



*“Blessed are you*  
WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU ...  
BECAUSE OF THE  
**SON OF MAN.**

*Rejoice in that day ...*  
BECAUSE  
GREAT IS YOUR  
**REWARD IN  
HEAVEN.”**

**LUKE 6 : 2 2 - 2 3 , N I V**

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## Western Koshkonong Ev. Lutheran Church

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 WELCOME 

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

 ORDER OF WORSHIP 

## OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

## HYMN 65

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!**

**To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;**

**God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;**

**O thank Him for His Goodness!**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: **Almighty and gracious Father, hear the prayers of Your people, that we who could be justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Your gracious goodness, for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

## READINGS — Christian Worship 3-Year Series (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

### *The Old Testament — Jeremiah 17: 5-8*

This is what the Lord says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the Lord.  
That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.  
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”

*The Epistle — 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20*

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*The Holy Gospel — Luke 6: 17-26*

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in

heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.  
Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

## RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

## THE CREED

P: Having heard God’s Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ,  
His 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 into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

C: [sing, p. 46] **Amen.**

HYMN 52

*All Ye Who on This Earth Do Dwell*

THE SERMON    **There Are Blessings...and then...There Are Blessings!**    Luke 6: 17-26

HYMN VERSE

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

[sing, p. 53] **Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.**

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate' re the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 60

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

THE COLLECT

**P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according**

to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

## HYMN 63

*Now Thank We All Our God*

## CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

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Organist: Darek Hartwig



If any children would like to have a Sunday School lesson, please notify Linda Manteufel before today's service.

An usher would be happy to assist you.



Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the pure word and sacraments, witnessing to the lost, and nurturing fellow believers so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This we do through worship, education, service, and fellowship.



# ❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧



Jessica Boyd  
Judy Zemke

## **LAST WEEK**

Last Sunday 36 people, out of love for Jesus offered \$1,235 of which \$50 was for Missions.

## **CALL**

At last Sunday's Congregational Meeting, a Call was extended to Paul Sullivan to be the next Pastor of Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. Pastor Sullivan, who will be 63 in April, presently serves Ascension Lutheran Church in Eau Claire where he was ordained in 1998. In addition, in 2016 he became pastor of Pinehurst Lutheran Church also in Eau Claire. He is married to Laurie, and has 4 adult children. May God now guide him as to where he should serve...continuing in Eau Claire or here in our midst.

## **LENT**

Looking ahead a bit....do note that the season of the Church Year called Lent, begins on March 6th. Starting that day and continuing for the next 6 weeks we will have worship services at 7:00 p.m. Each service will be preceded by a meal. Please mark these dates down on your calendars so that you won't miss any of them.

## **LUTHERAN SENTINEL**

The latest edition of the magazine entitled "The Lutheran Sentinel" is now available on the table in the entryway. You are encouraged to pickup a copy to take home.

## **PRAYERS**

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers...members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Charlotte Nelson, Lois Pieper, Judy Zemke, and Betty Gulseth. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

## **JUST A THOUGHT**

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is God is the pilot."