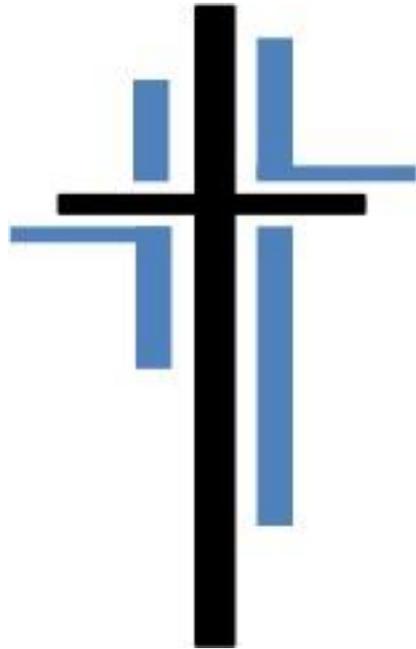


Email Blast for March 26



5th Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

March 26, 2023

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

FROM PASTOR ED

As Jesus makes his way towards Jerusalem and the cross, the stakes continue to grow higher. His dear friend has died, and everyone is wondering what would have happened if only he had gotten there sooner. No one, it seems, expects Jesus to do what they believe is impossible, to raise Lazarus from the dead. In a miracle that will shake up the whole community, Jesus confronts the great enemy, death, and he wins. Some are inspired to believe in him, others will begin to plot his own death. The power of Jesus' love to do the impossible, to bring life out of death. As Lent draws to a close, we too are

challenged to believe impossible and wonderful things, that God's love can give us and those we love, life everlasting.

Shalom,
Pastor Ed

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 Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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Prelude

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Joyce Wanamaker &
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.

Litany for Lent 5

P: This is a message we need, O God...

C: ...dry bones brought back to life.

P: These are the words we need to hear...

C:a dead man called from the grave.

P: For we are nearing Jerusalem.

C: We are approaching the passion and death of our Lord.

P: But your words will see us through, O Lord.

C: For you are the God who calls "life" from death.

P: Breathe your breath of life into us, O God. Then we will have voices that will shout the wondrous message your Son has given.

C: "I am the resurrection and the life!"

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

C: now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Through the gift of baptism you give new birth to your children by water and the Spirit. Yet, we question your wisdom for us, thirst for what cannot satisfy, and wander in the days of death. Turn us again, O God. Forgive us our sin, gather us into your embrace, and teach us the way that we should go.

P: Almighty God, just and compassionate, grant you remission of all your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation 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

Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW # 886, v. 1, 4 & 5

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: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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

The Savior's Cross

Kent Handbells

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Bible-Old Testament p. 829

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (congregation chants responsively)

¹Out ¹ of the depths

I cry to¹ you, O LORD;
²**O LORD, ¹hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my ¹supplication.
³If you were to keep watch¹ over sins,
O LORD, ¹who could stand?
⁴**Yet with you ¹is forgiveness,**
in order that you ¹may be feared.
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; ¹my soul waits;
in your word¹ is my hope.
⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch¹ for the morning,**
more than those who keep watch¹ for the morning.
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is¹ steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plen-¹teous redemption.
⁸**For the LORD shall ¹redeem Israel**
from¹ all their sins.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Bible-New Testament p. 150

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

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Bible-New Testament p. 99

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW # 759, v. 1 & 2

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near 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

*Restore in Us, O God
Around You, O Lord Jesus
Abide With Me*

ELW # 328

ELW # 468

ELW # 629

Post-Communion Prayer

† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

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

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Christy Moulder—recovering from surgery (Hurricane Deck)
Dave and Sara Newton—health concerns (friends of Wendy Blomberg)
Dave Huntley—on hospice (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
Kylie LaBelle—shoulder surgery 3/29 (Diane Ziehl's granddaughter)
Dennis Fixsen – cancer (cousin of Wanamakers)
Cindy Campbell—health concerns (former secretary at Hurricane Deck)
Martin Barreiro—health concerns (friend of Wendy Blomberg)
DeLynn & Nancy Hurley (friends of Kornfeinds)

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Dana Anderson	Carla Glusing	Terry Miller
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

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 26

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; for April is Mary Evans, 816-506-7995.

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.

KENT’S WEEK AT COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Kent’s week to volunteer at Community for Christ is Thur. Apr 6th and Sat. Apr 8th. I know that Saturday is the day before Easter, however CFC is still open. New Spring and Summer clothing will be featured starting Thur. Apr. 6. Please help those in need by volunteering. Thank you.

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.

WELCA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON WELCA’s Annual Spring Luncheon is May 5th, 2023. We are honoring Mothers & Daughters. There will be a \$10 donation for the nursing scholarship to at Lake Regional Hospital. You are welcome to bring your mother, daughter or a special guest of your choice as well as pictures of their earlier yrs. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin soon. RSVP by April 21st. Call Eldeen Hanke or Joan Wilken if you have questions.

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

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST NEEDS FOR MARCH/APRIL:

Shampoo

Men's & Women's Deodorant

Body Wash & Soap