



1st Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 21, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As we begin our Lenten Journey towards Good Friday and Easter, we begin with Jesus' temptation which began his journey to the cross and resurrection. Temptation is indeed a part of our lives of faith. Some temptations are minor while others are debilitatingly severe. Our journey through life is filled with opportunities to grow in our fear, love and trust in God, as we navigate the temptations, the world, the devil and, yes, our own hearts put in our paths. May the journey we begin on Ash Wednesday be a time of growing closer to God, and closer to one another as we face the challenges and the temptations of our lives, these trying times, and, yes, of Lent itself.

Strength and peace be with all of you as you face the journey ahead, Pastor Ed

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

To join a worship service, contact the church office for the link, 573-374-5267.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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Prelude

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

Litany – First Sunday in Lent

P: In the days of Noah, a dove flew over the flood waters until it found land.

C: When the dove brought back an olive branch, Noah knew this meant a new start for him and his family.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, the Spirit descended like a dove over the waters of the Jordan.

C: When it hovered over the head of Jesus, John the Baptist knew this meant a new start for all who were searching for the Savior.

P: To Noah, the dove brought hope for a better day.

C: He and his family could settle upon the land once more and flourish as God's people.

P: To us, the Holy Spirit's heavenly dove signals the start of the heart of salvation's story.

C: Christ, anointed by water and the Spirit, could focus on his ministry, heading toward the cross.

P: For Noah, the receding water flowed back to the past,

C: while the dove soared toward the future.

P: For us, the waters of baptism wash away the sins of the past,

C: while the Spirit soars toward the glory of God, now present in the Savior.

P: People of God, look up! A dove is over the waters!

C: We claim new life through God's beloved Son!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to our gracious and merciful God, confessing our need for healing.
Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God looks upon us with mercy and, by water and the Word, joins us to the saving death of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit God raises us with Christ to new 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

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Special Music

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Vanessa Hebrank

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10 (congregation reads responsively)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

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

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

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

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.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

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 1:9-15

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Congregation may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Special Music

What Wondrous Love is This

Joyce Wanamaker &
Margo Strothmann

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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Presentation of Our Offerings

Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God,

C: **you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 (spoken) *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: **we share Jesus with all!**

Postlude

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
Greeter/Usher
Lector Kathy Fair
Sound Technician Jim Saunders
Coffee Fellowship Tracy Garrett

COMING THIS WEEK

February 21-28

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Fellowship Time (on Zoom)
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
Saturday	9:45 a.m.	Community for Christ
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Virtual Fellowship Time (on Zoom)

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Barb Yount—prayers of thanksgiving for a good pathology report
 Ken Gerardy—health concerns
 Shirley Clark—recovering at Arrowhead Senior Living
 Jim Ziehl—serious health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lisa Lind—continued brain cancer reduction (Kat Lacroix's niece)
 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
 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 21

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.

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

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES will continue this week with “Thy Will Be Done: Nathan.” The service will be at 6pm and will be shared on Zoom, as well.

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE I want to thank Ray, Karen and Jim Mellody, and Eldeen for their support and time on Friday February 12, 2021!! We had 33 clients come in, with 28 donors. It was a cold day and we are very thankful for all those who came and supported this worthy cause. Our next blood drive is June 11, 2021. Again - THANK YOU ALL! Katherine Lacroix

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.