

Email Blast for February 18



1st Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

February 18, 2024

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

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

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

Welcome to Worship

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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Prelude

It Is Well With My Soul

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 – First Sunday in Lent

P: In the days of Noah, a dove flew over the flood waters until it found land.

C: When the dove brought back an olive branch, Noah knew this meant a new start for him and his family.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, the Spirit descended like a dove over the waters of the Jordan.

C: When it hovered over the head of Jesus, John the Baptist knew this meant a new start for all who were searching for the Savior.

P: To Noah, the dove brought hope for a better day.

C: He and his family could settle upon the land once more and flourish as God's people.

P: To us, the Holy Spirit's heavenly dove signals the start of the heart of salvation's story.

C: Christ, anointed by water and the Spirit, could focus on his ministry, heading toward the cross.

P: For Noah, the receding water flowed back to the past,

C: while the dove soared toward the future.

P: For us, the waters of baptism wash away the sins of the past,

C: while the Spirit soars toward the glory of God, now present in the Savior.

P: People of God, look up! A dove is over the waters!

C: We claim new life through God's beloved Son!

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 and merciful God, confessing our need for healing.
Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. 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: Almighty God looks upon us with mercy and, by water and the Word, joins us to the saving death of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit God raises us with Christ to new life. I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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*Pack Away the Alleluias*

Pastor Ed

Anthem*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Kent Choir

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Old Testament p. 7

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10 (congregation chants responsively)

¹To ¹you, O LORD,
I lift ¹up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

New Testament p. 224

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 1:9-15

New Testament p. 32

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

Offertory

Spirit of God

Margo Strothmann

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life

C: and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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.

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW # 339

Spirit of God

ELW # 800

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW # 807

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW # 534, v. 1 & 2

The Dismissal

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

Simple Gifts

Margo Strothmann

Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

PastorEd Foster
 Organist/Pianist Margo Strothmann
 Choir Director.....Tracy Garrett
 Choir Accompanist..... Tracey Atzeni
 Handbells Director..... Katie Heaford

10:00 AM

Altar Guild..... Melba Bangert
 Greeters/Ushers Bob & Karole Karls
 Liturgist Tracy Garrett
 Lector..... Teri Stout
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett
 Coffee Fellowship.....Donna Young

COMING THIS WEEK

February 18-25

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)
Tuesday		Handbells Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Friday	11:30 a.m.	Blood Drive
Sunday	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.	Reception for Margo Strothmann Handbells Rehearsal

† Prayer Concerns †

OUR MEMBERS

Marsha Gust
Karen Thompson
Judy Bradley
Bill Work

Joel Hellman
Gene Page
Toni Wagner

Christian condolences and hope are offered to Linda Lagergren and her family on Bill Lagergren's death on February 11.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jennifer Blomberg
Marcille Bohling
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond

Michele Schafer
Evan Beaupre
Kris Braniff

Dave Shaver
Jacque Ray Higgenbotham

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Cheryl Anderson
Dana Anderson
Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong
Cody Blasberg
Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark
Evelyn Clements
Lance Craft
Chuck Cuthbertson
Mary Beth Fair
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Flect
Shane Foster
Ginger Frazier

Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family
Lyn Golvig
Gary Hansen
Debbie Hanshaw
Bryan Hastings
Rod Hayes
Mike Holmes
CF Huff
Beth Jackson
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger

Blanch Lacroix
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 18

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 February is Cindy Mohling, 319-269-9853.

SOUP ON SUNDAY Today's soup is "Chef's Surprise". You are invited to give a \$2 donation for each serving – the Thrivent Funds for ingredients have been used up.

THANK YOU, MARGO Today is Margo's final Sunday helping lead us in worship from the piano bench. After 75 years as a church pianist and organist, the last eight here at Kent, she's decided to retire—and she swears this time it's going to stick! Please join us next Sunday following worship for a reception in her honor. If you would like to make a donation to Kent's Social Ministry in her honor, it would be greatly appreciated.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP continues Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Our theme is "*At the Crossroads*" and we will hear from Biblical figures from the Passion of Christ who found themselves at crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Following worship we will share a potluck meal and fellowship. You are invited to bring a dish to share.

2024 LENTEN POTLUCK HOST COMMITTEES

February 21	Altar Guild, Worship & Music
February 28	Budget/Finance, Christian Education
March 6	Property, Mutual Ministry
March 13	Evangelism, Stewardship
March 20	Long Range Planning, Audit, Social Ministry

JOYCE MCHENRY MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Friday, February 23, 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. schedule an appointment at 471-227-5006 or www.cbco.org/donate-blood.

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.

JIM NEVINS, COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST, IS RETIRING After more than 20 years working with CfC, Jim Nevins is retiring. There will be a celebration of his service to the community on March 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at St. Pat's Catholic Church in Laurie. All are invited.

MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR CHRIST SHOE DRIVE MMC is collecting new and mildly used shoes, all kinds, all sizes, men's, women's, children's, to send to Haiti to help empower women to start their own businesses. The shoes will be sold by women in Haiti to help them learn how to earn and living and run their own business. Shoes may be dropped off through March 15 at Medical Missions for Christ, 1974 N. Business Rte Hwy 5, Camdenton.