

Email Blast for February 4



5th Sunday after Epiphany

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 4, 2024

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

FROM PASTOR ED

In our Gospel lesson this week the crowds flock to Jesus, bringing with them the sick, the injured and those who were possessed by demons. Jesus' power to heal got people's attention! We continue to come to Christ in search of his compassionate care. We lift up our friends and our family in prayer. We put our own lives into God's hands, knowing that our God is trustworthy and good. While our healing may take many shapes and forms, Jesus is still at work bringing health, wholeness and life to the world.

Have a blessed and life-filled week,
Shalom,

Pastor Ed

OUR WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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Prelude *Adagio Cantabile from Sonata #8, "Pathetique"* 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: O Jesus Christ, we, and many whom we know, are dealing with sicknesses and illnesses, physical disabilities and chronic pains.

C: We are in search of a Healer.

P: We are battling temptations of every kind and are so often overpowered by the presence of sin in the world.

C: We are in search of a Savior.

P: We are often unable to understand what is happening around us, and we desire to learn more about ourselves and about our God.

C: We are in search of a Teacher.

P: We are often threatened by danger and uncertainty, fearful of calamities and accidents, concerned about possible mishaps and missteps.

C: We are in search of a Protector.

P: We often worry about money and finances, wonder about what we will eat and drink, and question whether or not we will have everything we need to live from day to day.

C: We are in search of a Provider.

P: We are often confused about which direction to take in our lives.

C: We are in search of a Guide.

P: Now may we who have searched for someone to heal us, save us, teach us, protect us, provide for us, and guide us,

C: find what we are searching for in you, O Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

C: If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in the darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.

P: In Christ, the grace and mercy of God are revealed; in Christ your sins are forgiven. Walk then, as children of the light.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace (We share the words, "Peace be with you" with one another.)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW # 339, v. 1 & 2

Hymn of the month. The choir will sing the first verse, then the congregation will join.

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

Canticle of Praise: This is the feast

ELW p. 149

Prayer of the Day

All: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Anthem

Offertory

Kent Choir

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

Old Testament p. 683

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (congregation reads responsively)

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

⁹God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

New Testament p. 163

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Mark, the first chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

New Testament p. 33

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry

ELW # 732

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: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One,

C: for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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, our duty and our joy...

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Communion Hymns

<i>On Eagle's Wings</i>	ELW # 787
<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	ELW # 773
<i>Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways</i>	ELW # 772

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

<i>I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me</i>	ELW # 860
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The Dismissal

P: Hearing God's call and responding in love,
C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Margo Strothmann
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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	Melba Bangert
Greeters/Ushers	Joan & Don Wilken

Liturgist Joyce Burke
 Lector..... Sally Burke
 Sound & Zoom Technician.....Gail Kruse
 Coffee Fellowship..... Kathy & Larry Fair

COMING THIS WEEK
February 4-11

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting (all ladies of the church welcome)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Music
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Pat Embich
 Marsha Gust
 Karen Thompson

Judy Bradley
 Bill Work
 Joel Hellman

Gene Page
 Toni Wagner

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Emma Gretlein
 Michele Schafer
 Evan Beaupre
 Kris Braniff
 Dave Shaver
 Jacque Ray Higgenbotham

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson
 Dana Anderson
 Michelle Becker
 Jessica Birdsong
 Cody Blasberg
 Marcille Bohling

Cindy Campbell
 Shirley Clark
 Evelyn Clements
 Lance Craft
 Chuck Cuthbertson
 Mary Beth Fair

Ron Ferguson
 Stacey Flect
 Dave Fosler
 Shane Foster
 Ginger Frazier
 Al Gann

Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Lyn Golvig
Gary Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Linda Harris
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Mike Holmes
CF Huff

Beth Jackson
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix
Jim Marco
Dave & Sara Newton
Steve O'Connor
Jennifer Pedersen
Doris Peterson
Zach Rezac

Ron Roberts
Marcia Robbins
Dan Rogers
Pat & Shirley Rogers
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams
Larry Wilson

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Dylan Craig

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 4

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 Altar Guild.

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

SOUP ON SUNDAY Today's soup is Dill Pickle Soup. You are asked to give a \$2 donation for each serving – the Thrivent Funds for ingredients have been used up.

SHINE YOUR LIGHT There's an opportunity to "Shine your light" at Community for Christ on Tues. Feb. 13, Thur. Feb. 15 and Sat. Feb. 17. Sign-up sheet posted in the meeting hall. Because of the cold weather more families than ever are asking for assistance, retail sales are important. CFC can't achieve the goal of serving those in need without your help! Thank you all for your continued support.

WOMEN/ELCA MEET TUESDAY Women/ELCA will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 11 A.M. for our monthly business meeting. Crafters will gather at 10 A.M. to stuff critters for Lake Regional Hospital. All ladies of Kent are invited to join us!

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 on March 31 – both men and women – please sign up in the fellowship hall. Questions? See Gail Kruse.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 6pm until Ash Wednesday. Join us at any time. Come in person or online (the link is at the top of the Sunday email blast). You are welcome to bring your dinner.

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY is February 11. Between now and February 11, bring cans of soup and Chef-Boy-R-Dee products for Community for Christ. We are challenging Our Savior's Lutheran and our standing record is more than 337 cans from 2022. Let's try to beat it!

OTHER CFC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereals - hot and cold

Condiments like catsup, mustard, salad dressings, mayo

Taco & chili seasonings

Chef Boyardee canned meals

Egg noodles

CFC thanks you for your continued support throughout this last year, not only your donations of food, but with volunteering at the store. It's truly because of you that CFC is able to support our community!!