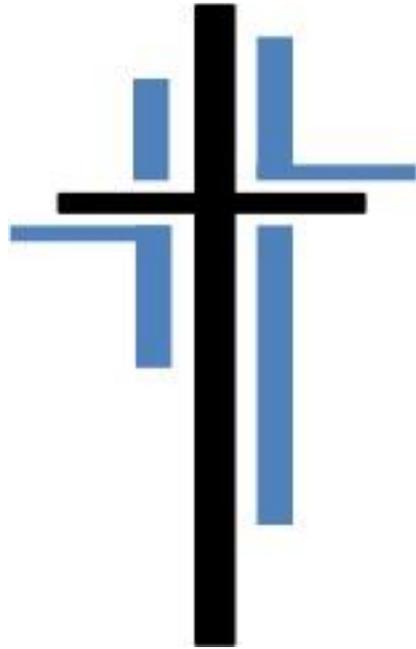


Email Blast for Sunday, March 14, 2021



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 14, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

"For God So Loved The World." John 3:16 is surely the most well-known of all the verses in the Bible, and rightly so, since it does in one short sentence get at the very heart of the Good News. As we make our way to Good Friday and Easter, the words, "gave his only Son," become ever more vivid, and the cost of our salvation ever more astounding. God loves us THIS much, God loves THE WORLD this much. How does that change our understanding of ourselves? How does that change our relationship to the world that God so loves?

Easter is fast approaching, and plans are being made for our Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. There are plenty of opportunities to help out. Things like:

- Cast of the Easter Pageant (see Gail Kruse)
- Prepare the pageant area, plant “flowers” & Raise the Walls of Jerusalem (see Lynn Burke)
- Ushering (see Tracy Garrett)
- Fill Easter Eggs/Hunt (see Karole Karls)
- Easter Continental Breakfast (see Bill Work)

Grace to you and peace,
Pastor Ed

**DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!**

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

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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Prelude

Mercies Anew, arr. F. Lopez

Joyce Wanamaker

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 God, there are so many voices that call to us daily. They call to us and compete for our trust and allegiance. As we hear those voices, help us to listen only to the voice of your Son, that, empowered by your Spirit, we may faithfully follow him now and forever. Amen.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Amazing Grace

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.

Prayer of the Day

All: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the third chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

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)

For by Grace You Have Been Saved

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:

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. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

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)

Christ, the Life of All the Living

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Beautiful One, T. Hughes, arr. C. Tornquist

Joyce Wanamaker

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/PianistJoyce Wanamaker
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford
Greeters/UshersLinda & Gerry Williams
Lector..... Sally Burke
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett
Coffee Host.....Cindy & Al Mohling

COMING THIS WEEK

March 14-21

Today	8:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion & Bible Study
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Stephanie Ballard—health concerns
Barb Gidley – recovering from shoulder surgery February 24
Ken Gerardy—health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ellie Torres—undergoing chemo for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma (Karen & Bill Pragman’s niece)
Don Kenzie—health concerns (friend of Sharon & Bob Ballard)
Linda Wilson—breast cancer surgery March 11 (Al Mohling’s sister)
Bonnie Blafka—blood clots in right leg (choir member & friend of Kent)
Marcille Bohling – heart concerns (Eldeen Hanke’s sister)
Lisa Lind—continued brain cancer reduction (Kat Lacroix’s niece)
Jerry Green—serious health concerns (Carol Hanson’s brother)
Wayne Collmeyer—serious accident, in rehab for nerve damage (friend of Nancy Larson)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Mary Bowton	Kay Hunt	Sandy Robinson
Delaney Brumm	Linda Kimberling	Loren Saathoff
J.C. Buck	Kathy Kresse	Pat Shank
Shirley Clark	Keith Kresse	Marge Simmons
Jim Clements	Jim Lane	Rose Marie Unrein
Bill Corliss	Jane Needles	Joan Wilken
Kelly Covey	Julie Patterson	Clarion Winzenburg
Dave Deily	Helen Pragman	Bob Worthley
Marianne Howley	Diane Reams	Barb Yount

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 MARCH 14

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 March is Kathy Fair, 319-350-2901.

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

SEDER MEAL ON MAUNDY THURSDAY The Passover Seder has been celebrated among the Jewish people for thousands of years. It was this meal that Jesus and his disciples were eating on the night in which he was betrayed. And this meal is the beginning of our celebration of Holy Communion. Join us this Holy Week as we learn the traditions of the Passover Seder and how they relate to us today. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall by March 28 so we know how many tables to set up.

2021 EASTER PAGEANT *He Is Risen!* Easter is Sunday, April 4. Kent Memorial brings the Easter story to life for the community at 8:30 a.m. on Easter morning.

CAST MEMBERS NEEDED! This performance takes lots of cast members, both in front of the “wall of Jerusalem” and behind the scenes. Want to get in on the action? Rehearsals begin soon! New cast members are always welcome! If you have questions—or are ready to sign up—contact Gail Kruse, 573-286-0562. And bring your friends!

LET’S RAISE THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM The Easter Pageant is a go this year, so that means the Wall must go up! **Monday the 15th at 9:00** we will start cleanup of the pageant grounds, putting up the poles and cables for the wall and then the wall sections. Rain date will be Wednesday the 17th. Bob Ballard and Vince Yount have also scheduled the spring cleanup of the church grounds and around the church building for after the pageant wall is up. Bring gloves, rakes and leaf blowers. Need all the help possible that morning, bring a friend or spouse. **COME AND JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP!** Any questions, call or text 712-298-1250 or email me! Thanks, Lynn Burke

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE FOR TEXAS Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying local ELCA synods and social ministry organizations in Texas to provide relief for those affected by the recent storms and to look ahead to long-term recovery. The harsh conditions led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At the peak of power shortages, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without electricity and heat. Around 13 million Texans are also facing water disruptions due to bursting pipes and damaged water systems. As temperatures rise, melting ice and snow is expected to cause even more water damage. Lutheran Disaster Response is communicating with and standing ready to support the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. Congregations are already conducting relief efforts such as supplying water, food and generators to those in need and opening their doors to serve as shelters. With such extensive damage, long-term recovery may include repairing water-damaged homes, disaster case management and supporting vulnerable populations. Gifts to "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by severe storms. Or, to donate online, visit “www.ldr.org/”.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST/KENT WEEK FOR VOLUNTEER Need help on Thursday April 1 and Saturday April 3rd. The store will be featuring clothing for spring and summer. Please sign up to help those in our community. Thanks in advance.

BLUE BOX NEEDS FOR MARCH

Cereals (hot & cold)

Canned Fruit (low sugar if possible)

Toilet Paper

DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who’s eligible to direct Choice Dollars? Choice Dollars charitable outreach funds can make a world of difference to **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy.

- Simply go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and click “**Get started now.**”
- Log in, enter your user ID and password, and answer your security question. (If you have yet registered on Thrivent.com, click “**Register for account access.**”)
- Find the number of Choice Dollars available to direct.
- To support our organization directly search **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**
- Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars

To learn more about Thrivent Choice Dollars and find program terms and conditions go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice®” after the prompt. Deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

REMINDER--

- We are worshipping in-person again. We are also Zooming every service.
- Masks are requested when in the church.
- 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.
- Bulletins are available in the entry, beside the communion sets.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and activities.