

Email Blast for February 25, 2024



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

### **Kent Memorial Lutheran Church**

184 Sunset Hill Drive  
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

**The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor**

**February 25, 2024**

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

#### **FROM PASTOR ED**

Jesus' first prediction of his death and resurrection shocked and dismayed his disciples. They were, Jesus said, thinking of human things rather than divine things. They were imagining all of the great things Jesus would do, all of the changes he would make, all of the earthly glory, wealth and fame that would be his, and theirs as well. Jesus rebuked them and told them that if they want to be his followers, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him.

Jesus' message is still shocking. He came to give his life so that all might live. He came to give his life so that his followers could give their lives too, and in giving their lives, save them. This theology of the

cross continues to challenge us while it continues to be the source of our salvation.

God bless you all,  
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

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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**Prelude**

*Come to the Table*

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: O God, there are so many voices that call to us daily. They call us to compete for our trust and allegiance. As we hear these voices, help us to listen only to the voice of your Son, that empowered by your Spirit we may faithfully follow him now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**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 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 in mercy and by water and the word joins us to the saving death of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit God raises us 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.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW # 796, 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: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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**

*How Great Thou Art*

Kent Handbells

**First Reading**

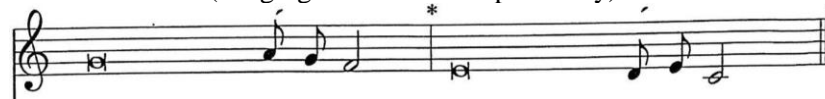
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Old Testament p. 13

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:23-31** (congregation chants responsively)



<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- den from them;  
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>l</sup> fear the LORD.  
<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat <sup>l</sup> and be satisfied,  
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts <sup>l</sup> live forever!**  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>l</sup> to the LORD;  
 all the families of nations shall bow <sup>l</sup> before God.  
<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs <sup>l</sup> to the LORD,  
 who rules o- <sup>l</sup> ver the nations.**  
<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow <sup>l</sup> down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- <sup>l</sup> fore the LORD.  
<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall <sup>l</sup> serve the LORD,  
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- <sup>l</sup> tions to come.**  
<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people <sup>l</sup> yet unborn,  
 saying to them, "The <sup>l</sup> LORD has acted!"

**Second Reading** Romans 4:13-25 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 Mark, the eighth chapter

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

**Gospel Reading** Mark 8:31-38 New Testament p. 41

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon** Pastor Ed Foster

**Hymn of the Day** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* ELW # 517

**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** *Abide With Me* Joyce Wanamaker

### 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

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

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
*Just As I Am*

ELW # 468

ELW # 803

ELW # 592

### Post-Communion Prayer

### Benediction

### Announcements

### Sending Hymn

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW # 339

**The Dismissal**

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

C: we share Jesus with all!

**Postlude**

*Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Joyce Wanamaker

**Fellowship Time**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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

**10:00 AM**

Altar Guild..... Katie Heaford  
 Greeters/Ushers ..... Mike & Judy Ward  
 Liturgist ..... Vanessa Hebrank  
 Lector..... Mary Foster  
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Al Mohling  
 Coffee Fellowship..... Worship & Music

**COMING THIS WEEK**

**February 25-March 3**

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Margo Strothmann
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship & Potluck
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)

## † Prayer Concerns †

### OUR MEMBERS

Jim Gilbert  
Larry Fair  
Marsha Gust  
Karen Thompson  
Judy Bradley

Bill Work  
Joel Hellman  
Gene Page  
Toni Wagner

*Christian condolences and hope are offered to Denise, Adam & Glen Kralina and their families on the death of Steve on February 18*

### OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ken Buckingham  
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  
CF Huff  
Beth Jackson  
Teresa Joslin  
Linda Kimberling  
Ed Krueger  
Blanch Lacroix

Dave & Sara Newton  
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 25

**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; for March is Kathy Fair, 319-350-2901.

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

**THANK YOU, MARGO** Please join us following worship this morning for a thank-you reception. If you would like to make a donation to Kent's Social Ministry in her honor, there will be a basket at the reception.

**DEAR KENT** Thanks for the memories, I'll treasure them always! --Margo

**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 28	Budget/Finance, Christian Education
March 6	Property, Mutual Ministry
March 13	Evangelism, Stewardship
March 20	Long Range Planning, Audit, Social Ministry

**IT'S EASTER PAGEANT TIME** Every Easter morning we present our annual pageant, "He Is Risen." SIGN-UP SHEET IS UP. 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, 8:30 a.m. – both men and women – please sign up in the fellowship hall. Rehearsal will be on Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m. Questions? See Gail Kruse.

**FREE WHITE OAK** Recently cut white oak pieces are available for free. A variety of lengths. May be useful for carving, campfires, and wood stoves. See Nancy Williams, 262-361-2955.

**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, Camdenon.