



4th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 31, 2021

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

FROM PASTOR ED

"What is this? A new teaching? With authority?" People were amazed by Jesus. They were amazed by his ability to perform miracles and to cast out demons of course, but they were also amazed at his ability to speak and teach with authority. Did they suspect that as the Son of God, he truly had that authority? Were they as surprised by that he said as audacity to say it out loud? Are we still surprised by Jesus? Does his authority amaze us? Offend us? Give us hope?

Packing continues here in Kansas. We are getting closer! God bless you all, see you Sunday, one way or the other!

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

Death Notice: Joyce McHenry died in the Lord Tuesday, January 26, from post-surgery complications. Arrangements for a memorial service next week are still being made.

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, call the church office for the link.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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Prelude *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, arr. Mark Hayes Vanessa Hebrank
You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Welcome

Congregation please stand

An Epiphany Litany

P: From the darkest recesses of space, God spoke in a loud voice for six days, saying, "Let there be..." and there was.

C: From far away, God spoke to all creation.

P: From within a vision, God spoke to Abraham about becoming the father of many nations.

C: From the far reaches of a dream, God spoke of a covenant he would never forget.

P: From high on Mt. Sinai, God spoke in a loud voice telling Israel his commands and decrees.

C: From far away, God spoke to his people of old.

P: Now the Words of God come from a very human voice, from a seemingly ordinary man.

C: Christ comes – fully human yet fully divine.

P: Standing in the synagogue with the people of Galilee, Christ taught them about the Scriptures.

C: From among people like us, Christ spoke with wisdom from above.

P: Surrounded by the sick and the demon-possessed, Christ took their diseases away and ordered their demons to be silent.

C: From among people like us, Christ stood out as one who could heal with a touch.

P: Present with us now, Christ cares for the needs of the Church.

C: From the midst of people gathered here, Christ is still teaching and touching, healing and serving by his Spirit's power.

P: For wherever two or three are gathered in his name,

C: there Christ dwells in the midst of them.

P: Speak to us, Lord!

C: May we know you among us.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Today we hear the voice of him who speaks with authority, the promised Prophet of the Lord.

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your Word and shrink from your will, and so we follow other gods. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and let your light shine upon us, so that your will may be our delight, your ways the path we follow to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: The Son of God has come with great authority; his death effects forgiveness, and his Word promises freedom and life. I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

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

C: And also with you.

Liturgy (spoken)

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Canticle of Praise

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Special Music

Heavenly Sunlight

Joyce Burke

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day (spoken)

Come, Beloved of the Maker

Congregation please stand

Profession of Faith—Apostle's 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 again 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

P: Let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer

P: O God,

C: receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choir of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (spoken)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior.

Congregation may be seated

Distribution (please open your communion packet)

P: The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Congregation please stand

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Congregation may be seated

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

God Leads Us Along, arr. Lisa Hockstra

Vanessa Hebrank

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
Choir Director Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild Melba Bangert
Lector Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers Kat & Ray Lacroix
Sound & Zoom Technician Gail Kruse

COMING THIS WEEK

January 31-February 7

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Fellowship Time
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
		WELCA Crafts – stuffed animals
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Business Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion & Bible Study
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Fellowship Time

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Barb Yount—early stage breast cancer
Ken Gerardy—health concerns
Shirley Clark—recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living
Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Bill Niemann—hospitalized with COVID-19 (brother of Charles Niemann)
Bill Simmons—serious health concerns (Nancy Larson’s brother)
Marge Simmons—serious health concerns (Nancy Larson’s sister-in-law)
Wayne Collmeyer—accident, in ICU (friend of Nancy Larson)
Keith Kresse—hospitalized with COVID-19 (friend of Barb Gidley)
Kathy Kresse—dementia (friend of Barb Gidley)
Jane Needles—under palliative care (Joyce McHenry’s sister)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Mary Bowton	Kay Hunt	Sandy Robinson
Delaney Brumm	Linda Kimberling	Loren Saathoff
J.C. Buck	Jim Lane	Pat Shank
Jim Clements	Lisa Lind	Ellie Torres
Bill Corliss	Gene Melton	Rose Marie Unrein
Kelly Covey	Julie Patterson	Joan Wilken
Dave Deily	Helen Pragman	Clarion Winzenburg
Marianne Howley	Diane Reams	Bob Worthley

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Tanner Glodt	Adam Kralina
Eric Blomberg	Kristine Hubbard	Jordan Lindeman
Ben Brammeier	Jason Ites	Glenn Maddock
Shade Bullock	Jason Judge	Tristan Morgan
Aaron Davis	Nathan Karls	Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 31

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Personal hearing assistance devices are available in the sanctuary sound room. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

SOUP-ER BOWL CHALLENGE Next Sunday, February 7 is Super Bowl 55. It's also SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday. The challenge? 100 CANS OF SOUP for Community for Christ!

Bring cans of soup or \$\$ donations anytime this week or next and put them in the soup pot in the church entryway.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Ray & Kat Lacroix.

CARE CORE for February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853.

BLOOD DRIVE BLOOD DRIVE! CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES! Our inventory shelves are BARE! Please join us for this KENT LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE. Masks are required by our staff, volunteers, and donors. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one for you. Appointments are necessary to manage donor flow. Get a free t-shirt! Eat tasty snacks! Save lives! To schedule your appointment call 417-227-5006 or visit https://donate.cbco.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127102 THANK YOU!

CROWN OF THORNS MISSING We're searching for the crown of thorns that goes on the big cross hanging over the altar. If you've seen it, please tell Karole Karls or Tracy in the office.

WELCA WILL MEET on Tuesday, February 2. The business meeting will be at 11:00 a.m.

PUT FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR There are still open slots in January and February. The 2021 FLOWER CHART is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up this morning or call the church office and specify the date. Cost: \$20.

ANNUAL THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLAR DESIGNATION Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. Log on now to the Thrivent website to direct your Choice Dollars to Kent Memorial.

Log in with your ID and password, then follow this path:

- What We Offer
- Generosity
- Thrivent Choice
- Direct Choice Dollars
- Pick/Confirm the Organization

If you have questions about this, please contact Joyce Wanamaker, Kathy Fair, or Al Mohling.

BLUE BOX UPDATE In January, you put 73 items into the Blue Box and onto the Community for Christ shelves. Thank you! Our monthly goal is 200 items.

BLUE BOX NEEDS Your generosity in the year 2020 helped feed 352 families. Remember the goal for each month is 200 items. Thank you for sharing your gifts with others.

- Ensure or some sort of protein drinks
- Deodorant (men's & women's)
- Cereals (hot & cold)
- Canned Fruit (low sugar if possible)
- Canned Chef Boy-R-Dee type meals
- Hearty Soups
- Diapers (size 4, 5 & 6) *Our babies are getting bigger!!!*
- Condiments (catsup, mustard, salad dressing)
- Chili & Taco seasonings

A TABLE between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, the phone directory, new daily devotional materials, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for you to drop off your giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 214-206-5807. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial PO Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

REMINDER--

- We are worshipping in-person again. We are also Zooming every service.
- Masks are requested when in the church.
- Bulletins are available in the entry, beside the communion sets.
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday with the pre-filled wafer/cup combination. You may stop by the church to pick one up for the on-line service.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and activities.