

Email Blast for February 12



6th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 12, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus' attention turns to the law, going so far as to tell us that if our hand causes us to sin, we should cut it off. On the one hand, we know that it isn't our hands but our hearts and our heads that cause us to sin, but on the other hand we can't minimize how seriously Jesus takes sin. How can we live up to Jesus' expectation? How can we genuinely live the loving life that Jesus calls us to?

Have a blessed week!
Pastor Ed

USHERS, GREETERS, SOUND ROOM TECHS are a vital part of our worship. If you'd like to learn more about them, or if you already volunteer and would like a refresher course, join us on Saturday, February 11, at 10 a.m. Goodies will be provided.

OUR WORSHIP AND EVENING BIBLE STUDY ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join us, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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Prelude

You Are My All in All

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.

Call to Worship

P: We worship the Lord within these walls, but our worship life extends beyond what happens in this church. It reaches into our everyday existence.

C: **Bless our worship life here on this day, O Lord, and on every day of the week.**

P: In the thoughts that pass through our minds, we can worship the Lord.

C: **Whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.**

P: With the words we say to one another, we can worship the Lord.

C: **Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, always giving thanks to the Father for everything.**

P: And in the ways we treat the ones we love, we can worship the Lord.

C: **Bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgives you.**

P: By the Spirit's power, the new commandments of Christ can be carried out,

C: **as we worship our Savior day by day.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather as the people of God to offer our repentance and praise, to pray for the unity of the church and the renewal of our common life. Trusting in God's mercy and compassion, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us one to another and to the Father. Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of pride and intolerance. Christ, have mercy on us.

C: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P: Lord Jesus, you pardon the sinner and welcome the repentant. Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: May almighty God grant us pardon and peace, strengthen us in faith, and make us witnesses to Christ's love.

C: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW # 582, v. 1 & 2

Liturgy *Setting 4*

ELW p. 147

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.

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: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Special Music

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Vanessa Hebrank,
Tracy Garrett & Margo Strothmann

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Old Testament p. 190

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 110:1-8 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the Lord!

²Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

New Testament p. 159

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-37

New Testament p. 4

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW # 772

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

He Knows My Name

Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, 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...

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

*One Bread, One Body
For the Bread Which You Have Broken
Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW # 496

ELW # 494

ELW # 462

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

ELW # 802, v. 1 & 4

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

COMING THIS WEEK

February 12-19

Today		SUPER “BOWLS” SUNDAY
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
		Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry
	10:30 a.m.	Long Range Planning
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	PEO (-3pm)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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		Handbells Rehearsal

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pastor Kimberly Cunningham—cancer (Teri Stout’s sister)
Helen Marx—new onset of cancer (mother of Allan & Sally Burke’s son-in-law)
Bruce & Cindy Hedgepeth, as they work in Dominican Republic for Young Life Ministries
Shane Foster—stroke (brother-in-law of Cindy and Al Mohling)
Ricky, son of Camdenton teacher Codi Shephard (in NICU)
Marcille Bohling (Eldeen Hanke’s sister)
Cody Blasberg (friend of Kathy Fair)
Blanche Lacroix (Sister-in-law of Ray and Kat Lacroix)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock

Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements

Emma
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Flect
Barbara & Bob Gislason
Carla Glusing
Jerry Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings

Mike Holmes
Marianne Howley
CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Marsha Kidwell
Barry Mabe
Terry Miller
Larry Mausbach
Steve O'Connor
Mike Page

Rev. Bill Peterson
Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Karen Tischnor
Ellie Torres
Bernie Wiegel
Larry Wilson
Jody Ziehl

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Aaron Davis

Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina
Matt Lee

Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson
Trent Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 12

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 Ed at the end of the service.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Tom & Karen Ringsdorf for the love of family.

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

THIS SATURDAY! USHERS, GREETERS, SOUND ROOM TECHS are a vital part of our worship. If you'd like to learn more about them, or if you already volunteer and would like a refresher course, join us on Saturday, February 11, at 10 a.m. Goodies will be provided.

SUPER "BOWLS" for Community for Christ. **THERE'S STILL TIME!** In conjunction with Thrivent, Kent accepted the challenge to donate at least 150 food items for CFC - anything that can be eaten out of a BOWL. Bring your donations to church Sunday and place them in the pyramid on the table in the gathering place. Then we'll send a picture to Thrivent for the chance to win another \$150 donation to CFC.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *Love Abides!* grief support group at Kent will gather on March 9 at 3pm. It will be a laid back and comfortable time to honor those we are grieving, share ways we can cope with our feelings and the challenges our losses have brought us, and examine what resources our faith and our church family can bring to our experience of loss. See the February newsletter for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, we will again have "Drive-Through" Ashes. From 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Pastor Ed will be available under the porte-cochere to administer the ashes to anyone who drives through. At 6:00 p.m. we will worship together in the sanctuary.

CARDS FOR CHARLIE PETERSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY are on a table in the fellowship hall. Please sign one of the two cards.

START SAVING THOSE POP TABS Hurricane Deck Kindergarteners are again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia, which serves our local community. Tabs off of tuna cans, soup cans, soda cans, any metal tabs will work. Bring them to Kent by March 26. A basket for them is in the fellowship hall.

2023 GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED Our giving envelopes for 2023 have not yet arrived. An equipment breakdown and parts caught in the supply chain problems have put the company way behind. Beginning January 1 until the envelopes arrive, please continue your weekly giving and write your envelope number on your check or your name on the envelope you use for cash. That will ensure your giving appears on your statement at the end of 2023. If you wish your offering to go somewhere besides the general fund, please be sure that is noted. Questions may be directed to Gail Kruse or Jane Maher.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF OUR KENT FAMILY? If you're interested in joining Kent Memorial, please speak with Pastor Ed.

IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." We need lots of cast members, both speaking and non-speaking parts. If you're interested in being in the cast of the Annual Easter Pageant – both men and women – please see Gail Kruse.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Here are a few things we could use in the CfC pantry:

Cereal (hot & cold)

Condiments, like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, etc.

Cleaning supplies

Size 4 and 5 diapers (our babies are getting bigger!)

Baby wipes

Deodorant (Men & Women)

Shampoo (Women)

Body wash (Women)