

Email Blast for March 3



3rd Sunday in Lent

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
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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

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus drives the merchants out of the Temple. The central holy place where people could come to be in God's presence had become a marketplace filling the worship area devoted to the common people so that they were unable to worship. Jesus' concern for "his father's house" and for God's people, becomes the source of conflict between Jesus and temple leaders, but it also becomes an opportunity for Jesus focus our worship, not on places or forms, but on our faith in him. In what ways are people hindered from worshipping God today? How can we become less concerned with the mechanics of worship and focus more on the God who loves us?

Have blessed 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

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

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Prelude

Clair de Lune

Vanessa Hebrank

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: Lord God, we seek some guarantee, some sign of your Holy Presence. As we begin our worship, draw us to you and let us glimpse you at work, not only here in this house, but in the world, as you bring hope and life to all your children.

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 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.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW # 532, 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

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Awaken Me to Pray

Kent Choir

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Old Testament p. 67

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (congregation chants responsively)



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

New Testament p. 158

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to John, the second chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

New Testament p. 88

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

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW # 324

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: 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

God Is Love

Vanessa Hebrank

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

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Organist/Pianist Vanessa Hebrank
 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 Al Mohling
 Lector..... Mary Foster
 Sound & Zoom Technician..... Dan Garrett
 Coffee Fellowship..... Gerry & Linda Williams

COMING THIS WEEK

March 3-10

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:20 a.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts)
	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA-Crafts
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Chorale Rehearsal
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Jim Gilbert
 Larry Fair
 Marsha Gust
 Karen Thompson
 Judy Bradley
 Bill Work
 Joel Hellman
 Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Ken Buckingham
 Jennifer Blomberg
 Marcille Bohling
 Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
 Michele Schafer
 Evan Beaupre

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
Jacque Ray Higgenbotham
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
Dave Shaver
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 MARCH 3

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.

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.

Regarding the February 23, 2024 Joyce McHenry Memorial Blood Drive: I would like to thank everyone who helped with the takedown and setup in the fellowship hall; those who were so helpful with advertising; the dessert bakers; those who gave blood; as well as Pastor Ed and Eldeen for always being there when needed. The CBCO blood team was helpful, friendly and efficient as usual – we had 31 sign-ins and 25 donors!! THANK YOU ALL AGAIN! Kat

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

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 this afternoon, 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.