

Email Blast for March 20, 2022



## **Third Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**March 20, 2022**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

The Third Sunday in Lent calls us to repentance and "bearing good fruit". Just what does it mean to repent? What kind of "fruit" are we to produce? In a time so filled with suffering, anger and frustration it is tempting to wonder whose fault it is, and to blame others, especially the victims, for the tragedies that are all around us. Jesus encourages us to repent rather than blame, for we are all, in our own way, sinners in need of forgiveness. He encourages us to produce "fruit" while there is still time. How are you being encouraged to change your mind, to change direction, turn around? What kind of "fruit" is our Lord calling on you to bear?

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

## Welcome to Worship

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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**Prelude**

*Reverie*, C. Debussy

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.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

ELW # 324

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 Setting 4**

ELW p. 147

**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 here 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:** Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

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 sins 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: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

### Special Music

*10,000 Reasons*

Katie Heaford

### First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Bible-Old Testament p. 702

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 63:1-8** (congregation sings responsively)

Psalm Tone 8, p. 337

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name. R**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. R**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Bible-New Testament p. 164

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter

**Gospel Acclamation** (sung)

*Return to the Lord, Your God*

ELW p. 151

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

Bible-New Testament p. 71

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW # 618, v. 1 & 2

**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: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**Reception of Offerings** *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Offertory**

*Many and Great, O God*

Margo Strothmann

**Offering Prayer**

P: Extravagant God,

**C: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

ELW p. 152

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...

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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.**

*Congregation may be seated*

**Distribution**

*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. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.*

**Lamb of God**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Communion Hymns**

*Let Us Break Bread Together  
What Feast of Love  
O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW # 471  
ELW # 487  
ELW # 542

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

ELW # 326, v. 1 & 2

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Margo Strothmann

**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.....Karole Karls  
Greeters/Ushers ..... Gerry & Linda Williams  
Liturgist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
Lector..... Kathy Fair  
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Michael Wagner  
Coffee Fellowship..... Mary Evans & Karen Stanze

## COMING THIS WEEK

March 20-27

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Service & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Devotion
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. John's Bible Exhibit & dinner (Cole Camp)
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal

## † *Prayer Concerns* †

### OUR MEMBERS

Bob Ballard—recovering from back surgery  
Marilyn Peterson—health concerns  
Ken Gerardy—in therapy in Kansas City

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Eric Fine  
Terry Miller—on hospice (Carol Hansen's friend)  
Jerry Hansen—cancer treatments (Carol Hansen's brother-in-law)  
Kelly Gephardt- serious health concerns (family member of Joe & Pat Poretta)  
Tom Howley (Marianne Howley's brother-in-law)  
Eileen Ethington (friend of Carolyn & Gary Wiles)  
Barbara (Gryte) & Bob Gislason  
Evelyn & Jim Clements & daughter, Pam Babcock  
Ezra Elcock—serious health concerns (4½ mo. old great grandson of friend of Nancy Larson)

*Christian condolences and hope are extended to Pastor Ed and his family on the death of his uncle, Bob Foster.*

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Georgi Anne  
LeeAnne Brumm  
Shirley Clark  
Mary Beth Fair  
Shirley Hamm  
Linda Harris  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
Linda Kimberling  
Diane Lichthardt  
Warren Lichthardt  
Steve O'Connor  
Mike Page  
Rev. Bill Peterson  
Ron Roberts  
Pat Shank  
Ellie Torres  
Bernie Wiegel  
Joan Wilken  
Larry Wilson

### **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  
Trent Simmons

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 20**

**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 sound room. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone

number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor at the end of the service.

**CARE CORE** for March is Kathy Fair, 319-350-2901.

**MARKET DAY AT HURRICANE DECK** The third grade classes will host market Day on Friday, March 18, 9:20-10:20 a.m. This is their annual event at the end of their Economics unit. The students create items to sell, earning money to donate to NEGU (Never Ever Give UP), a cancer organization devoted to supporting children and families fighting cancer. Please come and support our service learning project. Prices range from \$1-\$3. You may also visit their *Live Auction* on the school's Facebook page (Hurricane Deck Elementary) on March 17.

**BEV KIDDER** is turning 90 on **March 27**. We'll celebrate in person this summer, but on her special day let's shower her with cards. Bev's address is: 6331 Williams St., c/o Tracy Kidder, Omaha, NE 68106.

**JOIN US TO SEE THE ST. JOHN'S ILLUMINATED BIBLE & ART EXHIBIT** On Saturday, March 26, we're pulling together a group from Kent to visit the exhibit at St. Paul's Lutheran in Cole Camp. We will meet at St. Paul's at 3:30 p.m. Following the exhibit, we will adjourn to The German Table for dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Sign up for dinner AND for the exhibit. Questions? Ask Karen Ringsdorf.

**EASTER PAGEANT** It is that time of year, Easter Pageant time! Please let Gail Kruse know that you are interested in being in the pageant. We have several parts that need to be filled for both men and women. Thank you for all your help.

**EASTER GARDEN** We will "plant" our annual Easter garden on Saturday, April 16. If you would like to bring flowers or plants to brighten our entry into the sanctuary on Easter morning, please have them in the Gathering Place between 9am-11am on Saturday.

**SOUP FOR YOU** When Kathy Fair makes soup, she always makes extra to share. There will be individual servings available on Sunday for any of you who would like to take some home for lunch or dinner. Pick up the soup during our fellowship time on Sunday.

**COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR MARCH:**

Canned Fruit  
Cereal - hot or cold  
Canned meats  
Deodorant for men & women  
Body wash for men & women  
Toothpaste!  
Toilet paper & paper towels  
Chile & Taco seasoning  
Canned beans of any kind  
Any kind of a boxed meals like Hamburger Helper  
Tomato Sauce  
Diced Tomatoes  
Any cleaning supplies

**ALSO NEEDED:** clothes, shoes, purses, linens, towels and housewares.

We take donations on days CFC is open, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays - 10:00am to 2:00pm

**A TABLE** between the main sets of doors into the church has individual communion servings, the latest newsletter, new daily devotional materials, Living Lutheran Magazine, and a lot more. Also, there is a basket for giving envelopes. If you need the door code, call Tracy in the church office, 573-374-5267, or on her cell at 573-502-9219. Or you may mail your offering to the church: Kent Memorial P.O. Box 155 Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

**REMINDER--**

- We are worshipping at 10am and live-streaming via Zoom.com
- Communion will be celebrated every Sunday. If you prefer, you may continue to commune using the pre-filled communion wafer/cup combination available in the Gathering Place.
- Please continue to be COVID safe

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well
- Masks and social distancing are encouraged for those who have not been vaccinated