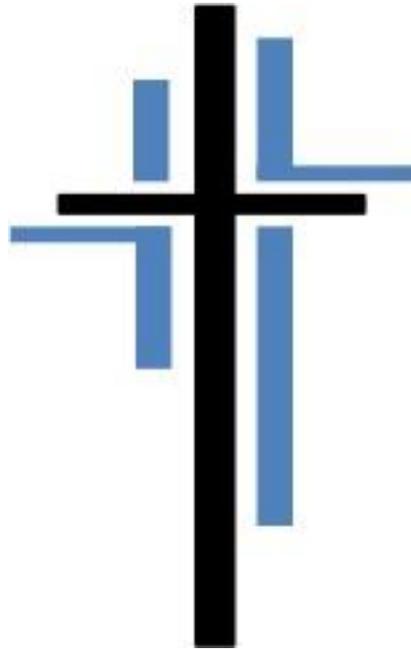


Email Blast for March 5, 2023



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

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

**March 5, 2023**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent brings us to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of John and the most famous verse in all of Scripture, John 3:16. What does it mean for us to truly believe that God loves the world this much, that he gave his only Son? What does it mean for how we think about ourselves? How we think about "the world?" How we think about God? Jesus calls faith in this truth, being born from above, what does that new life look like?

**OUR SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:**

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

## Welcome to Worship

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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**Prelude**

*Violin Sonata No. 3 in d minor*

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: Abraham was called by God to move to a new place.

**C: And we are called by God to make a move as well.**

P: God has called us to spread the good news of salvation.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to share the gospel with those around us.**

P: God has called us to live a life filled with blessing.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to bless others with the blessings you have given us.**

P: God has called us to become a great nation of believers.

**C: Move us, O Lord, to praise and worship you as the greatest King of all.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**All: Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God, strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW # 796, 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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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

### Anthem

*Abide With Me*

Kent Choir

### First Reading

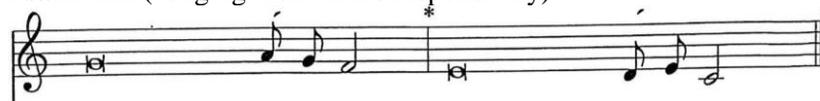
Genesis 12:1-4a

Bible-Old Testament p. 10

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121 (congregation chants responsively)



<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup>to the hills;

from where is my <sup>1</sup>help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>1</sup>from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup>en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup>foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup>fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum- <sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches <sup>1</sup>over you;  
the LORD is your shade at <sup>1</sup>your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>1</sup>you by day,  
nor the <sup>1</sup>moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you <sup>1</sup>from all evil  
and will <sup>1</sup>keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.

**Second Reading**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Bible-New Testament p. 146

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the third chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-17

Bible-New Testament p. 88

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day**

*God Loved the World*

ELW # 323, v. 1, 2 & 4

**Profession of Faith–Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
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** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Margo Strothmann

### Offering Prayer

P: God of good gifts,  
C: receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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.**

### 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

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW # 759

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord  
Blessed Assurance*

ELW # 617

ELW # 638

### Post-Communion Prayer

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW # 660, v. 1 & 3

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

*Pavane*

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.....Judy Ward  
 Greeters/Ushers .....Eldeen Hanke  
 Liturgist .....Tracy Garrett  
 Lector..... Teri Stout  
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Mike Ward  
 Coffee Fellowship.....Lynn & Joyce Burke

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**March 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
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Craft Time-Stuffed Animals
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	“Love Abides” Grief Group
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**

LeeAnne Brumm  
Nancy Williams  
Pat Poretta  
Don Stout  
Ken Gerardy

### **OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Cindy Campbell—health concerns (former secretary at Hurricane Deck)  
Martin Barreiro—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)  
DeLynn & Nancy Hurley (friends of Kornfeinds)  
Dave Huntley—heart attack (friend of Wendy Blomberg)  
Dana Anderson—cancer (friend of Curchys and Wanamakers)  
Pastor Kimberly Cunningham—cancer (Teri Stout's sister)

*Christian condolences & prayer are offered to Gail Kruse & her family on the death of her mother, Betty Buss.*

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Pam Babcock  
Cody Blasberg  
Marcille Bohling  
Shirley Clark  
Evelyn Clements  
Emma  
Mary Beth Fair  
Ron Ferguson  
Stacey Flect  
Shane Foster  
Barbara & Bob Gislason  
Carla Glusing

Debbie Hanshaw  
Linda Harris  
Bryan Hastings  
Bruce & Cindy Hedgepeth  
Mike Holmes  
Marianne Howley  
CF Huff  
Teresa Joslin  
Marsha Kidwell  
Blanch Lacroix  
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 MARCH 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.

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

**40 DAYS OF GIVING....LET'S NOT GIVE UP FOR LENT.....LET'S GIVE!** In Lent we often think about what we are going to give up for the 40 days of Lent; are we going to give up Chocolate? Smoking? Soda? TV? Social media? But this year let's focus on 40 DAYS OF GIVING. What we can GIVE instead for 40 days.

Each day we can give something. It doesn't necessarily have to come with a financial cost. Oh, yes, we can make a donation or contribution to our favorite charity. But it can be a gift of your talent or time as well. It can be as simple as giving a smile to someone. Give a compliment. Give a prayer for someone. Or give a card to someone to let them know you're thinking about them. Give an hour of your time to your favorite charity. The list is endless....

Whether you give of yourself, your treasures, your time,  
Can you for 40 days let your light continue to shine?  
Volunteering or just helping a friend  
The more it is done, it can become a trend.  
Your time given to others can show that you care.  
It is so important to give Love to share.  
Hopefully each will take a look at what they can do  
Forty days isn't so long - let your light shine through!

So, what can you do each day for 40 days to shine your light? Think outside the box. You'll be blessed by how many ways that you can Give and be a blessing to others!

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES** Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. we will worship together in the sanctuary. The theme is "Amazing Grace." Each week we will explore someone in the Bible who experienced amazing grace. Following the services will be a potluck meal and lots of fellowship. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

**WELCA MEETING** The Women/ELCA will have its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, at 11 A.M. Crafters will be stuffing critters at 10 A.M. Please join us!

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** *Love Abides!* grief support group will gather at Kent this Thursday afternoon, 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 March newsletter for more information.

**PROPERTY HAS FREE FIREWOOD** Anyone needing firewood, there is still a large pile of cut to length firewood located by the pageant area; also there is some back behind the garage and behind the church by the worship area. There will probably be more in the future. If you have a friend or neighbor that needs wood, let me know and I will put them on a list, to be contacted if church members don't take it all. -Lynn Burke, Chair

**2023 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE HERE!** Be sure to pick yours up this morning.

**FROM COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST** Open Door Thrift Store, in Sedalia has done wonderful things for Ukraine and are now helping earthquake victims in Turkey. We have partnered with them in the past. The thrift store is collecting **heavy** blankets /pillows / sleeping bags, etc., to send to Turkey for earthquake relief. They are needing warm blankets made of fleece, wool, heavy cotton blanket. Even electric blankets, as they take all the wires out before they send them over. Fleece couch throws are good too. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to CfC and we will deliver them to Open Door in Sedalia. See Karen Mellody if you have questions or need more information.

**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 sign up on the volunteer board or see Gail Kruse.

**KEEP 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.