

Email Blast for March 19



4th Sunday in Lent

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!

FROM PASTOR ED

This week's Gospel lesson focuses on blindness. The physical inability to see with one's eyes is one kind of blindness, but Jesus points out that our eyes can work just fine while we are unable to perceive and respond to what we are seeing. In what ways are we blind? What do we see but ignore, misinterpret, or explain away? How can we truly see the world and the people around us as God sees? How can we be healed as the man born blind was healed?

OUR SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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Prelude *Nocturne in e minor, Opus 72, No. 1* 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We are blinded by many things in this world.

C: Help us to see your hand at work in our lives.

P: On more than one occasion, health has been restored to us and those we love.

C: Open our eyes to see your healing touch.

P: On more than one occasion, we have taken our abilities for granted.

C: Open our eyes to see how greatly you have blessed us both physically and spiritually.

P: On more than one occasion, we have questioned peoples' motives and wondered who was right.

C: Open our eyes to see when you are guiding the words and actions of the people around us.

P: On more than one occasion, we have failed to learn from what has happened around us.

C: Open our eyes to see what you are teaching us about yourself and your relationship with us.

P: Time after time, we have missed your message.

C: Help us to see the meaning of life found only in your life among us.

P: Receive the forgiveness of Christ won for you by his passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW # 520, 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: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Special Music

I Need Thee Every Hour

Chuck Wanamaker, Vanessa Hebrank & Joyce Wanamaker

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Bible-Old Testament p. 263

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (congregation chants responsively)

¹The Lord^l is my shepherd;

I shall not^l be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down^l in green pastures
and leads me be-^l side still waters.**

³You restore my^l soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall^l fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence^l of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is^l running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the^l Lord forever.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Bible-New Testament p. 186

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the ninth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Bible-New Testament p. 97

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW # 768

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

Because He Lives

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

Communion Hymns

*O Savior, Precious Savior
Be Thou My Vision
O Master, Let Me Walk With You*

ELW # 820
ELW # 793
ELW # 818

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

God Whose Almighty Word

ELW # 673

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

My Hope is Built on Nothing less

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

10:00 AM

Altar Guild.....Judy Ward
Greeters/UshersBob & Karole Karls
Liturgist Vanessa Hebrank
Lector.....Steve Atzeni
Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse
Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

March 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)
Monday		Handbells Rehearsal
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Tuesday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
Friday	10:40 a.m.	Westside Senior Center
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	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
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		Handbells Rehearsal

‡ *Prayer Concerns* ‡

OUR MEMBERS

Patty Embich
LeeAnne Brumm
Nancy Williams
Pat Poretta
Linda Kimberling
Ken Gerardy

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Dennis Fixsen – cancer (cousin of Joyce & Chuck Wanamaker)
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 & Wanamakers)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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 MARCH 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.

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.

SEDER MEAL ON MAUNDY THURSDAY The Passover Seder has been celebrated among the Jewish people for thousands of years. It was this meal that Jesus and his disciples were eating on the night when he was betrayed. And this meal is the beginning of our celebration of Holy Communion. Join us on Thursday, April 6, as we learn the traditions of the Passover Seder and how they relate to us today. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall by April 2 so we know how many tables to set up.

SEDER MEAL POTLUCK As a part of the Seder celebration, we will share a potluck meal. Meat will be provided. Everyone in attendance is invited to bring a side dish. In keeping with the kosher traditions of this Jewish meal, side dishes could be a fruit salad, vegetables, devilled eggs, or a dessert. (*Dairy and meat are not supposed to be eaten together in a kosher meal, so we might try the challenge of coming up with side dishes that exclude those items.*)

EASTER GARDEN The Easter garden will bloom again on April 9. Everyone is invited to bring blooming plants or other fresh greenery to beautify our sanctuary and our Easter worship. Please bring them to the church by 10am on Saturday, April 8. They may be taken home following worship on April 16.

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.

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!

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

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR 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 Sunday, March 26. A basket for them is in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR MARCH/APRIL:

Shampoo

Men's & Women's Deodorant

Body Wash & Soap