



## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**February 7, 2021**

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

**SOUP-ER BOWL CHALLENGE** THIS SUNDAY, February 7 is our SOUP-ER BOWL Sunday for Superbowl LV. 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.

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

To join a worship service, click the link below. Please mute your phone and turn off video when you join the meeting to ensure everyone can hear.

To listen on your phone instead of video, dial 1+312-626-6799 [long distance charges may apply].

We will celebrate holy communion. Have a piece of bread or cracker and a small amount of wine or juice ready for consecration.

If this is your first time on Zoom, please contact our secretary, Tracy, at 573-374-5267 OR 214-206-5807, or drop by the office with your phone or iPad, and we'll help get you set up.

**ZOOM LINK**

To join Zoom Worship just click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/765672247?pwd=cHdGWUVZT1FHUkhtbWNXSWtEMlIXQT09>

Meeting ID: 765 672 247

Passcode: 021707

OR, to listen in on your smart phone, call 1-312-626-6799. Use the Meeting ID above, skip the Participant ID by pressing pound, and then enter the Passcode, also above.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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**Prelude**

*Canon in D*, Pachelbel

Margo Strothmann

*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*

### **Call To Worship**

P: O Jesus Christ, we, and many whom we know, are dealing with sicknesses and illnesses, physical disabilities and chronic pains.

**C: We are in search of a Healer.**

P: We are battling temptations of every kind and are so often overpowered by the presence of sin in the world.

**C: We are in search of a Savior.**

P: We are often unable to understand what is happening around us, and we desire to learn more about ourselves and about our God.

**C: We are in search of a Teacher.**

P: We are often threatened by danger and uncertainty, fearful of calamities and accidents, concerned about possible mishaps and missteps.

**C: We are in search of a Protector.**

P: We often worry about money and finances, wonder about what we will eat and drink, and question whether or not we will have everything we need to live from day to day.

**C: We are in search of a Provider.**

P: We are often confused about which direction to take in our lives.

**C: We are in search of a Guide.**

P: Now may we who have searched for someone to heal us, save us, teach us, protect us, provide for us, and guide us,

**C: find what we are searching for in you, O Lord.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

**C: If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in the darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.**

P: In Christ, the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk then, as children of the light.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Gathering Hymn (spoken) *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

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: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated*

## **Special Music**

Like a River Glorious

Kent Handbells

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 147:1-11, 20c** (congregation reads responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars**

**and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>Hallelujah!

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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 1:29-39

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)

*On Eagle's Wings*

*Congregation please stand*

**Profession of Faith—Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

**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**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**The Dismissal**

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

**C: we share Jesus with all!**

**Postlude**

*Wonderful Words of Life, Bliss; arr. McDonald*

Margo Strothmann

**Virtual Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor .....Ed Foster  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Margo Strothmann  
 Choir Director..... Tracy Garrett  
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford  
 Lector..... Kathy Fair  
 Ushers ..... Bob & Karole Karls  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**February 7-14**

Today	8:45 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Devotion & Bible Study
Friday	1:30 p.m.	Blood Drive (-5:30 p.m.)
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

† *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

*Congratulations to Larry & Suzanne Lutjen, who were married January 22, 2021.*

## **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Jerry Green --- serious health concerns (Carol Hanson's brother)

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

Delaney Brumm

J.C. Buck

Jim Clements

Bill Corliss

Kelly Covey

Dave Deily

Marianne Howley

Kay Hunt

Linda Kimberling

Jim Lane

Lisa Lind

Gene Melton

Julie Patterson

Helen Pragman

Diane Reams

Sandy Robinson

Loren Saathoff

Pat Shank

Ellie Torres

Rose Marie Unrein

Joan Wilken

Clarion Winzenburg

Bob Worthley

## **REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Babcock

Eric Blomberg

Ben Brammeier

Shade Bullock

Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt

Kristine Hubbard

Jason Ites

Jason Judge

Nathan Karls

Adam Kralina

Jordan Lindeman

Glenn Maddock

Tristan Morgan

Adam Peterson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 7

**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.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Bev & Tracy Kidder in honor of Bud's birthday February 25; and by Larry & Kathy Fair in celebration of the marriage of Larry & Suzanne Lutjen.

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

**BLOOD DRIVE! CRITICAL NEED FOR ALL BLOOD TYPES!** Friday, February 12, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Our inventory shelves are BARE! Please join us for this KENT MEMORIAL LUTHERAN 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 click the link [https://donate.cbco.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/127102](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.

**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

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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.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** Kent's week to assist CFC is February 23, 25 and 27, a total of six individuals are needed per day, please help if you can. CFC is asking for (2) individuals working retail and (2) individuals to help sort and hang clothing lower level, also men are needed to unload donations received. CFC has experienced a large volume of clothing donations; therefore, additional help is needed in lower level to sort and hang clothing. There

is a sign-up sheet available. The families in need have increased and will continue to increase during this season. Please help! Thanks to all who have volunteered!

**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.