

Email Blast for February 19



Transfiguration Sunday

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

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

NO BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT

FROM PASTOR ED

"It is good for us to be here!" It was the ultimate mountain top experience. Peter, James and John accompany Jesus up a mountain where they see Moses and Elijah, where they witness Jesus transfigured such that a bit of his divine glory is revealed, and they hear the voice of God. It is no wonder that Peter offers to build dwellings for them so they can stay there in that miraculous moment. But, of course, Jesus

didn't come to build a retreat in the mountains, he came to save all of humanity. So Jesus and the disciples returned to the plains, and from that moment on Jesus made his way toward Jerusalem and his final days.

How important was that mountain top experience for the disciples in the weeks and months and years to come as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death and resurrection? How important is it for us to experience the grace and glory of God as we make sense of our lives?

Have a blessed week!
Pastor Ed

OUR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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Prelude *It Is Well With My Soul* 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.

Call To Worship

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

C: Amen.

P: When Peter saw you transfigured, O Lord, he said, "It is good to be here!" Now we who see you at work in this place say,

C: It is good to be here, O Lord.

P: Here in this place, as we pray, you are transforming hearts and lives with your presence.

C: It is good to be here, O Lord.

P: Here in this place, God declares to us how much he loves Jesus and how much he loves each one of us.

C: It is good to be here, O Lord.

P: Here in this place, as we come before you filled with doubts and fears, you say "Do not be afraid."

C: It is good to be here, O Lord.

P: May our time in this place uplift and inspire us.

C: And may our time in this place be a foretaste of the glory yet to come.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds clouded; we call for night to cover our deeds; we have loved darkness

rather than light.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For his sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For his sake God hears our prayers. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

C: We have seen God's glory; we have heard the Lord's voice.

P: Walk then as children of the light!

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW # 308, 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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kent Choir

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Bible-Old Testament p. 71

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me,

"You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Bible-New Testament p. 226

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Bible-New Testament p. 17

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW # 671

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

Abide With Me

Margo Strothmann

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

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

Communion Hymns	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	ELW # 815
	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	ELW # 631
	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	ELW # 834

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn	<i>How God, Lord, to Be Here!</i>	ELW # 315, v. 1, 3 & 5
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Margo Strothmann
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Fellowship Time	EVERYONE IS WELCOME
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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	Jim & Karen Mellody
Liturgist	Katie Heaford
Lector.....	Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician.....	Al Mohling
Coffee Fellowship.....	Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

February 19-26

Today	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	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Drive-Through Ashes (-10am)
	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday		NEW MEMBER 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

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Betty Buss—under hospice care (Gail Kruse's mother)
Delynn & Nancy Hurley (friends of Kornfeinds)
JOY ~ Ricky, son of Camdenton teacher Codi Shephard is home and doing great!
Dave Huntley—heart attack (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
Dana Anderson—cancer (friend of Curchys and Wanamakers)
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)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Pam Babcock	Debbie Hanshaw	Steve O'Connor
Cody Blasberg	Linda Harris	Mike Page
Marcille Bohling	Bryan Hastings	Rev. Bill Peterson
Shirley Clark	Mike Holmes	Ron Roberts
Evelyn Clements	Marianne Howley	Marcia Robbins
Emma	CF Huff	Dan Rogers
Mary Beth Fair	Teresa Joslin	Karen Tischnor
Ron Ferguson	Marsha Kidwell	Ellie Torres
Stacey Flect	Blanch Lacroix	Bernie Wiegel
Barbara & Bob Gislason	Barry Mabe	Larry Wilson
Carla Glusing	Terry Miller	Jody Ziehl
Jerry Hansen	Larry Mausbach	

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock	Tanner Glodt	Jordan Lindeman
Eric Blomberg	Kristine Hubbard	Glenn Maddock
Ben Brammeier	Jason Ites	Tristan Morgan
Shade Bullock	Jason Judge	Adam Peterson
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill	Adam Kralina	Trent Simmons
Aaron Davis	Matt Lee	

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 19

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 Larry & Suzanne Lutjen in memory of Sharon.

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

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

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.

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.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST It's Kent's week to volunteer your time at Community for Christ on Tuesday Feb. 28, Thur. March 2nd and Sat. March 4th. **We need 3 to 4 helpers** in retail, in addition to men working downstairs. Really need volunteer help, many of our warm weather volunteers are now somewhere else for the winter. Thanks to all that have volunteered and to those who want to try for the first time. A reminder that Community for Christ is an outreach center, operated by volunteers, supported by seven Churches from the West Side. Again, **please signup!**

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.

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.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Thank you for filling all those Super "Bowls"!!! 267 items were donated.