



PALM SUNDAY

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 28, 2021

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

FROM PASTOR ED

We embark on the roller-coaster of Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem hailed as king and messiah, and soon to be rejected and crucified. Our emotions will be pulled this way and that, our expectations and our beliefs, and our values will be challenged and turned upside down. With twists and turns and sometimes breath taking speed, Jesus' journey and ours moves unrelentingly towards the cross... and to the resurrection. As we prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and finally Easter, I encourage you to ride along with open eyes and open hearts. Though most of us have heard the story of Jesus' Passion, many times, we encounter our risen Lord himself in its telling. It isn't just something that happened long ago, but in our hearing it has the power to give us new and eternal life.

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

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

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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Prelude

Ride On In Majesty, arr. E. Broughton

Joyce Wanamaker

Tune: "St. Drostan" by J. Dykes

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 & Announcements

Call to Worship

Blessed Are They

Kent Choir

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: **Amen.**

Invocation

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Please face the Processional cross

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Palm Sunday Prayer

P: We praise you, O God,

C: **for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Procession with Palms

Special Music

All Glory Laud and Honor

Margo Strothmann &

Joyce Wanamaker

Greeting

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

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: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

Anthem

Open the Gates of Jerusalem

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 (*Congregation reads responsively*)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the fourteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation please stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1—15:47

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)

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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: God of steadfast love,

C: at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in 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

Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Ah, Holy Jesus

Joyce Wanamaker
J. Crueger, arr. R.C. Wilson

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Sheryl Boos
Greeters/UshersLynn & Joyce Burke
Lector..... Sally Burke
Sound & Technician Bill Blomberg
Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship.....

COMING THIS WEEK

February 28-March 7

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| Today | 9:15 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Virtual Fellowship Time (on Zoom) |
| Monday | 9:30 a.m. | Evangelism Committee |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Chorale Rehearsal |
| Tuesday | 9:30 a.m. | Altar Guild |
| | | WELCA – Crafts |
| | 11:00 a.m. | WELCA Business 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 | 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 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | In-Person Fellowship (coffee & donuts) |

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Stephanie Ballard—health concerns
Ken Gerardy—health concerns

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sofia Steale, age 16—brain surgery for hydrocephalus (granddaughter, Anita Hohnecker)
Bonnie Blafka—responding well to treatment for blood clots (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)

Christian condolences and hope are extended to Leanne & Matt Bunger & their family on the death of Leanne's mother this week.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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
Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

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; for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995.

LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY This morning is the last chance to dedicate a lily for our Easter celebration. The yellow forms are in the Gathering Place. The cost is \$15 each and checks should be made out to Altar Guild.

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.

SEDER MEAL POTLUCK As a part of the Seder celebration, we will share a potluck meal, served by the Worship & Music committee members. Everyone in attendance is invited to bring a side dish. In keeping with the kosher traditions of this Jewish meal, side dishes could be a fruit salad, vegetables, devilled eggs, or a dessert. (*Dairy and meat are not supposed to be eaten together in a kosher meal, so we might try the challenge of coming up with side dishes that exclude those items.*)

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

REHEARSALS: Saturday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m.; Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, April 3 at 11am. Gail will be available at 10am on both of these dates to pick up costumes.

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](https://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

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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

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.
- 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 during the week, beside the communion sets.
- Communication to members and friends will continue via weekly email blast concerning upcoming services and activities.

IT'S MARCH MADNESS TIME!

Who are you supporting in the tournament this year?

*Who is your favorite team?
Are they already out?*

Don't care about sports but still want to help people in the community?



Bring canned fruits and vegetables and place them in the container representing your favorite team!



Along with supporting CFC with the canned food, a monetary donation to Lutheran Disaster Response will be made equaling a dollar for every can in the winning container!

Support your team!
Support your neighbors!
Have a little March Madness!



ANOTHER
TEAM