

Email Blast for February 5



5th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 5, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world! As the Sermon on the Mount continues in our lessons this week, Jesus makes these audacious claims about our place and our purpose in the world. We are salt, we are light, we are (to harken back to last week's verses) a blessing. Our world surely needs us to let our light shine these days. How do you shine your light in the world? How does your faith season your family, our community, the world?

Super Bowls! We met our goal of 150 items for the Thrivent challenge (172 at last count) but there are still 2 Sundays before the big game. How much more can we collect so that everyone's bowl can truly be a super bowl?

God bless you all,
Stay safe! Stay warm!
Shalom, Pastor Ed

Welcome to Worship

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

+ + + + + +

Prelude

===

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: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

C: May we live according to that call.

P: Where life is seen as dull and boring and devoid of any meaning,

C: may we bring flavor, excitement, and meaning by spreading the message of God's love.

P: Where sadness is the rule and people are living in despair,

C: may we bring the joy of Jesus and the shout of gladness in what God has done.

P: Where everything seems ordinary and every day seems the same,

C: may we bring the news that God has made everything new.

P: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

C: May we live according to that call.

P: Where people are afraid because of the dark forces at work in the world,

C: may we bring the light of Christ's love, which wipes fear away.

P: Where people are caught in addictions and habits that are ruining their lives,

C: may we enlighten them with the message that Christ came to heal.

P: Where people are huddling in the shadows, unable to move,

C: may we be beacons of hope that lead people to the glory of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive with Christ. By GRACE you been saved. In the name of JESUS CHRIST, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW # 532, v. 1 & 3

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: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

All: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Old Testament p. 704

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 112:1-10 (Congregation reads responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

===

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

ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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

Communion Hymns

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW # 712

Morning Has Broken

ELW # 556

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW # 759

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Thy Strong Word

ELW # 511, v. 1 & 5

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

===

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
Organist/Pianist Margo Strothmann
Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Melba Bangert
Greeters/UshersJim & Karen Mellody
Liturgist Joyce Burke
Lector..... Teri Stout
Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett
Coffee Fellowship.....Linda & Gerry Williams

COMING THIS WEEK

February 5-12

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	9:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts--Stuffed Animals
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Business Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Usher & Sound Technician Refresher Workshop
Sunday		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

✠ *Prayer Concerns* ✠

OUR MEMBERS

Carolyn Garrett
Linda Kimberling
Marsha Gust
Don Stout
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

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)
Shane Foster, (Brother-in-law of Cindy and Al Mohling)

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
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Shade Bullock
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 5

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 Pastor Ed and Mary Foster in honor of our Kent Family.

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

SUPER “BOWLS” for Community for Christ. 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.

RESCHEDULED--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.

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 receptacle will be in the narthex.

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.

VALENTINE'S DAY GOODIE BAGS During Fellowship today help is needed to fill Valentine goodie bags for the students at Hurricane Deck Elementary and Little Tigers Learning Center. No experience necessary! Thank you!

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST FOR FEBRUARY Here are a few things we could use in the food 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)