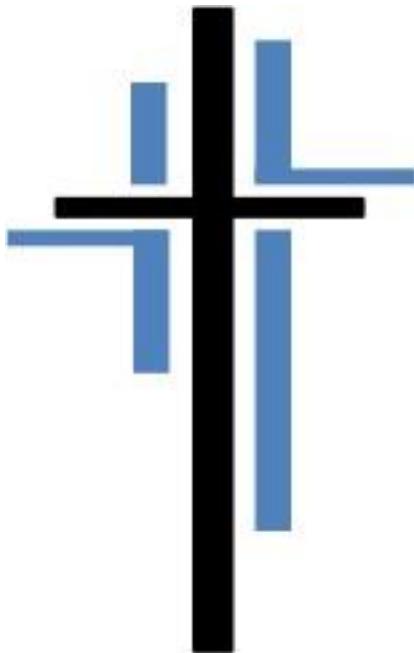


Email Blast for March 12



3rd Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 12, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

What is the essence of life? What is essential? What is truly life giving and good for us? Jesus told the woman at the well and his disciples that he is the Living Water and the Bread of Life. Beyond everything else it is Jesus that we need to live the good, abundant and eternal life that God desires for us.

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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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Prelude*The Wonderful Cross*

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 come to you this day, O Jesus Christ, seeking to satisfy our spirit's need.
C: **May we be blessed by your gifts.**
P: Our souls seek forgiveness for the sins committed and confessed.
C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of grace.**
P: Our souls look for strength and courage in the face of doubts and fears.
C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of power.**
P: Our souls strive to find answers to the many questions that plague us.
C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of wisdom.**
P: Our souls seek to be filled with your presence.
C: **May our spirits draw today from your wondrous wells of life and peace.**

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Trusting in the Word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to our gracious God, confessing our need for healing.

All: Have mercy on us; in your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

- P: Receive the forgiveness of Christ won for you by his passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of 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

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW # 658, 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: 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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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

Anthem*At the Table of the Lord*

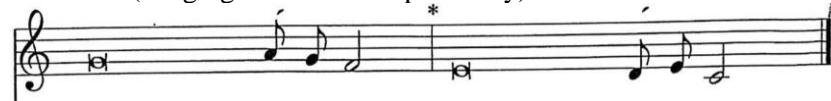
Kent Choir

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Bible-Old Testament p. 65

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 (congregation reads responsively)

¹Come, let us sing¹ to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of¹ our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the¹ Lord with psalms.

³For you, Lord,¹ are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

4In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

5The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

6Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

7For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

8"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

9There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

10Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

11Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Bible-New Testament p. 147

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.**Gospel Announcement**

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the fourth chapter

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

John 4:5-42

Bible-New Testament p. 90

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day*What Wondrous Love is This*

ELW # 666, v. 1 & 2

Profession of Faith–Apostles 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 *Down at the Cross* Joyce Wanamaker

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

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Eat This Bread
Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW # 335

ELW # 472 (sing twice)

ELW # 471

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* ELW # 543, v. 1 & 3

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude *A Lenten Prayer* Joyce Wanamaker

Fellowship Time EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Pastor | Ed Foster |
| Organist/Pianist | Joyce Wanamaker |
| Choir Director..... | Tracy Garrett |
| Handbells Director..... | Katie Heaford |

10:00 AM

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| Altar Guild..... | Melba Bangert |
| Greeters/Ushers | Jim & Karen Mellody |
| Liturgist | Ed Foster |
| Lector..... | Steve Atzeni |
| Sound & Zoom Technician..... | Dan Garrett |
| Coffee Fellowship..... | Cindy & Al Mohling |

COMING THIS WEEK

March 12-19

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| 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. | Social Ministry Meeting |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Lenten Worship & Potluck |
| Thursday | 10:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal |
| 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

Linda Kimberling

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)

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 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.

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

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

THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT is now available to be picked up in the Gathering Place.

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.

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!

SEDER MEAL As part of our Maundy Thursday, we will experience a Passover Seder, along with a potluck meal and worship. There's a sign-up sheet on the Kent Events bulletin board. Please let us know you're coming so we have enough tables.

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

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 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.