

Our Pampered Chef Consultant will lead the kids through some cooking activities (with the help of their parents) and show us some quick and easy ways to create great meals for our families.

Children (recommended ages 4 - 12) wanting to participate in the cooking party must reserve a spot by September 8th by contacting Cathy Yerges.

Time: 1:00 pm

Date: **September 11th**



Where: Grace Lutheran Church
501 Skogen Rd, Cambridge

RSVP by Sept. 8th to
Cathy Yerges
608-235-8976
cyerges@frontier.com

This is a fundraiser for the Family Focus group, whose mission is to bring Christian families from the community together for fun, stewardship, and fellowship.

All proceeds earned will go toward future activities planned by Family Focus. Looking ahead to our second year of planning, the Family Focus group has many ideas for family-friendly activities and greatly appreciates your support.

If you can't attend, but would still like to support this fundraiser, contact Cathy Yerges for a catalog and order form.